

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GREETING:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God +,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS:

Let us remember all the saints before God.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. Your church is an ageless communion of saints.
We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you
promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Help us remember the saints as an encouragement to faithful living, inspiring us to
love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion.

With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.

Amen.

Holy God, we give thanks for our loved ones we now name who rest in peace with you
in their heavenly home:

Names are read.

Bell tolls.

Jesus promises, come to me all you who are weary and burdened...
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

And you will find rest for your souls.

(Matthew 11:28-30)

GATHERING SONG: ELW 422 For All The Saints (vs. 1, 2, 6, 7)

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their
might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams
in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

(Please be seated.)

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE:

We honor our loved ones who have entered into eternal life with God. We mark this special time with white carnations of remembrance for our loved ones by picking up a carnation in the vases in the back and bringing them forward to the vases up front near the altar.

(Special Music is played during Time of Remembrance)

GILBERT SPECIAL MUSIC:

TEMPE SPECIAL MUSIC:

Amazing Grace,

Pamela Watson-Brown & Joni van
Rossum

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE PRAYER:

Almighty God,

Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment,
and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, +
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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 5:1-12 (*In Gilbert, special reading with the sung verse of "Blest"*)

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:	
<i>"Song of the Saints"</i> Pastor Andrea Cain <i>(Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)</i>	<i>"Strolling Through The Cemetery"</i> Pastor Thaddeus Book <i>(Gilbert)</i>

SONG OF THE DAY: ELW 728 Blest Are They (vs. 1-4)

1 Blest are they, the poor in Spirit
 Theirs is the kingdom of God
 Blest are they, full of sorrow
 They shall be consoled

Refrain

Rejoice and be glad
 Blessed are you, holy are you
 Rejoice and be glad
 Yours is the kingdom of God

2 Blest are they, the lowly ones
 They shall inherit the Earth

Blest are they, who hunger and thirst
 They shall have their fill

3 Blest are they, who show mercy
 Mercy shall be theirs
 Blest are they, the pure of heart
 They shall see God

4 Blest are they, who seek peace
 They are the children of God
 Blest are they who suffer in faith
 The glory of God is theirs

Songwriters: Paul Tate / David Haas

APOSTLES' CREED:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Blessed God, Inspire the church to follow the example of Christ, loving all and seeking justice for the poor and oppressed with mercy and compassion. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of peace, you bless the peacemakers and call us to love our enemies. Strengthen the leaders of nations and communities to pursue world peace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Healing Savior, you comfort those who weep and promise your presence to the suffering. Grant patience and strength to caregivers. Bring relief and hope to all who are burdened by illness, grief, or despair (especially). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Faithful God, we remember with gratitude the saints who now rest in your eternal care. Fill us with hope and courage as we await the fullness of your kingdom, and comfort those who mourn with your abiding love. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your mercy, we offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.

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 and is designated this weekend for the annual Maricopa County Sheriff Youth Christmas Gift Program.

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:

Faithful and generous God,

We thank you for the countless ways you pour out your love.

May these offerings connect us to your love and reflect our trust in your promises as these gifts extend your generosity throughout the world.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION:**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.**

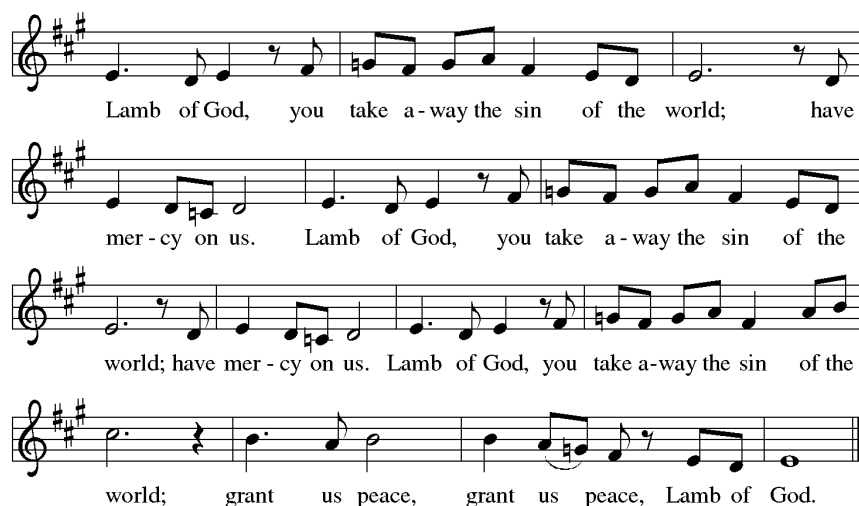
INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

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)



DISTRIBUTION SONG 1: Living Hope

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham

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DISTRIBUTION SONG 2: ELW 502 The King of Love My Shepherd Is (vs. 1-4)

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER:

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

Amen.

Gracious God,
we thank You for Christ's presence among us in this holy meal.
Strengthen and inspire us to live each day in gratitude,
sharing your blessings as we connect with those around us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

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: How Great Thou Art (Until That Day)

Verse

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all
The works Thy hand hath made
I see the stars
I hear the mighty thunder
Thy pow'r throughout
The universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 2

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

Verse 3

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then shall I bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

Verse 4

Until that day
When heaven bids us welcome
And as we walk
This broken warring world
Your kingdom come
Deliver us from evil
And we'll proclaim
Our God how great You are
With hope we'll sing
Our God how great You are

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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for supporting the Desert Cross mission.
Here are the ways you can donate today:**

ONLINE GIVING:



Get your smart phone
and scan the QR-code
with your phone camera

SECURE TEXT GIVING:

Text "GIVE" to
833-636-1502

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Flower Donation:

The flowers on the altar in Tempe this weekend are given in loving memory of Kaye Griesheimer by her ChristCare family.