



Saint Stephen's Chapel

"We seek to glorify God by preaching His Word and spreading the gospel of Grace in Boldness and Selflessness."

In the Sanctuary, we cross the threshold of the secular to the sacred, from the common to the uncommon, from the profane to the holy, from darkness to light.

Order of Worship

Saint Stephen's Chapel

April 19, 2020

Second Sunday Of Easter

The prelude is a sacred curtain dropped between the world and the sanctuary. The dimming of the lights is the signal for the congregation to observe silence. During this time, be prayerful and reverent in preparation for the worship of our holy God in His sanctuary. (Please silence all phones and electronic devices.)

"Those in whom the Spirit comes to live are God's new Temple. They are, individually and corporately, places where heaven and earth meet." **N.T. Wright**

Wright

"Holiness, as taught in the Scriptures, is not based upon knowledge on our part. Rather, it is based upon the resurrected Christ in-dwelling us and changing us into His likeness." **A.W. Tozer**

Invitation to Reflection

Call to Solemn Worship

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: Our souls magnify the Lord! Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!
The mighty One has done great things for us! Holy is God's name!
Let us worship God. For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;
from generation to generation God gives mercy. *Luke 1*

Song of Adoration

* I Know That My Redeemer Lives

I know that my Redeemer lives
What comfort this sweet sentence gives
He lives, he lives, who once was dead
He lives, my ever-living Head

He lives to silence all my fears
He lives to wipe away my tears
He lives to calm my troubled heart
He lives all blessings to impart

He lives and grants me daily breath
He lives, and I shall conquer death
He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King

*Congregation Stands

He lives triumphant from the grave
He lives eternally to save
What joy this blessed assurance gives
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creations here below
Praise Him above all heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Medley, Street, & Grimsley

***Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Don Kinkead

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q/A #60

Leader: Christian, How are you right with God?

All: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

Song of Praise

*** *He Will Hold Me Fast***

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold, Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast

(Chorus) He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast (Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, When he comes at last (Chorus).

Habershon & Merker

God's Renewal

Scripture Warning

Mr. Jordan Wright

Leader: And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. (1 John 2:3-5)

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

People: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the pattern of this world and the desires of our hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done, and we have done those things that we ought not to have done. There is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

**** Assurance of Pardon and Comfort***

Titus 3:3-5

Leader: For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

Song of Renewal

*** Thy Mercy My God**

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son

All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine (*repeat stanza*)

McCracken & Stocker

Prayer for the People

Rev. Kinhead

***Scripture Reading**

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Reader: This is The Word of The LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Rev. Alaniz

"The Gentile Pentecost"

"Thy Kingdom Come!" Sermon Series: The Acts Of God Through His Church

Celebration of Holy Communion

A Word About Communion at Saint Stephen's Chapel:

Communion is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. It is an occasion for baptized Christians to be strengthened by our Savior. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, embrace the Gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to come forward. If you are not a Christian, please consider spending this time in prayer. Children who have not received their first communion should come forward with their hands folded and the wine server will pray for them.

"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Corinthians 11:27-29)

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Minister: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.

Communion & Offertory Prayer

Song of Blessing

* *We Will Feast In The House of Zion*

(Chorus) We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up (Chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength (Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom (Chorus).

McCracken

*Benediction

Rev. Alaniz

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. You may go in His peace.

People: **Amen! (With great enthusiasm)**

Postlude**

Worship:

**Every Sunday, 10:30a.m., at
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Church Session:

Lead Pastor: Rev. Manny Alaniz
Associate Pastor: Rev. Don Kinkead
Ruling Elder: T Jordan Wright

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Daniel Quintanilla

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***NOTE: We are temporarily gathering for worship
at 9855 Culebra Rd., San Antonio, TX 78251 (Hosanna
Church Building)***