



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

March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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.)

Welcome & Prelude

Invitation to Reflection

"For until men recognize that they owe everything to God, that they are nourished by His fatherly care, that He is the Author of their every good, that they should seek nothing beyond Him — they will never yield Him willing service. Nay, unless they establish their complete happiness in Him, they will never give themselves truly and sincerely to Him." **John Calvin**

"It is, then, fundamentally necessary and wholesome for Christians to know that God foreknows nothing contingently, but that He foresees, purposes, and does all things according to His own immutable, eternal, and infallible will."

Martin Luther

Call to Solemn Worship

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Psalms 27

Song of Adoration

*** Arise, My Soul, Arise**

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears
Before the throne my Surety stands
Before the throne my Surety stands
My name is written on His hands

*Congregation Stands

(Chorus) Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above, for me to intercede
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead
His blood atoned for every race
His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace (Chorus)

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!" (Chorus)

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh
With confidence I now draw nigh
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry (Chorus x2).

Wesley & Twit

***Prayer of Invocation**

Rev. Don Kinhead

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q/A #1

Minister: Christian, "what is your only comfort in life and in death?"

People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Song of Praise

*** Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come Thou Fount of every blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love

*Congregation Stands

Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood
O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above (Repeat stanza)
Robinson

God's Renewal

Understanding Ourselves Rightly

Mr. Jordan Wright

Leader: The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? I, the Lord, search the heart and test the mind. (Jeremiah 17:9, 10)

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

ALL: O most great, just and gracious God. You condemn the ungodly, but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ. We confess that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We have dishonored and neglected those around us. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have run into temptations, and the sin, which we should have hated. We are careless, ignorant, rash and presumptuous against your commands, promises, threats, mercies and judgments. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. Be reconciled to us, and let the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse us from all our sins. Amen.

Silent Confession

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

Ezekiel 36:25-27

Leader: I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes.

Song of Renewal

*** Psalm 51 (God be Merciful to Me)**

God, be merciful to me
On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou
Blot out my transgressions now
Wash me, make me pure within
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin

I am evil, born in sin
Thou desirest truth within
Thou alone my Savior art
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow
Wash me whiter than the snow

Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just
Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear Thy voice
From my sins O hide Thy face
Blot them out in boundless grace

Gracious God, my heart renew
Make my spirit right and true
Cast me not away from Thee
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me
Thy salvation's joy impart
Steadfast make my willing heart.

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Prayer for the People

Rev. Kinkead

Announcements and Passing of the Peace

Leader: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*(Please pass the peace of Christ with an elbow bump.
We will not have childcare or Training in the Pews today.)*

*Scripture Reading

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. ¹¹Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. ¹²Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

Reader: This is The Word of The LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Rev. Alaniz

"The Greatness And Glory of The Lord"

"The Sovereignty of God" Lent Sermon Series

Celebration of Holy Communion

Rev. Kinkead

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 a 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.

Song of Communion

How Deep The Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart.

His wounds have paid my ransom (repeat stanza)

Townend

Communion & Offertory Prayer

Song of Blessing

* Isaiah 43 (I am The LORD)

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you
And the waves will not, Overcome you
Do not fear
For I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name
You are Mine

(Chorus) For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God)
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)

When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned
And the flames will not, Consume you
Do not fear, For I have redeemed you
I have called you by name, You are Mine.(Chorus)
For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God)
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior
I am the Lord.

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Rev. Kinkead

*Benediction

Minister: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord turn his face to you and give you his peace.

People: Amen! (With great enthusiasm)

Postlude**

Worship:

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