



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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January 14, 2024

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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.)

“Redemption is the buying back of what was lost; the payment of a price to recover something that had fallen into the hands of the enemy.” A.W.

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“Redemption is the sweetest subject in all religion. It is so because it is the most personal work of God, showing His great love and tenderness to the individual believer.” Charles Spurgeon

Invitation to Reflection

Mrs. Kristie Alaniz

Call to Solemn Worship

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Adopted from Psalm 2

* **Song of Adoration**

Behold the Lamb

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

**Congregation Stands*

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.

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***Prayer of Invocation**

Rev. Alaniz

***Affirmation of Faith**

Galatians 5:22-26

Leader: Christian, "What is the fruit of the Holy Spirit?"

All: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Offertory Prayer

*** Song of Praise**

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

(Chorus) Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze (Chorus)

**Congregation Stands*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin (Chorus)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, My God, how great thou art!

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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: **Loving Father, forgive us when we rage against you like spoiled children, instead of loving and trusting you as your daughters and sons. Forgive us when we bow to other kings rather than to you, O King; when we give other voices ultimate authority in our lives rather than yours, O Living Word. Forgive us for pulling against your bonds of love, O Christ, rather than settling under your easy yoke of care and direction in the ways of life. Please forgive us and help us to find refuge anew in you. As you have promised, please do hold us close and do not let us go. In the hope of your abundant mercies and for the glory of your name we ask these things, dear Jesus, for you are the One who has come to save your people from our sins. Amen.**

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

*** Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

Romans 5:17

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

Leader: For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

* **Song of Renewal**

I Asked the Lord

I asked the Lord that I might grow
In faith and love and every grace
Might more of His salvation know
And seek more earnestly His face

Twas He who taught me thus to pray
And He I trust has answered prayer
But it has been in such a way
As almost drove me to despair

I hoped that in some favored hour
At once He'd answer my request
And by His love's constraining power
Subdue my sins and give me rest

Instead of this He made me feel
The hidden evils of my heart
And let the angry powers of Hell
Assault my soul in every part

Yea more with His own hand He seemed
Intent to aggravate my woe
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed
Cast out my feelings, laid me low

Lord why is this, I trembling cried
Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?
"Tis in this way" The Lord replied
"I answer prayer for grace and faith"

These inward trials I employ
From self and pride to set thee free
And break thy schemes of earthly joy
That thou mayest seek thy all in me;
That thou mayest seek thy all in me.

Newton & Taylor

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**

Job 19:23-27

Mrs. Kristie Alaniz

*Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
24 Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock
forever! 25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will
stand upon the earth. 26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet
in my flesh I shall see God, 27 whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes
shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!*

The Sermon

Rev. Alaniz

“My Redeemer Lives!”

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**

On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge
My Rock in Whom I trust."

(Chorus) And He will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His Hand

The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear
Under His Wings your refuge
His faithfulness your shield (Chorus)

You need not fear the terror of the night
nor the arrow that flies by day
though thousands fall around you
near you it shall not come (Chorus)

For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone (Chorus)
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

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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 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, January 14th

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Kristie Alaniz

Serving Next Sunday, January 21st

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

- **Virtual Bible Study Groups: Zoom**, contact Manny
 - **Bible Study Groups** – in person, contact Manny
 - **5-Minute Bible Study Podcasts** – Sent via text, please take a few minutes to listen to the study and share it with others.
 - **Prayer Gathering** – More info forthcoming!
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Church Session:

Lead Pastor: Rev. Manny Alaniz

Associate Pastors: Rev. Don Kinkead

Ruling Elder: Thomas Jordan Wright

Musicians:

Anthony Sanders - Vocals / Piano

Audio / Visual Technician:

Alexander Harrison

Director Of Children's Ministry:

Jackie Wright