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January 28, 2024

Fourth 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.

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

Children's Liturgy Today!

Our Rec Youth will take part in all aspects of the liturgy this Sunday, including the readings, ushering, presenting of the gifts, and running the livestream.

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:

- Services at 12pm and 6pm.

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 email Jude.

Annual Meeting/Souper Sunday, Feb. 18

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

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, February 18th after the 10:30 service

Mark your calendars! 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!

Exercise Class

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

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 TODAY.
- **Sunday School for elementary, middle, and high school is every Sunday at 9:15 am.**

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

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.

Lent Madness

On Feb. 15, Lent Madness is BACK for another round!! What is it? A friendly competition where you fill out a bracket of 32 pre-selected Saints. A group of about 10 Reconcilers usually participates and has **FUN** competing against one another! We'd love you to join us! We make brackets and then keep in touch via-email every week to see how everyone's matchups turn out. **The Winner wins a special prize!** Visit www.lentmadness.org to print out a bracket and for more info. Email or text Erica at erica@cor-satx.org or (805) 276-1502 to join.

Snacks for Barrington Neighbors

Barrington Neighbors holds an after-school program in the Barracks every week and an arts and crafts camp in the spring/winter. These programs are requesting snack donations, including chips, cookies, cereal, baked goods, fruit snacks, etc. Any size or quantity is gratefully accepted. Please leave donations in the church office. Contact Kim at admin@barringtonneighbors.org with questions.

Estimate of Giving Cards

We would greatly appreciate your Estimate of Giving Card. Please, please turn yours in if so inclined!

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Lector: A Reading from Deuteronomy.

Read by Linden Shay

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die."

Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable.

But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111

By Tom Lee

***Refrain:* The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

Halleluia! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the deeds of the Lord!
They are studied by all who delight in them. ***Refrain***

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are sure.
They stand fast for ever and ever; because they are done in truth and equity. **Refrain**

He send redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his Name! The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures forever. **Refrain**

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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

Read by Arden Shay

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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 1:21-28

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.”

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Joyce Wilkinson

The following song will be used by Rev. Joyce for her sermon.

Overcomer

You're an overcomer
Stay in the fight 'til the final round
You're not going under (**you're not going under**)
'Cause God is holding you right now

You might be down for a moment
Feeling like it's hopeless
That's when He reminds you
That **you're an overcomer (whoa-oh)**
You're an overcomer (whoa-oh)

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Left side: You're an overcomer (whoa-oh)

Right side: You're an overcomer (whoa-oh)

Left side: So don't quit, don't give in

Right side: You're an overcomer

Joyce: Don't quit, don't give in

All: **You're an overcomer**
Right side: Don't quit, don't give in
Left side: You're an overcomer
All: **You're an overcomer**

Source: [Musixmatch](https://www.musixmatch.com)

Songwriters: Christopher E. Stevens / David Arthur Garcia / Benjamin Glover

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Sung by Mandisa

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 Rhodes Shay

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

Happy birthday to:

Marise Melson	1/29
Eric Farias	1/29
Jana Orsinger	1/29
Sara Straube	1/31

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

*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

O Love by Elaine Hagenberg

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

Thou Child so Wise by Vincent Persichetti
Jeanette Sullivan, soloist

O Love, how deep, how broad, how high
Hymnal #448

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

Spread, O spread thou mighty word
Hymnal #530

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

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**Serving and Ministering This Sunday
January 28, 2024****8:00**

Verger: Lou Navarro

Lectors: Aaron Ortega-Palomino, Amelia Ortega-Palomino

Prayers of the People: Jude Castillo

Acolytes: Eliza Merrifield, Oliver Merrifield

Chalice: Christie Smith

Intincter: Erica Valle

Altar Guild: Team II (Sally Reischling Team)

Usher: Robert and Annis Marshall

Prayer Team: Christine Hausser

10:30

Verger: Lou Navarro

Livestream: Nathan Roller, Ian Roller, Christie Smith

Lectors: Linden Shay, Arden Shay

Prayers of the People: Rhodes Shay

Intincter: Erica Valle

Chalice: Ron Graham

Acolytes: Rhodes Shay, Jamie Bentley

Altar Guild: Team II (Sally Reischling Team)

Ushers: Suzanne Scott (lead), Mike Moneer, Pat Patterson

Greeters: Jann Steed, Katheryn Cox

Prayer Team: Ron Graham, Sylvia Maddox

Breakfast: "But First, Coffee" Team

Coffee Hour: Jasmine & Mary Harris-Wells, Terri Steed

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