



10:30

January 21, 2024

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME to all visitors and guests this morning. We are happy you are here to worship with us. If you want to know more about the Church of Reconciliation, please email info@cor-satx.org to receive our weekly e-mail.

- Assisted listening devices and large-print bulletins are available in the church narthexes.
- All are welcome at the table of the Lord for Holy Communion.
- If you would prefer to receive Communion at your seat instead of at the rail, please let an usher know.
- Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available upon request.

Guest Preacher TODAY

Today, we will welcome back The Rev. Sylvia Vasquez, who will preach and celebrate at both services.

Council Delegates Update

Since our delegate election, we've had to do a bit of shuffling of our delegates/alternates due to availability issues. We also elected two more alternates just in case (we did this informally in Brown Hall on Sunday during Coffee Hour via acclamation).

Delegates:

- April Toman
- Jude Castillo
- Bruce Flohr
- Bryna Nation

Alternates:

- Suzanne Scott
- Leslie Allison Frazier
- Margaret Lewis
- Erica Valle

Centering Prayer on Hiatus!

The 9:15 Sunday morning Centering prayer/Contemplative prayer group is on hiatus for an undetermined length of time. More information will be announced as it becomes available.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, February 18th after the 10:30 service

Mark your calendars for the Rec annual meeting! The meeting is an important time for parishioners to come together to hear updates from the past year, to honor outstanding efforts from the past year, and to learn about and discuss plans for the new year. Every parishioner is encouraged to attend!

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (*no music*)

10:30am – Holy Eucharist (*livestreamed, with music*)

Children, Youth, and Families

- The next Children's Liturgy is January 28 at the 10:30 Service
- **Sunday School for elementary, middle, and high school is every Sunday at 9:15 am.**

Contact: Jude Castillo at jude@cor-satx.org.

Guest Preachers

Fr. Phil will be in Arizona for the month of January. We will welcome guest preachers each Sunday, including The Rev. Joyce Wilkinson, The Rev. Al Rodriguez, and The Rev. Sylvia Vasquez.

Dinner Dames! Come join us on Jan. 26 from 6pm-8pm at La Fonda Alamo Heights, 8633 Crownhill Blvd. Sign up using the link in the Wed. email.

The Get a Life Book Club will meet TODAY following the 10:30 service. The selection to read for this meeting will be Chapter 7 only of *Healing all Creation: Genesis, the Gospel of Mark, and the Story of the Universe*, by Joan Connell and Adam Bartholomew.

Photocopies of chapter 7 only are available in the church office. Healing All Creation is available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Abe Books, and others as well. Used copies are usually available and are much less expensive. Contact Susan Ennis with questions.

Exercise Class

Stretching, balance, tai chi every Wednesday and Friday at 10am in Alban classroom. Contact Jude at jude@cor-satx.org

Today's altar flowers are given by Joan West in thanksgiving for her 80 years with friends and family.

Lent at Reconciliation

Reconcilers, we are getting ready for the Lenten season that starts on February 14 with Ash Wednesday. Below are the events during Lent. Please sign up for Lenten Dinners and any volunteer opportunities you would like to do. Let Jude know if you have any questions (jude@cor-satx.org). Thank you!

Ash Wednesday Services, February 14:

- To be announced. Stay tuned!

Lenten Dinners

- Wednesdays, February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 6pm-8pm

Shrove Pancake Sunday, February 11

- To RSVP or Volunteer, use the link in the Wednesday email or send Jude an email.

Annual Meeting/Souper Sunday, February 18

- To RSVP or Volunteer, use the link in the Wednesday email or send Jude an email.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Lector: A Reading from Jonah.

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Read by Ed Reischling

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk.

And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 62

***Refrain:* In God alone is my soul at rest, the God who is my help.**

The Lord is my rock, my strength and my hope; my fortress, my God.

Only in God is my soul at rest, from my God comes my salvation.

God is my rock, the salvation of my life.

I shall not be shaken, for the Lord is my strength! *Refrain*

Only in God is my soul at rest,
From my God comes my hope.
God is my rock, my salvation and my hope.
I will rest in the Lord, I will not be afraid! *Refrain*

Glory and safety, God is my joy,
God is my rock and my strength.
God is my refuge, my salvation and my strength.
Pour out your hearts, before the Lord! *Refrain*

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Read by Patrice Melancon

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Draw us in the Spirit's tether for when humbly in your name two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them. Alleluia, alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

BRIEF MEDITATION (*sung*)

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sylvia Vasquez

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith together.

**All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Read by Roderick “Pat” Patterson

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work, especially military, medical workers, and first responders;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world, especially our president, Joe, our governor, Greg, our mayor, Ron, and all other leaders;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially those we name either silently or aloud (silence); and from our parish family: Kimberly, Garnet, Kes, John, Carolyn, Kevin, Tiffany, Jeffrey, Marilyn, Suzanne, Hall, Pat, Jonathan, Art, Kathy, Randy, Brettany, David, Daniel, Lilas, Joel, and Michael.

