



# 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 17, 2022

Easter 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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*“The key to Christianity is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. That is the heart of the matter. For Christianity does not claim that Jesus was a good teacher and a fine man. It maintains that in Jesus, God broke into our world. His whole life was a demonstration of what God is like. And when men crucified him through envy and hatred on the first Good Friday, God raised him from the dead on Easter day, vindicating his claims, his teaching, his life and his sacrificial death... That is, and always has been, the Christian claim. So if you want to examine the truth of Christianity, and whether or not you can credit the answers it gives to the problems of our world, it is to the resurrection you should turn.”* **Michael**

**Green**

**Invitation to Reflection**

Rev. Don Kinkead

**Call to Solemn Worship**

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Fear not, I am the first and the last and the living one. I died and behold I am alive forevermore, He has given us a living hope. He has brought us out of darkness and into the light.

\* **Song of Adoration**

**I Know that My Redeemer Lives**

I know that my Redeemer lives  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead  
He lives, my ever-living Head  
He lives to silence all my fears  
He lives to wipe away my tears  
He lives to calm my troubled heart  
He lives all blessings to impart

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He lives and grants me daily breath  
He lives, and I shall conquer death  
He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King

He lives triumphant from the grave  
He lives eternally to save  
What joy this blessed assurance gives  
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creations here below  
Praise Him above all heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Medley, Street, & Grimsley*

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

Rev. Kinkead

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism, #21

Minister: Christian, "Who is the Redeemer of God's people?"

**All: The only Redeemer of God's people is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.**

**Offertory Prayer**

**\* Song of Praise**

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns, All music but its own  
Awake, my soul and sing Of Him  
Who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of love, Behold His hands and side  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified  
No angel in the sky, Can fully bear that sight  
But downward bends His wond'ring eye  
At mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
Who rose victorious to the strife, For those He came to save  
His glories now we sing, Who died, and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die

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Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, One with the Father known  
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n, From yonder glorious throne,  
To Thee be endless praise, For Thou for us hast died  
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days, Adored and magnified

Crown Him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time  
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!

For Thou has died for me; Thy praise shall never, never fail  
Throughout eternity.

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### **God's Renewal**

### **The Law of God**

Mr. Jordan Wright

Leader: And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:37-40)

### ***Public Confession***

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet, we confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We confess that we have not bowed before Jesus or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him glory. We confess that we overlook those Jesus sought—the poor, the hungry and those who mourn. Our ears are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace. Forgive us, God of mercy! Lord, revive us! Bring new, resurrection life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom that comes from the Holy Spirit.**

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

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

John 11:25-26

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

Leader: I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

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**\* Song of Renewal**

**He Will Hold Me Fast**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold, Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast

(Chorus) He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast (Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight, When he comes at last (Chorus).

**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 15:20-28**

Mrs. Jackie Wright

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup> When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Reader: This is The Word of The LORD

**People: Thanks be to God**

“The First Fruits”

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**

**Come, People of the Risen King**

Come, people of the Risen King

Who delight to bring Him praise

Come all and tune your hearts to sing

To the Morning Star of grace

From the shifting shadows of the earth, We will lift our eyes to Him

Where steady arms of mercy reach, To gather children in

(Chorus) Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
And those weeping through the night,  
Come, those who tell of battles won  
And those struggling in the fight

For His perfect love will never change  
And His mercies never cease, But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace (Chorus)

Come, young and old from every land, Men and women of the faith  
Come, those with full or empty hands  
Find the riches of His grace

Over all the world, His people sing, Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age  
“Our God is all in all” (Chorus x2).

*Getty & Thompson*

### **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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### **Worship:**

**Every Sunday, 10:30a.m., at  
5410 Rogers Road, SATX 78251**

### **Saint Stephen's Chapel**

P.O. Box 680085  
San Antonio, TX 78268-0085

### **Contact Information:**

[SaintStephensChapel.org](http://SaintStephensChapel.org)

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**Serving Today, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Serving Next Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Jackie Wright
  - Hospitality – Evette Ruiz-Back
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **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.
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**Church Session:**

Lead Pastor: Rev. Manny Alaniz  
Associate Pastors: Rev. Don Kinkead  
Ruling Elder: Thomas Jordan Wright

**Music Leaders:**

Anthony Sanders – Vocals, Guitar, Piano

**Director Of Children's Ministry:**

Jackie Wright

**Audio / Visual Technician:**

Daniel Quintanilla