



10:30

February 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent

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.

Children's Liturgy & Godly Play Sermon 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. **Fr. Phil will also give his sermon based on a Godly Play story.**

What is Godly Play?

- Godly Play is based on the understanding of children's innate sense of the presence of God. Its approach helps children explore their faith through story, to gain religious language, and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (*no music*)

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

Children, Youth, and Families

- Youth Group: On hiatus thru Lent.
- **Sunday School for elementary, middle, and high school is every Sunday at 9:15 am.**

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

Dinner Dudes

Thu., Feb. 29, 6pm-8pm

Save the date for our next Dinner Dudes at Azro Authentic Afghan Cuisine, 2211 NW Military Hwy #131, San Antonio, TX 78213. Contact Bill at bill@cor-satx.org to RSVP.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! To

all the fabulous volunteers who helped make Souper Sunday a great success! The food was DELICIOUS! And a special thank you to all who gave so generously to the children's camp scholarship. **We received \$1,095 on Sunday!! We also received a very generous \$400 donation a few days before.** We are so excited about the kids we will be able to help go to camp this year. Y'all are the BEST!

Socks for the Unhoused

Between now and Palm Sunday on March 24, we will be collecting packages of new socks - any sizes and types! We will deliver them to Haven for Hope. **Last year, we collected over one thousand pairs!** So far, we have 73 pairs. Please bring socks anytime between now and Palm Sunday to the sanctuary or church office!

Adult Formation: A Journey Through Acts Sundays, 9:15am in the Library

Join Fr. Phil for Adult Formation to study the Book of Acts! **We will be using A Journey Through Acts by Marek Zabriskie as our guide. We will have a few copies available.** In 2024 the Rt. Rev. Dr. David G. Read invites the diocese to study Acts. To purchase the book, try Amazon or Forward Movement.

Exercise Class

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

Lenten Dinners, Wednesdays, February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 6pm-8pm

This event is back for another year and is a chance for fellowship and a shared meal accompanied by a Eucharist service, all in Brown Hall. Please join us!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need more Godly Play teachers. Please consider helping with worthwhile ministry. Training will be provided. Email Jude at jude@cor-satx.org if interested.

THE OPENING MEDITATION

THE PROCESSION AND OPENING HYMN

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie eleison, Christ eleison, Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison, Christ eleison, Kyrie eleison
Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's Kingdom
Kyrie eleison, Christ eleison, Kyrie eleison
You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness
Kyrie eleison, Christ eleison, Kyrie eleison
You will come in glory with salvation for your people
Kyrie eleison, Christ eleison, Kyrie eleison

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **The Lord's mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant: **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.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Lector: A Reading from Genesis.

Read by Rec Children and Youth

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous."

Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22

***Refrain:* I will praise you Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

My vows I will pay before those who fear God. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. Those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord. May their hearts live forever and ever! *Refrain*

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations shall now down in awe; They shall bow down in awe, all the might of the earth, all who must die and go down to the dust. *Refrain*

My soul shall live for God and my children too shall serve. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come; declare to those unborn, the faithfulness of God. These things the Lord has done. *Refrain*

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans.

Romans 4:13-25

Read by Rec Children and Youth

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb.

No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.”

Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

We Come, O Christ

We come, O Christ as people seeking some sign of blessing on our lives, yet scarcely pause to hear you speaking or wait until your time arrives: help us let go, help us be still, in patience may we learn your will.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

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

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

BRIEF MEDITATION (*sung*)

A GODLY PLAY SERMON

Fr. Phil Mason

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 Rec Children and Youth

Intercessor:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, David our Bishop, Phil, our priest, Jennifer, our seminarian, and all other ministers of the church;

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for creation. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, so that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray especially for wisdom and discernment for our rector search committee.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those from our parish family: Kimberly, Garnet, Kes, John, Carolyn, Kevin, Tiffany, Jeffrey, Marilyn, Suzanne, Jonathan, Art, Kathy, Hall, Pat, Daniel, Lilas, Joel, Mike, Judith, Lori, Linda, Jill, Cathleen, and Michael, and those we name either silently or aloud _____ (*silence is then kept for a time*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those we name either silently or aloud _____ (*silence is then kept for a time*); that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant reads the concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Peace Before Us

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.
Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.
Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy birthday to:

Tommy Finucane	2/24	Pat Patterson	2/27
Jill Phelps	2/25	Janet McClure	2/28
Patsy Sasek	2/25	Jim Simpson	2/28
Matias del Valle	2/26	Jean Fitschen	2/29
Greg Judson	2/26		

*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: If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your [neighbor] has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to [them], and then come and offer your gift.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind by Hubert Parry

DOXOLOGY

Accept, O Lord

Accept O Lord, these gifts we bring to place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought, but only as we're able.
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humble we adore you.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

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 our thanks and praise.**
Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn: (*Bells*)

Celebrant and People (sung)

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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*)

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our ancestors: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
AMEN. (*Bells*)

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*)

Pulkingham

**Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen, Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
The people respond: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE INVITATION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God, holy gifts for holy people. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

**Laudate Dominum by W. A. Mozart
Jeanette Sullivan, soloist**

**My Faith Looks Up To Thee
Hymnal #691**

THE GREETING AT THE RAIL

*At the rail, pass the following greeting to your neighbor.
Greeting:* The Lord forgives our sins.
Response: He does indeed.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN

**Take Up Your Cross
Hymnal #675**

THE DISMISSAL

The Priest dismisses the people saying:
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

The People Respond:
Thanks be to God.

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
February 25, 2024**

8:00

Vergers: Ron Graham

Lector: Mercedes Zamudio

Prayers of the People: Mercedes Zamudio

Chalice: Rusty Wilson

Intincter: Jude Castillo

Altar Guild: Team II (Sally Reischling Team)

Usher: Brad and Julia Coffey

10:30

Vergers: Ron Graham

Livestream: Nathan Roller, Ian Roller

Lectors: Arden Shay, Rhodes Shay

Prayers of the People: Elim Pritchett

Presentation of the Gifts: The Watkins
Chaidez Family, Forest Gwin

Intincter: Juniper Gwin

Chalice:

Acolytes: Rhodes Shay, Jamie Bentley

Altar Guild: Team II (Sally Reischling Team)

Ushers: Eddie Cox (lead), Bruce Flohr,
Mark Gwin, Evan Pritchett, Linden
Shay, Lincoln Gwin

Greeters: Susan Ennis (lead), Priscilla
Coppock

Breakfast: Rise N' Shine Diner

Coffee Hour: Janice Lenz, Brenda Moneer

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