



# 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

August 9, 2020

*Tenth Sunday After Pentecost*

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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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*"We can only know God well when we know our own sin. And those who have known God without knowing their wretchedness have not glorified Him but have glorified themselves."* **Blaise Pascal**

*"Once you become aware that the main business that you are here for is to know God, most of life's problems fall into place of their own accord."* **J.I. Packer**

**Invitation to Reflection**

Daniel Quintanilla

**Call to Solemn Worship**

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

*Psalm 105:1-4*

**Song of Adoration**

**\* *How Firm a Foundation***

How firm a foundation, You saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith, In His excellent Word  
What more can He say, Than to you He has said  
To you who for refuge, To Jesus have fled  
Fear not I am with you, O be not dismayed  
For I am your God, And will still give you aid  
I'll strengthen you, Help you, and cause you to stand  
Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand

*\*Congregation Stands*

When through the deep waters I call you to go  
The rivers of sorrow shall not over flow  
For I will be with you, Your troubles to bless  
And sanctify to you, Your deepest distress

When through fiery trials, Your pathway shall lie My grace  
All sufficient shall be your supply, The flame shall not hurt thee  
I only design your dross to consume, And your gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not  
I will not desert to his foes, That soul though all hell  
Should endeavor to shake, I'll never no never no never forsake

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I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

*Rippon & Funk*

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

Rev. Don Kinkead

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism A/Q 32

Minister: Christian, "Why are you called a Christian?"

**All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Song of Praise**

**\* *In Christ Alone***

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought  
and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace. When fears are  
stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all—Here in the  
love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live

*\*Congregation Stands*

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ  
No guilt in life, no fear in death—This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
Till He returns or calls me home—Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

*Getty & Townend*

## **God's Renewal**

### ***Scripture Warning***

*Mr. Jordan Wright*

Leader: For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. (James 2:10, Matthew 5:20)

### ***Public Confession***

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Jesus, it is sometimes so discouraging to take stock of how much sin still dwells in my heart and life - anger, impatience, anxious control, envy, fear, lust, self-pity, greed and selfish ambition. I am full of compromised desires and my transgressions are too numerous to count. I want to want what you want and to do what you command, yet my heart is so easily pulled away. Have mercy, Holy Jesus, forgive me. Please send your Holy Spirit to renew my heart in your grace and power. Guide my steps in discipleship of you. Amen.**

### ***Silent Confession***

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

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

1 John 1:5-9

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

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*\*Congregation Stands*

## Song of Renewal

### \* *Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul*

Dear refuge of my weary soul  
On Thee, when sorrows rise  
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll  
My fainting hope relies  
To Thee I tell each rising grief, for Thou alone canst heal  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, for every pain I feel  
But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail  
I fear to call Thee mine, the springs of comfort seem to fail  
And all my hopes decline, Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?  
Thou art my only trust, and still my soul would cleave to Thee  
Though prostrate in the dust  
Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace, Be deaf when I complain?  
No still the ear of sovereign grace, attends the mourner's prayer  
Oh may I ever find access, to breathe my sorrows there  
Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet  
Thy mercy seat is open still, Here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet.

*Steele & Twit*

### Prayer for the People

Mr. Wright

### \*Scripture Reading

Ms. Valerie Alaniz

#### ***Acts 19:13-17***

Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." <sup>14</sup>Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. <sup>15</sup>But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" <sup>16</sup>And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. <sup>17</sup>And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled.

Reader: This is The Word of The LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*\*Congregation Stands*

“Is the Church Disappearing?”

Thy Kingdom Come!” Sermon Series: The Acts Of God Through His  
Church

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

Rev. Kinhead

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**

### **\* *I Am the Bread of Life***

I am the Bread of life  
He who comes to Me shall not hunger  
He who believes in Me shall not thirst  
No one can come to Me, Unless the Father draw him  
The bread that I will give, Is My flesh for the life of the world  
And he who eats of this bread, He shall live for ever  
He shall live forever (Chorus)  
I am the Resurrection, I am the Life  
He who believes in Me, Even if he die,  
He shall live forever (Chorus)  
Yes, Lord, we believe, That You are the Christ  
The Son of God, Who has come  
Into the world (Chorus).

*Toolan*

## **Communion Prayer**

### **Gloria Patri**

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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### **\*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)**

**Postlude\*\***

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

**Congregational Church Meeting** - Next Sunday (16<sup>th</sup>) Immediately after worship.

**Potluck Sunday** – First Sunday of every month - TBA

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

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

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

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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*  
*Gema Martinez - Vocals*  
*Zach Barron - Box*

#### **Audio / Visual Technician:**

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