



Saint Stephen's Chapel

Order of Worship

“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.

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March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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.)

“When we exercise the gifts which Christ has given us we are really saying to our fellow Christians and others: See how much the Lord Jesus Christ loves you and cares for you; He has sent me to serve you in this way; He is using my hands and feet, my lips and ears, to show His love. It is a tragic mistake if we think that the message is: See what a superb Christian I am; see the wonderful gifts I have... Gifts are for service, not self-advancement.” **Sinclair Ferguson**

Invitation to Reflection

Daniel Quintanilla

Call to Solemn Worship

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: Cry out and shout, ye people of God! The Lord is my strength and song! Therefore with joy shall ye draw water from the wells of salvation. The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD exalts; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!

Psalm 118:14-16

* **Song of Adoration**

He is Our God

Who can light the fires
Of a thousand burning suns
Blazing in the heavens?
There is only One, He is our God

Who commands the nations
Building up and tearing down
Silencing His rivals?
There is only One
He is our God, He is our God

**Congregation Stands*

Holy, You alone are holy
Matchless in Your glory, holy God

Who would come to save us
When we turned away His love
Conquer us with kindness?
There is only One
He is our God, He is our God

Holy, You alone are holy
Matchless in Your glory, no one is like You
Worthy, You alone are worthy
We adore You only, holy God

Now to the King on the throne
Who was and is to come
And to the Lamb Who was slain be glory.

Althoff & Kauflin
Rev. Kinkead

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Affirmation of Faith**

Heidelberg Question 21

Minister: Christian, "what is true faith?"

All: True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for me by Christ, my sins are forgiven, I have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

Offertory Prayer * Song of Praise

Father Long Before Creation

Father, long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love
And that love so deep, so moving
Draws us close to Christ above
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone
Though the world may change its fashion
Yet our God is e'er the same
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name

**Congregation Stands*

God's compassion is my story
Is my boasting all the day
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way
God so loved us, God so loved us
That His only Son He gave
Loving Father now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love
And our songs will sound unceasing
'Til we reach our home above
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb.

Johnson & Osenga

God's Renewal

Scripture Warning

Mr. Jordan Wright

Leader: Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. (1 Tim 6:6-9)

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O Lord, I have a wild heart, and cannot stand before you. I am like a bird before a man. How little I love your truth and ways! I neglect prayer. My mind is a bucket without a bottom, with no spiritual understanding. My conscience is without conviction or contrition, with no sins to acknowledge. My heart is without affection, and full of leaks. Give me a broken heart that yet carries home the water of grace.

Silent Confession {Take a few moments to silently confess your failures and shortcomings.}

*** Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

Lamentations 3:25-26

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

Leader: The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

**Congregation Stands*

* **Song of Renewal**

Beneath The Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand
The shadow of a mighty rock, Within a weary land
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day
Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One, Who suffered there for me
And from my stricken heart with tears, Two wonders I confess
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness
I take, O cross, thy shadow, for my abiding place
I ask no other sunshine than, The sunshine of His face
Content to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss
My sinful self my only shame, my glory, all the cross

Oh Cristo, en ti he hallado
Completa y dulce paz
No busco bendición mayor
FCG Que la de ver tu faz
Sin atractivo el mundo está
Ya que ando por tu luz
Avergonzado de mi mal
Mi gloria es tu cruz.

Miner

Announcements

Prayer for the People

Mr. Wright

The Greeting of Peace:

Leader: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

***Scripture Reading**

1 Corinthians 12:1-7

Ms. Evette. Ruiz-Back

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Reader: This is The Word of The LORD

People: Thanks be to God

**Congregation Stands*

“Gifts of the Holy Spirit”

Celebration of Holy Communion

Rev. Martinez

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**

Jesus Thank You

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend

The agonies of Calvary

You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son

Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

(Chorus) Your blood has washed away my sin

Jesus, thank You

The Father’s wrath completely satisfied

Jesus, thank You

Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table

Jesus, thank You

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end (Chorus)

Por Tu sacrificio me acercaste a Ti
Quitaste toda enemistad
Tu gloriosa gracia derramaste en mí
Tu misericordia es sin igual
Tu sangre, mi maldad lavó
Gracias, Cristo
Fue satisfecha la ira de Dios
Gracias, Cristo
Tu enemigo fui y hoy me siento a Tu mesa
Gracias, Cristo.

Sczebel

Communion Prayer

***Benediction Doxology**

Blest Be the Lord Our Fathers' God

Blest be the Lord, our fathers' God
Eternal King of kings
Who only is omnipotent
Performing wondrous things
Blest be His great and glorious Name
For evermore, Amen
And let His glory fill the earth
From shore to shore. Amen.

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***Benediction**

Rev. Alaniz

Minister: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord turn his face to you and give you his peace.

People: Amen! (With great enthusiasm)

Postlude**

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**Congregation Stands*

Serving Today, March 27th

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Jackie Wright
- Hospitality – Gema Martinez

Serving Next Sunday, April 3rd

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Evette R. Back
 - Hospitality – Jackie Wright
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Potluck Luck** – Sunday April 3rd, After worship!
 - **Virtual Bible Study Groups: Zoom**, contact Manny
 - **5-Minute Bible Study Podcasts**: Please take the time to listen and share it with others.
 - **Palm Sunday** – April 10th, invite friends/family
 - **Good Friday**, April 15th, at 6:30pm, invite family and friends
 - **Easter Sunday Worship**, April 17th, plan now on attending and strongly encourage other to come!
 - **Church Picnic** – April 23rd, Saturday, 12-3pm, at Oscar Perez Memorial Park, 8601 Timber Path, San Antonio TX 78251. Invite family / friends
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Church Session:

Lead Pastor: Rev. Manny Alaniz

Associate Pastors: Rev. Don Kinkead and Rev. Ruben Martinez

Ruling Elder: Thomas Jordan Wright

Music Leaders:

Ruben Martinez - Lead Vocals / Guitar, Piano,

Anthony Sanders – Vocals, Guitar, Piano

Gema Martinez – Vocals

Zoe Martinez - Vocals

Director Of Children's Ministry:

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