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, David our Bishop, Phil, our priest, Jennifer, our seminarian, and all other ministers of the church;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially wisdom and discernment for our rector search committee. Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially those we name either silently or aloud ____; that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant reads the concluding Collect.

O Great God, thank you for living and loving in us and through us. May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all beings. Help us become a community that vulnerably shares each other's burdens and the weight of glory. Listen to our heart's longings for the healing of our world. Knowing you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(The people exchange greetings)

THE GATHERING HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Shine, Jesus, shine fill the land with the Father's glory; Blaze, Spirit, blaze set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nation with love and mercy; send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to come to the altar for a blessing.

Happy birthday to:

Joan West	1/21
Kaye Judson	1/22
Emil Suire	1/24
Ruben Seitz	1/25
Auden Murphy	1/26

MILESTONES

Roderick and Ivonne Patterson will celebrate their 33rd wedding anniversary on January 26th.

If you would like your birthday, anniversary, or other milestone mentioned here, please email info@cor-satx.org.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hallelujah

Mark Mangus, Soloist

*The Congregation is invited to sing along
after the first chorus*

I've heard about this baby boy
Who's come to earth to bring us joy
And I just want to sing this song to you
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth
The minor fall, the major lift
With every breath, I'm singing Hallelujah

A couple came to Bethlehem
Expecting child, they searched the inn
To find a place, for You were coming soon

There was no room for them to stay
So in a manger filled with hay
God's only Son was born, oh, Hallelujah

[Chorus]

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

The shepherds left their flocks by night
To see this baby wrapped in light
A host of angels led them all to You
It was just as the angels said
"You'll find Him in a manger bed"
Immanuel and Savior, Hallelujah

[Chorus]

A star shone bright, up in the east
To Bethlehem, the wise-men three
Came many miles and journeyed long for
You
And to the place at which You were
Their frankincense and gold and myrrh
They gave to You and cried out Hallelujah

[Chorus]

I know You came to rescue me
This baby boy would grow to be
A man and one day die for me and you
My sins would drive the nails in You
That rugged cross was my cross too
Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah

[Chorus] 3x

DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Oh Praise Him, Oh
Praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: *(Bells)*

Celebrant and People (sung)

Music by The Rev. Matt Wise

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosannah in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord
(Blessed is the One who comes in your name)
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(Blessed is the One who comes in your name)
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might (power and might)
Heaven and earth are full of your Glory. Hosanna to the Giver of light.
Hosanna to the Giver of light. Hosanna to the Giver of light.**

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." (*Bells*)

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." (*Bells*)

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.** (*Bells*)

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*)

Music by Cindy Sanchez

Our Father who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us, and we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, the power and glory forevermore. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

The people respond: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION

This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love and for those who want to love more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have fallen short. Come, for it is the Risen Christ who invites you. It is the Risen Christ who wants to meet you here.

HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the table of the Lord for Holy Communion.
Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available upon request.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

**Taste and See by Francesca La Rosa
Ed Weitz, soloist**

Poor Wayfaring Stranger

THE GREETING AT THE RAIL

Greeting: Christ has come.

Response: Let us receive him.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us the strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN

**Soon and Very Soon
With One Voice #744**

THE DISMISSAL

The Priest dismisses the people saying:

Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

The People Respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Elementary Ministry:

Ages: 4 years old through 4th Grade

- **Sunday School from 9:15-10:20 a.m.**

Rec Middle School Ministry:

Ages: 5th Grade thru 8th Grade

Middle School Faith Formation/Sunday School: from 9:15-10:20 a.m.

Middle School Youth Group: Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Rec Room.

Rec High School Ministry:

Ages: 9th-12th Grade

High School Faith Formation/Sunday School: from 9:15-10:20 a.m. in Rec Room

High School Youth Group: Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Rec Room

Contact: Jude Castillo, Director of Children, Youth, and Families at jude@cor-satx.org

Serving and Ministering This Sunday

January 21, 2024

8:00

Verger: Erica Valle

Lector: Ken Sullivan

Prayers of the People: Ken Sullivan

Chalice: Carol Westerkom

Intincter: Jude Castillo

Altar Guild: Team I (Margaret Lewis Team)

Usher: Robert and Annis Marshall

Prayer Team:

10:30

Verger: Erica Valle

Livestream: Christie Smith, Michele Bondy

Lectors: Ed Reischling, Patrice Melancon

Prayers of the People: Pat Patterson

Intincter: Judith Anthony

Chalice: Timothy Webber

Acolytes: Michael Seitz, Stewart Swann

Altar Guild: Team I (Margaret Lewis Team)

Ushers: Bruce Flohr (lead), Nathan Roller, Eddie Cox

Greeters: Pat Patterson (lead), Susan Ennis

Prayer Team: Ron Graham, Dru Dunn

Breakfast: Matthew 25 Team

Coffee Hour: Team Korte

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