



“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

May 31, 2020

Day of Pentecost

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.)

"God forbid that I should travel with anybody a quarter of an hour without speaking of Christ to them." **George Whitefield**

"Whatever your heart clings to and confides in, that is really your God, your functional savior." **Martin Luther**

"Idolatry may not involve explicit denials of God's existence or character. It may well come in the form of an over-attachment to something that is in itself perfectly good... An idol can be a physical object, a property, a person, an activity, a role, an institution, a hope, an image, an idea, a pleasure, a hero, anything that can substitute for God." **Os Guinness**

Invitation to Reflection

Call to Solemn Worship

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Psalms 33:1, 20-22

Song of Adoration

* *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

*Congregation Stands

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.

Miner

***Prayer of Invocation**

Rev. Don Kinhead

***Affirmation of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 1 & 2

Minister: Christian, "What is the chief purpose for which man is made?"

All: The chief purpose for which man is made is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Minister: "What rule has God given to direct us how to glorify and enjoy him?"

All: The Word of God, which consists of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how to glorify and enjoy him.

Offertory Prayer

Song of Praise

*** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me***

Rock of Ages, cleft for me
Let me hide myself in Thee,
Let the water and the blood
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure
Save from wrath and make me pure

All the labors of my hands,
Could not meet Thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save, and Thou alone

Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling
Naked, come to Thee for dress
Helpless, look to Thee for grace
To Thy fountain, Lord, I fly
Wash me Savior or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath
When my eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See Thee on Thy judgement throne
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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God's Renewal

Understanding Ourselves Rightly

Mr. Jordan Wright

Leader: And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. (Ephesians 2:1-3)

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

People: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Silent Confession

{Take a few moments to silently confess your failures and shortcomings to the Lord.}

*** Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

Ephesians 2:4-5

{God reminds our forgetful hearts of the grace that is ours in Jesus.}

Leader: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved.

Song of Renewal

*** I Asked The Lord**

I asked the Lord that I might grow
In faith and love and every grace
Might more of His salvation know
And seek more earnestly His face

Twas He who taught me thus to pray
And He I trust has answered prayer
But it has been in such a way
As almost drove me to despair

I hoped that in some favored hour
At once He'd answer my request
And by His love's constraining power
Subdue my sins and give me rest

Instead of this He made me feel
The hidden evils of my heart
And let the angry powers of Hell
Assault my soul in every part

Yea more with His own hand He seemed
Intent to aggravate my woe
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,
Cast out my feelings, laid me low

Lord why is this, I trembling cried
Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?
"Tis in this way" The Lord replied
"I answer prayer for grace and faith"

"These inward trials I employ
From self and pride to set thee free
And break thy schemes of earthly joy
That thou mayest seek thy all in me,
That thou mayest seek thy all in me."

Newton & Taylor

Acts 14:8-18

Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, ¹⁰ said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking. ¹¹ And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. ¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, ¹⁵ "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶ In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷ Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." ¹⁸ Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.

Reader: This is The Word of The LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Rev. Alaniz

"Turn to The Living God"

"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.

Song of Communion

*** My Lord, I Did Not Choose You**

(Chorus) My Lord, I did not choose You, for that could never be
My heart would still refuse You, had You not chosen me

You took the sin that stained me, cleansed me, made me new
Of old You have ordained me, that I should live in You (Chorus)

Unless Your grace had called me and taught my op'ning mind
The world would have enthralled me, to heavenly glories blind
(Chorus)

My heart knows none above You, for Your rich grace I thirst
I know that if I love You, You must have loved me first (Chorus).

Condor & Smith

Communion Prayer

Announcements

*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)

Doxology (One time)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
A-men.

Postlude**

Worship:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Potluck Sunday – First Sunday of every month. To return 5 July.

Christian Education (CE) – For All Ages! Immediately after Worship
(Except on Potluck Sunday's). To return June 14th.

Community Group - Meets every-other 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
