



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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June 18, 2023

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

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.)

“There are only two kinds of men: the righteous who think they are sinners and the sinners who think they are righteous.” **Blaise Pascal**

“Our righteousness is in Him, and our hope depends, not upon the exercise of grace in us, but upon the fullness of grace and love in Him, and upon His obedience unto death.” **John Newton**

Invitation to Reflection

Mr. Daniel Quintanilla

Call to Solemn Worship

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. *Psalm 34:1-3, 18*

*** Song of Adoration**

How Great is Our God

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty

Let all the Earth rejoice

All the Earth rejoice

He wraps himself in light

And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice

Trembles at His voice

(Chorus) How great is our God, sing with me

How great is our God, and all will see

How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb (Chorus)

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

You're the name above all names
You are worthy of our praise
And my heart will sing
How great is our God (Chorus).

Tomlin

***Prayer of Invocation**

Rev. Kinkead

***Affirmation of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 118 & 119

Leader: Christian, "What hath God commanded us to ask of him?"

All: All things necessary for soul and body; which Christ our Lord has comprised in that prayer he himself has taught us.

Leader: What are the words of that prayer?

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Offertory Prayer

*** Song of Praise**

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord

(Chorus) Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our strong Deliverer
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord (Chorus)

You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on the wings
Like eagles (Chorus)

You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on the wings
Like eagles
From everlasting to everlasting
God, You are everlasting.

Tomlin

God's Renewal

Understanding Ourselves Rightly

Mr. Jordan Wright

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me, and know my thoughts.
And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way
everlasting. (Psalm 139:23-24)

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you love us, but we have not loved you
with our whole heart, mind, and strength. You have opened your
heart to us, and in our pride we have spurned your care. You have
given us all things, and we have squandered your gifts. We have
grieved you and caused hurt to others, and we are not worthy to be
called your children. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed
and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Cleanse us from our
sin and receive us again, that we might nevermore stray from your
love but always remain within the sound of your voice.**

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

*** Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

Isaiah 1:18

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

Leader: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

* **Song of Renewal**

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

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.**

Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Reader: This is The Word of The LORD

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Sermon

Rev. Alaniz

“High Anxiety”

Sermon Series: Kingdom Living In A Foreign Land

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**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

I could not love Thee, so blind and unfeeling
Covenant promises fell not to me
Then without warning, desire, or deserving
I found my Treasure, my pleasure, in Thee

I have no merit to woo or delight Thee
I have no wisdom or pow'rs to employ
Yet in thy mercy, how pleasing thou find'st me
This is Thy pleasure: that Thou art my joy

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Chisholom

**Congregation Stands*

Communion Prayer***Benediction Doxology****Praise God**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him, all creatures here below
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

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Rev. Alaniz

Leader: 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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Every Sunday, **5:00p.m.**, at
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Serving Today, June 18th

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

Serving Next Sunday, June 25th

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Jackie Wright
- Hospitality – Sandy Alaniz

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Vacation Bible School** – *June 19-22*, at 4:30pm to 6:30pm, at Trinity Grace, 8104 Babcock Road San Antonio, TX 78255.
- **Vacation Bible School** – Northwest Hills Baptist Church, *July 10-14*, at 6-8:30pm.
- **SSC – Picnic in the Park** – August 5, 2023, at Oscar Perez Memorial Park, 8601 Timber Path, San Antonio, TX 78251, 12noon to 3pm. Bring family and friends!!
- **Virtual Bible Study Groups**: via **Zoom** resumes this week!
- **5-Minute Bible Study Podcasts** – Sent via text.