

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We lift up our lives to you, Holy God.

We trust the Lord with our past, present and future.

Bless us, Lord, that we may know your ways.

Guide us in your paths of love and mercy.

PENTECOST KYRIE:

**ALL: Blessed be God, the source of life,
Creator of all, our hope and song.**

**Blessed be God, the source of love,
Holy Three and Holy One.**

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MISSION QUILTS BLESSING:

Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us,
And establish the work of our hands. (Psalm 90:17)

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, maker of all things,
**We dedicate these mission quilts and their labor of love to you,
trusting that your love will go wherever each quilt is sent,
making it an expression of grace.
May these quilts be a blessing for all those who receive them,
In the name of the Father, and the Son +, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale

My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Interlude

He is Lord Lord of all

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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STEWARDSHIP MISSION MOMENT #1

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: ELW 575 Jesus Loves Me! (Sunday Tempe/Gilbert)

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

Sat 5pm Tempe: **NO** Children's Message
Sunday Tempe & Gilbert: *Sing at all services*

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

GILBERT SPECIAL MUSIC: Praise and Thanksgiving, Instrumental Ensemble

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PENTECOST GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Come Holy Spirit

Refrain

Alleluia, come Holy Spirit, come,
Alleluia, we're gathered around Your throne.

Speak to Your people, ignite us with flame,
Fill us with power to speak of Your name.
Alleluia, our hearts are now Your home.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said:] ³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his

produce.³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way.³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

⁴³ "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits.⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:	
<i>"A Platform of Love"</i> Pastor Andrea Cain <i>(Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)</i>	<i>"Letting Go And Holding On"</i> Pastor Thaddeus Book <i>(Gilbert)</i>

SONG OF THE DAY: ELW 793 Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who long for mercy.

A brief silence.

God of surpassing grace,
Teach your church to value the gift of knowing Christ. Shape our witness with humility, faith, and joy. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Guide leaders, communities, and nations toward peace on earth, that all people may have a future marked by mercy and shared hope. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Draw near to those weighed down by suffering, grief, illness, or regret. Give them your presence and comfort their hearts (especially...). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the saints who pressed on toward the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Give us faith until all things are gathered into your promised resurrection life. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers, gracious God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE:

May the peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

We share a word of peace with our neighbors.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

The grace of Christ calls us to lives of gratitude and generosity. In Jesus Christ we are given new life. Let us celebrate this life by giving generously to the work of God's redeeming love.

The Hunger Jar is a love offering designated to the Desert Cross Serves October mission project.

You are invited to share your gifts in worship while others give electronically at www.desertcross.org with the giving button, text giving, or by QR code. We give thanks for all the ways you support God's mission of outreach through Desert Cross that changes lives for the sake of the gospel

OFFERING SONG: Undivided

Verse 1

Undivided purified
Clean my hands as I lift them high
Consecrated set apart
Refine me and create a clean heart

Chorus

Teach me Your ways
Open my eyes
Show me Your glory
Make me like Christ
Come burn away
What's taken Your place

There's nothing I'm hiding
Here's my heart undivided

Verse 2

You create me sanctify me
You walk me through the fire and try me
You sustain me and remake me
Now all I really want is to be holy

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OFFERING PRAYER:

Generous God,
you gather us in compassion and meet us with grace.
Bless these gifts and the lives we offer,
that they may bring healing, hope, and welcome to our neighbors.
Send us to serve with open hands and reconciling hearts;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION:

CONFESSION:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose word is a lamp to our feet, whose mercy seeks us, and whose love gathers us into one.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have wandered from your ways.

We have not loved our neighbors with compassion.

Turn us again to your word and restore us in your grace.

FORGIVENESS:

Hear the good news: Christ is present among us with mercy.

In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. +

By the Spirit's power, you are gathered, restored, and sent to walk in love.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, this cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

This is Christ's table. There is a place for you.
All are welcome.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:

Come forward to receive the bread and a cup of wine/juice. Alert an usher for communion in your seat. All are welcome.

LAMB OF GOD: ELW p.191 - Lamb of God (Setting 8)

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION SONG 1: ELW 542 O Living Bread from Heaven

1 O living Bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given

have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing!
O cup that heals our woes!

My heart, this gift possessing,
in thankful song o'er flows.

2 My Savior, you have led me
within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me
with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given
what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven,
that now I shall not die.

3 You gave me all I wanted;
this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
the cup of endless joy.

My Lord, I do not merit
the favor you have shown;
and all my soul and spirit
bow down before your throne.

4 Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened
with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened,
to serve you, free from fear;
and bring me home to praise you
where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you
glad songs in endless joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

DISTRIBUTION SONG 2: Jesus Messiah

Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Bridge

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Ending

Jesus Messiah
Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of all

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER:

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Compassionate Christ,
you meet us at this table with mercy and peace.
Send us to share your healing love
with open hearts and willing hands;
in your holy name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor +
And give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: God So Loved

Verse

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness

Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there

With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save

Verse 4

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world

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The flowers on the altar in Tempe this weekend are given by Kathy & Bill Fulton in thankfulness for prayers answered! Their niece Laura has completed her cancer treatment and is now cancer free!