



10:30

April 28, 2024

church of reconciliation

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.

Announcing Our New Rector!

The Vestry of Church of Reconciliation is delighted to announce the call of our next rector, **the Reverend Reagan Gonzalez**. Go to page 2 for more info!

Are You Receiving Emails From Us?

With all the exciting things happening at Rec recently, we want to make sure you're up to date! If you would like to be added to our email list, or aren't receiving emails from us when you previously were, please email Erica at erica@cor-satx.org.

Children, Youth, and Families

IT'S CAMP CAPERS TIME! It's time to think about camp for this summer. Dates are available at <https://www.dwtx.org/event-categories/camps>. The first camp starts June 2. We will have scholarships available to help defray the cost. If interested in a scholarship, please download the form in the Wed. email or ask Jude for a copy. **DO NOT TURN IN THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TO THE DIOCESE. RETURN TO JUDE FOR PROCESSING. Please get your scholarship applications in ASAP!**

MS/HS: On April 28, please meet after the 10:30 Service in the Rec Room. Topic is "Putting the Holy Spirit into Action"

UPDATE: Lock in Cancelled.

Elementary: Godly Play at 9:15 on Sunday, 28 April (4 years old through 4th grade). **New Change:** Effective May 5, the 9:15 Sunday School program for 4-year-olds through 4th graders will be held DURING the 10:30 Service. Once Mass starts, children 4 years old through 4th grade are invited to attend Godly Play in the children's room. Children will be returned to Mass after communion. We are excited that so many parishioners answered the call to be Godly Play storytellers and are looking forward to our kids participating in this wonderful program.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (*no music*)

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

Rec Outing to Missions Baseball Game!

We would like to have a Rec Day at a Missions Game on **June 1 at 7:05 pm!** Tickets are ~\$35/person and includes a food voucher for a hotdog, coke, and chips. Parking is separate for \$10. If you would DEFINITELY go, **please let Jude know by April 29.** We will then bulk purchase them. Tickets are first come, first served.

Mother's Day Coffee Hour

Please join us on **Sunday, May 12** after the 10:30 service for a special Mother's Day Coffee Hour. We will have barbecue, sweets, and little gifts for all the mothers.

Calling Rec Veterans!

We have partnered with the Barrington Neighbors after-school program to host a Memorial Day event for our Rec Veterans. On May 22, we would like to invite Veterans to speak to the children and enjoy a BBQ afterwards. If interested, please contact Jude at jude@cor-satx.org.

Camp Fundraiser

On May 5, we will be having an ice cream sundae fundraiser after the 10:30 Service to raise money for camp scholarships! Please sign up to donate items using the Wed. email.

Today's altar flowers are given by Gaye Leia King in honor of her brother Kim King's birthday.

An announcement from the Rector Search Committee

It is with much joy and gratitude that we announce that the Vestry has called the **Rev. Reagan Gonzalez** to be our next Rector. After much prayerful discernment the Rector Search Committee voted unanimously to recommend the call to the Vestry.

As the search process unfolded, it became clear that Rev. Reagan's warm and thoughtful approach to pastoral ministry is well-suited to Reconciliation's mission and vision. Our commitment to hospitality, outreach, youth ministry, and communal life is energizing to her as well. Reagan's ministry is marked by a dynamic and collaborative leadership style. She sees her role as a priest is to help others discern their callings and to walk alongside her congregation to hear where the Holy Spirit is calling them together. Her experience and passion for ministry gives us confidence that Reagan is the person God has called to care for and equip us to continue, improve, expand, and reach out with our ministries.

A note from our Rector

Dear Church of Reconciliation,
I am delighted and grateful for the privilege of stepping into the role of Rector of Church of Reconciliation. I look forward to getting to know you and for all the good and holy work that lies ahead of us. You're already in my daily prayers and I know that the Holy Spirit's comfort and power will be with us all along our journey together.
With resurrection joy,
Reagan+

A little bit about our Rector

Reagan comes to Church of Reconciliation from St. Luke's in San Antonio where she is currently the Associate Rector. She was born in Odessa, Texas and raised in Bozeman, Montana. She graduated with a B.S. in Microbiology from Montana State University and worked as a part-time Christian Formation Director and part-time research technician in wheat genetics before attending seminary. She is a 2018 graduate of Seminary of the Southwest in Austin. Her husband Bryan is a native of San Antonio, graduating from Churchill High School and then attending Montana State University where he met Reagan. Bryan is the Director of Youth Ministries at St. Luke's. They have two children, James (4) and Cora (2). Along with their dog Winnie, the Gonzalez family loves exploring San Antonio and the beautiful landscapes of South Texas.

A message from the Vestry

The Vestry is thankful to the Rector Search Committee for their faithful work and prayerful discernment. We are overjoyed to call Rev. Reagan Gonzalez to be our Rector. **Reagan will join us in June; she will celebrate with us beginning on Sunday, June 9 at both services.** We invite you to continue praying for our community and Rev. Reagan as we move from this time of transition into our next chapter together.

THE OPENING MEDITATION

THE PROCESSION AND OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen
Hymnal #674

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Lector: A Reading from Exodus.

Exodus 20:1-17
Read by Elim Pritchett

And God spoke all these words:

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.
“You shall not commit adultery.
“You shall not steal.
“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

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 bow 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 the first letter of John.

1 John 4:7-21

Read by Arden Shay

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bells.

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Bells.

Congregation: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

THE GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.

Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

BRIEF MEDITATION (*sung*)

SERMON: "The Ten Best Ways"

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 Forest Gwin

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 give thanks 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, Art, Kathy, Hall, Pat, Daniel, Joel, Jill, Audie, Bob, Emmet, David, Roger, Pat, Greg, Kevin, Roxie, Joan, 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.

Lord, in your mercy
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

Dona nobis pacem

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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

Christ Hath A Garden by Eleanor Daley

THE DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

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. Amen.

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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)

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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.**

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)*

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: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

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

We Have Been Told

THE GREETING AT THE RAIL

At the rail, pass the following greeting to your neighbor.

Greeting: Christ is risen.

Response: Christ is risen 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

**God is Love
Hymnal #379**

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.**
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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:** after the 10:30 service in the Rec Room
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Rec High School Ministry:

Ages: 9th-12th Grade

- **High School Faith Formation/Sunday School:** after the 10:30 service in the Rec Room

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

**Serving and Ministering This Sunday
April 28, 2024**

8:00

Verger: Erica Valle

Lector: Ken Sullivan

Prayers of the People: Ken Sullivan

Chalice: Mercedes Zamudio

Intincter: Rusty Wilson

Acolytes: Oliver and Eliza Merrifield

Altar Guild: Team III (Priscilla Coppock Team)

Usher: Fred Spartz

10:30

Verger: Erica Valle

Livestream: Christie Smith

Lectors: Elim Pritchett, Arden Shay

Prayers of the People: Forest Gwin

Intincter: Timothy Webber

Chalice: Phyllis Kline

Acolyte: Forest Gwin, Stewart Swann

Altar Guild: Team III (Priscilla Coppock Team)

Ushers: Mark Thomas (lead), Bill Schiller, Bruce Flohr, Evan Pritchett, Linden Shay, Rhodes Shay

Greeters: Bryna Nation (lead), April Toman

Breakfast: Sacred Grounds Team

Coffee Hour: Judy Timmons and Jasmine & Mary Harris-Wells

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Exercise Class

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