



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.”



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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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March 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

The prelude is a sacred curtain dropped between the world and the sanctuary. The dimming of the lights signals the congregation to observe silence. During this time, be prayerful and reverent in preparation for worshipping our holy God in His sanctuary. (Please silence all phones and electronic devices.)

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”

John 3:14-15

Invitation to Reflection

Mr. Derek Alaniz

Call to Solemn Worship

Rev. Manny Alaniz

{God graciously invites us into His presence to worship Him.

He enters into our busy lives to speak to us.}

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Psalm 29:1-2

*** Invocation**

*** Song of Adoration**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give thee back the life I owe
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be

O light that followest all my way
I yield my flickering torch to thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be

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O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be
O Cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust lifes glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Matheson & Miner

Prayers of the People

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Galatians 2:20

Leader: I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

*** Song of Renewal**

Isaiah 43 (I Am The LORD)

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you
And the waves will not, Overcome you
Do not fear
For I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name
You are Mine

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(Chorus) For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God)
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)

When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned
And the flames will not, Consume you
Do not fear, For I have redeemed you
I have called you by name, You are Mine (Chorus)

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God)
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior
I am the Lord.

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Announcements

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

Numbers 21:6-9

Mr. Alaniz

Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷So the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, because we have spoken against the Lord and against you; intercede with the Lord, that He will remove the serpents from us.” And Moses interceded for the people. ⁸Then the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and put it on a flag pole; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, and looks at it, will live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and put it on the flag pole; and it came about, that if a serpent bit someone, and he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

The Sermon

Rev. Alaniz

“Look And Live”

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**

Holy Spirit

There's nothing worth more
That could ever come close
No thing can compare
You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord

I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord

(Chorus) Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord

There's nothing worth more
That could ever come close
No thing can compare
You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord

I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord (Chorus 2x).

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Communion & Offertory Prayers

***Benediction Doxology**

Gloria Patri

Glory be 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

Leader: May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard
your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.. Go in His peace.

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

Postlude**

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Serving Today, March 23rd

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Jasmen Barron
- Hospitality –

Serving Next Sunday, March 30th

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Ashley Alaniz
- Hospitality –

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Prayer Gathering** – to be announced.
- **Virtual Bible Study** – to be announced.
- **Christian Education** – after worship! Coming soon.
- **Next Potluck Lunch**, to be announced!
- **5-Minute Bible Study Podcasts** – coming soon!!

Main Idea: Look to Jesus Christ in faith and live eternally.

Sermon Notes



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