



# 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

May 10, 2020

*Fourth 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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*"For wherever the soul of man may turn, unless it turns to you, it clasps sorrow to itself. ...Why do you still choose to travel by this hard and arduous path? There is no rest to be found where you seek it. In the land of death you try to find a happy life: it is not there. How can life be happy where there is no life at all?" St. Augustine*

*"The man who does not know the nature of the law cannot know the nature of sin. And he who does not know the nature of sin cannot know the nature of the Savior." John Bunyan*

## Invitation to Reflection

### Call to Solemn Worship

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

*Isaiah 65:17-19*

## Song of Adoration

### *\* Come People of the Risen King*

Come, people of the Risen King  
Who delight to bring Him praise  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in

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(Chorus) Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
And those weeping through the night  
Come, those who tell of battles won  
And those struggling in the fight  
Over all the world, His people sing  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age  
"Our God is all in all" (Chorus x2).

*Getty & Thompson*

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Paul Riggle

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q/A #87*

Leader: Christian, What is repentance unto life?

**All: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience. resurrection.**

**Offertory Prayer**

Rev. Don Kinkead

**Song of Praise**

**\* *When I Survey the Wonderful Cross***

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them to His blood

(Refrain) O the Wonderful Cross  
O the Wonderful Cross  
Bids me come and die to find  
that I may truly live  
O the Wonderful Cross  
O the Wonderful Cross  
All who gather here by grace draw near  
and bless Your name

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See from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown? (refrain)

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Watts

### **God's Renewal** ***The Law of God***

Rev. Kinkead

Minister: Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (Romans 13:8-10)

### ***Public Confession***

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

**People: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

*Psalms 25:6-7*

### ***Silent Confession***

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

Romans 6:5-7

Leader: If we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.

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## **Song of Renewal**

### **\* *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. Kinkead

### **Prayer for the People**

### **\*Scripture Reading**

Mr. Riggle

#### ***Acts 13:4-12***

So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.<sup>5</sup> When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them.<sup>6</sup> When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus.<sup>7</sup> He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.<sup>8</sup> But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.<sup>9</sup> But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him<sup>10</sup> and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?<sup>11</sup> And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time." Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the

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hand.<sup>12</sup> Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

**Reader:** This is The Word of The LORD.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Sermon**

Rev. Alaniz

“The Straight Paths of the Lord”

*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.” (I 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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## **Song of Communion**

### ***\* 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*

### **\*Communion Prayer**

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Alaniz

*{God sends us out with his blessing. A benediction is not a prayer. We don't bow our heads. We lift them up and even lift up our hands to receive his blessing as we are sent out as participants in His mission to San Antonio and beyond.}*

**Minister:** The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing

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

**Postlude\*\***

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**Worship:**

**Every Sunday, 10:30a.m., at  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Potluck Sunday** – Returning Soon! To Be Announced (TBA)

**Christian Education** (CE) – For All Ages! Immediately after Worship (Except on Potluck Sunday's). Returning Soon!

**Community Group** - Meets this Friday night, from 6:30 to 8 PM. We're studying The Holy Spirit. Friends and kids are invited!.

**Spring Picnic** –Coming Soon! Location TBD

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**Church Session:**

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

**Musicians:**

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

**Audio/Visual Technician:** *Daniel Quintanilla*

**Director Of Children's Ministry:** *Jackie Wright*