



14th Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Healing
(September 5/6)
Order of Worship

WELCOME:

BLESSING OF BIBLES:

Our annual tradition of presenting and blessing bibles for our 2nd graders is celebrated today. All are invited to have their bibles present and lifted up to be blessed this day.

The Bible is God's
Living Word received in our hearts
by the Spirit through faith.
Open its pages and
Hear God's word with us.
Learn and tell its stories.
Discover its mysteries.
Honor its commandments.
Rejoice in its good news.
May God's life-giving word
Bless you with grace + and
Fill you with faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "Holy is the Lord"

Verse

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He

Pre-Chorus

And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

Verse, Pre-Chorus, Chorus

Bridge

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

Pre-Chorus, Chorus

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray:

Healing God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world by the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

**Desert Cross Lutheran Church
Gilbert, AZ**



FIRST READING: Psalm 199:33-40

Read by Deb Christensen

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

³⁶Turn my heart to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.

³⁷Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways.

³⁸Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.

³⁹Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.

⁴⁰See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Holy Spirit"

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord

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GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Andrea Cain

SERMON SONG: "Change My Heart, O God"

Chorus

Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You

Verse

You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

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HEALING:

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Let us pray:

Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace.

Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety.

Grant comfort to those who suffer,

that their sickness and pain may be turned into health.

God of peace and reconciliation,

bring an end to the sickness of the world,

especially COVID-19, violence, terrorism, war, and their causes.

Loving God,

mend broken relationships and bring peace

to our families, our congregation, this community, and the world.

O God, we bring these intercessions before you,

knowing that you will hear us as you have promised,

and will answer according to the mercy

shown in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS:

The peace of Christ be with you always.
Sisters and brothers, I invite you to receive
a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

(You are invited to receive the words of healing, say them to each other, lay hands on each person's head, and to anoint foreheads with olive oil or water with the sign of the cross.)

Name,
in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ,
be strengthened and filled with God's grace,
that you may know the healing power of the Spirit.
Response: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Siciliano" - 2nd movement from Sonata no.2 in E-flat major – Bach
Pam Brown (Flute) and Joni Van Rossum (Piano)

Let us pray.
Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing,
grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing.
Give them courage, patience, and hope;
and assure them of the support of your holy people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: "Blessed Be Your Name"

Verse 1:

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2:

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus:

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus:

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3:

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4:

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus:

Chorus:

Bridge:

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name **(Repeat)**

Sing Chorus Twice

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BENEDICTION: *2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ +
and God our Father, who loved us
and through grace
gave us eternal comfort and good hope,
comfort your hearts and strengthen them
in every good work and word. Amen.

Musicians: *Daniel Decker (vocalist), Michael Lottes (vocalist),
Pam Brown (Flute) and Joni Van Rossum (Piano)*