



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 25, 2023

The Fourth 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.)

*“Jesus does not forbid the evaluation of others. He forbids the
condememeton of others.” Daniel Doriani*

*“The more humbly we walk with God, the more tenderly we shall deal
with others.” John Owen*

Invitation to Reflection

Mr. Daniel Quintanilla

Call to Solemn Worship

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, says the LORD.
And the former things shall not be remembered or come into
mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create. I will
rejoice and be glad in my people; No more shall be heard among
them the sounds of weeping and the cries of distress. *Isaiah 65:17-19*

*** Song of Adoration**

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Saviors name
He has hushed the laws loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinais flame
He has washed us with His blood (3x)
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood (3x)
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conquerors crown
He, Who washed us with His blood (3x)
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He Who washed us with His blood (3x)
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (3x)
Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

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***Prayer of Invocation**

Rev. Kinkead

***Affirmation of Faith**

*The Apostles Creed*¹

Leader: 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 and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell². The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic³ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

¹ Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated in the 2nd century and developed into its present form by the 6th century.

² By referring to Jesus descent into hell, the Christian embraces two truths. Firstly, Jesus received the full sentence of hell on behalf of his people while on the cross. Secondly, Jesus experienced the reign of death by remaining in the tomb after the crucifixion.

³ The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, geographic or language barriers.

Offertory Prayer

**Congregation Stands*

* **Song of Praise**

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light
Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art
High king of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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God's Renewal **Understanding Ourselves Rightly** 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: 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.

**Congregation Stands*

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**

How Deep is the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom (Repeat verse).

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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**

Matthew 7:1-6

Mrs. Kristie Alaniz

Judge not, that you be not judged.² For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.³ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. ⁶ "Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

Reader: This is The Word of The LORD

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Sermon

Rev.

Alaniz

"I Can See Clearly Now"

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**

Rock of Ages Cleft for Me

Rock of Ages, cleft for me
Let me hide myself in Thee, Let the water and the blood
From Thy wounded side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure
Save from wrath and make me pure

All the labors of my hands, Could not meet Thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save, and Thou alone

Nothing in my hands I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling
Naked, come to Thee for dress
Helpless, look to Thee for grace
To Thy fountain, Lord, I fly
Wash me Savior or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath
When my eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See Thee on Thy judgement throne

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

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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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***Benediction**

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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Serving Today, June 25th

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Evette R Back
- Hospitality – Sandy Alaniz

Serving Next Sunday, July 2nd

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Jackie Wright
 - Hospitality – Lauri Kinkead
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **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, 11noon to 2pm. Bring family and friends!!
- **Virtual Bible Study Groups**: via **Zoom** resumes this week!
- **5-Minute Bible Study Podcasts** – Sent via text.

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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