



# 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.”*

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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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April 10, 2022

*Palm Sunday*

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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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*“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime.”* **Martin Luther**

*“God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.”* **Saint Augustine**

**Invitation to Reflection**

Daniel Quintanilla

**Call to Solemn Worship**

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

*Isaiah 61:10*

**\* Song of Adoration**

**Before the Throne of God Above**

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is love,  
Whoever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me  
  
Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of Glory and of Grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

*Bancroft & Cook*

Rev. Alaniz

The Apostles' Creed

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Minister: Christian, "what do we believe?"

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Offertory Prayer                      \* Song of Praise**

**Here I Am to Worship**

Light of the World  
You stepped down into darkness  
Open my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life, spent with You

*\*Congregation Stands*

(Chorus) Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me  
King of all days  
Oh, so highly exalted  
Glorious in Heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor (Chorus).

*Hughes*

### **God's Renewal**

### **Scripture Warning**

Mr. Jordan Wright

Leader: If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1:6)

### ***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**

Romans 5:6-8

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

Leader: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die - but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### **\* Song of Renewal**

**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

*\*Congregation Stands*

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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**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**

**Mark 11:1-11**

Mrs. Jackie Wright

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples<sup>2</sup> and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it.<sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'"<sup>4</sup> And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it.<sup>5</sup> And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"<sup>6</sup> And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go.<sup>7</sup> And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it.<sup>8</sup> And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread

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leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.<sup>9</sup> And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”<sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”<sup>11</sup> And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Reader: This is The Word of The LORD      **People: Thanks be to God**

## **The Sermon**

Rev. Alaniz

“Hosanna! Blessed is the King”

Lent Sermon Series: The Restoration of a Canceled World

## **Celebration of Holy Communion**

Rev. Alaniz

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**

**On Jordan's Stormy Banks**

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land  
Where my possessions lie

All oer those wide extended plains  
Shines one eternal day  
There God the Son forever reigns  
And scatters night away

(Chorus) I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death  
Are felt and feared no more (Chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Fathers face  
And in His bosom rest? (Chorus).

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**Communion Prayer**

**\*Benediction Doxology**

**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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**\*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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**Serving Today, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Lauri Kinkead
- Hospitality – Sandy Alaniz

**Serving Next Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – No T.I.P.
  - Hospitality – Sylvia Arzaga
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Good Friday**, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm, invite family and friends
- **Easter Sunday Worship**, April 17<sup>th</sup>, plan now on attending and strongly encourage other to come!
- **Church Picnic** – April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday, 12-3pm, at Oscar Perez Memorial Park, 8601 Timber Path, San Antonio TX 78251. Invite family / friends
- **Prayer Gathering** – May 1<sup>st</sup> 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.