



# Saint Stephen's Chapel

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

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*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.*

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# Order of Worship

Saint Stephen's Chapel  
April 5, 2020

*Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday*

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**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.)

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## Welcome & Prelude

### Invitation to Reflection

*"Loving Father, as we journey with your Son in this week of remembrance and hope, help us to understand you and your love for the world more clearly. Transform us by the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ; and, prepare us for service in your kingdom, Through Christ, our Lord." Amen.*

*Prayer for Holy Week.*

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## Call to Solemn Worship

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. On that day the Lord their God will save them, for how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty!

*Zechariah 9:9*

## Song of Adoration

### \* *All Glory Laud and Honor*

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King  
To whom the lips of children made sweet Hosannah's ring  
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal son  
Who in The LORD's name comest, the King and blessed One

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went  
Our prayer and praise and anthems before Thee we present  
To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise  
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise

\*Congregation Stands

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring  
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King  
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King  
To whom the lips of children made sweet Hosannah's ring  
Hosannah! Hosannah in the Highest! (repeat 3x).

*Teschner & Grimsley*

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

Rev. Don Kinhead

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Philippians 2:5-11

Minister: Christian, "What kind of King is Jesus, the Christ?"

**People: Though Jesus Christ was in the form of God, he did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**Song of Praise**

**\* By Faith**

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

(Chorus) We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

\*Congregation Stands

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth (Chorus)

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name (Chorus).

*Getty & Stuart Townend*

## **God's Renewal**

### ***Understanding Ourselves Rightly***

Mr. Jordan Wright

Leader: But when [the younger son] came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'" (Luke 15:17-19)

## **Public Confession**

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

**ALL: O Lord, I have a wild heart, and cannot stand before you. I am like a bird before a man. How little I love your truth and ways! I neglect prayer. My mind is a bucket without a bottom, with no spiritual understanding. My conscience is without conviction or contrition, with no sins to acknowledge. My heart is without affection, and full of leaks. Give me a broken heart that yet carries home the water of grace.**

## ***Silent Confession***

### ***\* Assurance of Pardon and Comfort***

**Romans 8:31-32**

Leader: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

\*Congregation Stands

## **Song of Renewal**

### **\* 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*

### **Prayer for the People**

Rev. Kinhead

### **\*Scripture Reading**

#### ***Luke 13:34-35***

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

Reader: This is The Word of The LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

### **The Sermon**

Rev. Alaniz

*"Hope in Hopelessness"*

"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.*

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*\*\*Children who have not received their first communion should come forward with their hands folded and a wine server will pray for them.\*\**

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*"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)*

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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.**

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### Prayer of Consecration

#### Words of Institution

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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.

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### Communion & Offertory Prayer

## **Song of Communion and Blessing**

### ***Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go***

O Love that will not let me go  
I rest my weary soul in thee  
I give thee back the life I owe  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be

O light that followest all my way  
I yield my flickering torch to thee  
My heart restores its borrowed ray  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain  
I cannot close my heart to thee  
I trace the rainbow through the rain  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head  
I dare not ask to fly from thee  
I lay in dust life's glory dead  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

*Matheson & Miner*

Rev. Alaniz

### **\*Benediction**

**Minister:** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

### **Postlude\*\***

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**SERMON NOTES:**