



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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April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of 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.)

“Sin is the dare of God's justice, the rape of His mercy, the jeer of His patience, the slight of His power, and the contempt of His love.” **John Bunyan**

“True faith rests upon the character of God and asks no further proof than the moral perfections of the One who cannot lie.” **A.W. Tovar**

Invitation to Reflection

Mr. Derek Alaniz

Call to Solemn Worship

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God! Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant.

Psalm 135:1-3, 13

*** Invocation**

* **Song of Adoration**

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the World
You stepped down into darkness
Open my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life, spent with You
(Chorus) Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me
King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor (Chorus).

Hughes

God's Renewal

Scripture Warning

Mr. Jordan Wright

Leader: For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."
(Galatians 3:10-11)

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we acknowledge before your holiness that we are poor sinners, born into guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil and unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. Have compassion on us, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grow us daily in the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of a life that is pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

*** Assurance of Pardon and Comfort** Colossians 1:13-14

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

Leader: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*** Song of Renewal**

Everlasting God

Tomlin

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

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**Congregation Stands*

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.

Announcements

Prayer for the People

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.**

**** Dismiss our children for *Training in the Pews Today*****

*Scripture Reading

Hosea 9:7-9

Mr. Derek Alaniz

The days of punishment have come; the days of recompense have come; Israel shall know it. The prophet is a fool; the man of the spirit is mad, because of your great iniquity and great hatred. ⁸The prophet is the watchman of Ephraim with my God; yet a fowler's snare is on all his ways, and hatred in the house of his God. ⁹They have deeply corrupted themselves as in the days of Gibeah: he will remember their iniquity; he will punish their sins.

“Punishment Awaits”

Sermon Series: Hope for the Hopeless (Book of Hosea)

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.

Jonas

Communion & Offertory Prayers

***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 God of peace sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

People: **Amen! (With great enthusiasm)**

Postlude**

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Worship: (New time & Location)

Every Sunday, **1:30p.m.**, at
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Serving Today, April 28th

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Evette R. Back
- Hospitality – Lauri Kinkead

Serving Next Sunday, May 5th

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

- **Prayer Gathering** – to be announced
- **Virtual Bible Study** – every other Wednesday at 7:00 pm.
- **Christian Education** – after worship! Coming soon.
- **Next Potluck Lunch**, to be announced!
- **5-Minute Bible Study Podcasts** – Sent via text, please take a few minutes to listen and share the study with others.