



“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

June 7, 2020

First Sunday After Pentecost (Trinity Sunday)

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.)

"True liberty consists exactly in self-determination in the direction of holiness. Man is never more free than when he moves consciously in the direction of God." **Louis Berkhof**

"Freedom is not only the principle in the Christian life. Freedom is for something. God has set us free for holiness. He has set us free from the guilt and bondage of sin – but not in order that we might become enslaved to the very sins for which Christ died to redeem us!... No action which is contrary to the plain Word of God can ever be legitimate for the Christian. No appeal to spiritual freedom or to providential circumstances can ever make what is ethically wrong anything else but sinful. For the Christian is free only to love and obey the law of God. Therein lies his true freedom." **Sinclair Ferguson**

Invitation to Reflection

Kristie Alaniz

Call to Solemn Worship

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere. Lord Almighty, Blessed is the one who trusts in you.

Psalms 84:1-2,10-12

Song of Adoration

*** 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

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

*Congregation Stands

(Chorus) Above all else I adore your name
Above all else tune my heart to sing your praise(2x)

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 (Chorus 2x).

Come thou fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing thy grace.

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***Prayer of Invocation**

Rev. Don Kinkead

***Affirmation of Faith**

Romans 10:10-13

Minister: Christian, "What must a person do to be saved?"

All: If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Offertory Prayer

Song of Praise

*** *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

God's Renewal
The Law of God

Mr. Jordan Wright

Leader: The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty." (Exodus 34:6-7)

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

People: Heavenly Father, many of us come before you today with troubled hearts and minds. We are fearful about our relationships, our health, our finances, our families, our futures, and many other things. We have a hard time believing in your goodness and we forfeit the comfort you long to bring. We greatly doubt your love and concern for us, and sometimes even your very existence. We often do not return to you, we frequently do not rest in you, we seldom are quiet before you, and we consistently do not trust you. Please help us in our helplessness. Amen.

Silent Confession

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

*** Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

Ephesians 1:7

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

Leader: In Jesus Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Song of Renewal

*** 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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Prayer for the People

Rev. Kinkead

***Scripture Reading**

Mrs. Jackie Wright

Acts 15:1-11

But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." ² And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. ³ So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. ⁴ When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. ⁵ But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses." ⁶ The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. ⁷ And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. ⁸ And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, ⁹ and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. ¹⁰ Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹ But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

Reader: This is The Word of The LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

“The Grace of Jesus”

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

*** 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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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: May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard
your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.. Go in His peace.

People: Amen! (With great enthusiasm)

Isaiah 6 (Sanctus)

Holy, holy, holy is The LORD of hosts!
Holy, holy, holy is The LORD of hosts!
The whole earth is full of His glory
The whole earth is full of His glory
The whole earth is full of His glory
Holy is The LORD!

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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 next Sunday.

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

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

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Director Of Children's Ministry:

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