



*"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 26, 2020

*Third Sunday Of Easter*

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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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*"Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you get neither."* **N.T. Wright**

*"One hundred religious persons knit into a unity by careful organization do not constitute a church any more than eleven dead men make a football team."* **A.W. Tozer**

## Invitation to Reflection

### Call to Solemn Worship

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

*1 Chronicles 16:23-25*

## Song of Adoration

### \* Let Us Love, and Sing, and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder  
Let us praise the Saviors name  
He has hushed the laws loud thunder  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with His blood (3x)  
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us  
Pitied us when enemies  
Called us by His grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood (3x)  
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong salvation  
Holds in view the conquerors crown  
He, Who washed us with His blood (3x)  
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (3x)  
Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

*Newton & Taylor*

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Don Kinhead

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*The Heidelberg Catechism, Q/A #27*

Leader: Christian, what do you understand by the providence of God?

**All: Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand.**

**Song of Praise**

**\*Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly  
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Til life's storm is past  
Safe into the haven guide; Receive my soul at last

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee  
Leave, oh leave me not alone, Support and comfort me  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All help from Thee I bring  
Cover my defenseless head, In the shadow of Thy wing

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, Here more than all I find  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind  
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness  
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace

\*Congregation Stands

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin  
Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within  
Thou of life the fountain art, Let me take of Thee  
Spring Thou up within my heart; For all eternity.

Wesley

## **God's Renewal**

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

Mr. Jordan Wright

Leader: What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:1-4)

### ***Public Confession***

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

**People: O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, we are mindful of our sin in coming before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have rejected your fatherly guidance. Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. Amen.**

### ***Silent Confession***

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

Hebrews 10:4, 12, 14

Leader: For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

## **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  
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*McCracken & Stocker*

Mr. Wright

***Acts 11:21-26***

## **Prayer for the People**

### **\*Scripture Reading**

And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup>The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup>When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, <sup>24</sup>for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. <sup>25</sup>So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,<sup>26</sup> and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

Reader: This is The Word of The LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Sermon**

Rev. Alaniz

“What Is A Christian?”

*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.*

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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 Blessing

### \* *Knowing You, Jesus*

All I once held dear, built my life upon  
All this world reveres, and wars to own  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss  
Spent and worthless now, compared to this

(Chorus) Knowing you, Jesus  
Knowing you, there is no greater thing  
You're my all, you're the best  
You're my joy, my righteousness  
And I love you, Lord

Now my heart's desire is to know you more  
To be found in you and known as yours  
To possess by faith what I could not earn  
All-surpassing gift of righteousness (Chorus)

Oh, to know the power of your risen life  
And to know You in Your sufferings  
To become like you in your death, my Lord  
So with you to live and never die (Chorus x2).

*Kendrick*

Rev. Alaniz

### \*Benediction

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\*\*

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### **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: Thomas Jordan Wright*

*Musicians:*

*Ruben Martinez - Lead Vocals / Guitar - Piano*  
*Zach Barron - Box*

*Audio / Visual Technician:*

*Daniel Quintanilla*

*Director Of Children's Ministry:*

*Jackie Wright*

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

**Announcements:**

Community Group – We'll be restarting the study of The Holy Spirit, this Friday evening from 6:30-8 PM at Jackie & Jordan's House. If you'd like to attend virtually, email Jordan at [tjordanwright@gmail.com](mailto:tjordanwright@gmail.com).