



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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May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday After Easter

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.)

“All around us we see Christians and churches relaxing their grasp on the gospel, fumbling it, and in danger of letting it drop from their hands altogether.” **John Stott**

“The glory of the gospel is that when the church is absolutely different from the world, she invariably attracts it.” **Martyn Lloyd-Jones**

Invitation to Reflection

Mr. Daniel Quintanilla

Call to Solemn Worship

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love!

* **Song of Adoration**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King
To whom the lips of children made sweet Hosannah's ring
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal son
Who in The LORD's name comest, the King and blessed One

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went
Our prayer and praise and anthems before Thee we present
To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King
To whom the lips of children made sweet Hosannah's ring
Hosannah! Hosannah in the Highest! (repeat 3x).

Watt & Smith

**Congregation Stands*

***Prayer of Invocation**

Rev. Don Kinkead

***Affirmation of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism #123

Minister: Christian, “What do we ask for when we pray, “thy kingdom come?”

All: Thy kingdom come” means “rule us so by your word and Spirit, that we may submit ourselves more and more to you; preserve and increase your church; destroy the works of the devil, and all violence which would exalt itself against you; and also all wicked counsels devised against your holy word; till the full perfection of your kingdom takes place, wherein you will be all in all.

Offertory Prayer

*** Song of Praise**

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Til life’s storm is past
Safe into the haven guide; Receive my soul at last

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee
Leave, oh leave me not alone, Support and comfort me
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All help from Thee I bring
Cover my defenseless head, In the shadow of Thy wing

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, Here more than all I find
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin
Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within
Thou of life the fountain art, Let me take of Thee
Spring Thou up within my heart; For all eternity.

Wesley

Scripture Warning

Understanding Ourselves Rightly

Mr. Jordan Wright

Leader: What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:1-4)

**Congregation Stands*

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: **Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

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

*** Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

Ezekiel 36:25-27

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

Leader: I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

*** Song of Renewal**

Psalm 51 (God be Merciful to me)

God, be merciful to me
On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou
Blot out my transgressions now
Wash me, make me pure within
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess
Grief and guilt my soul oppress
I have sinned against Thy grace
And provoked Thee to Thy face
I confess Thy judgement just
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust

I am evil, born in sin
Thou desirest truth within
Thou alone my Savior art
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow
Wash me whiter than the snow
Gracious God, my heart renew
Make my spirit right and true
Cast me not away from Thee
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me
Thy salvation's joy impart
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Scottish Psalter

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 15:1-11

Rev. Kinkead

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Reader: This is The Word of The LORD

People:

Thanks be to God

“What Is The Gospel?”

Sermon Series: Living As A Community In-Christ

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.

“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)

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**

Behold The Lamb

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away

Slain for us and we remember

The promise made that all who come in faith

Find forgiveness at the cross

So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you
Eat and remember
The wounds that healed the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one

So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you
Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God

So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

Communion Prayer

***Benediction Doxology**

Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now, and ever shall be
World without end. Amen Amen

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***Benediction**

Rev. Alaniz

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Go in His
peace.

People: Amen! (With great enthusiasm)

Postlude**

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Serving Today, May 29th

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

Serving Next Sunday, June 5th

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Kristie Alaniz
 - Hospitality – Evette Ruiz-Back
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Potluck Lunch** – Sunday, June 5th
 - **Virtual Bible Study Groups: Zoom**, contact Manny
 - **Bible Study Groups** – in person, contact Manny
 - **5-Minute Bible Study Podcasts**: Please take the time to listen and share it with others.
 - **Prayer Gathering** – After worship, every other month
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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:

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