

Happy Mother's Day!



May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday After 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, you may email the church office at [info@cor-satx.org](mailto:info@cor-satx.org) to receive our weekly e-mail.

**All are welcome at the table of the Lord for Holy Communion.**  
**Large-print bulletins are available at the church entrances.**  
**Gluten-free wafers are available; please let the priest know.**

#### New Procedures

- We will now allow 70 individuals to attend our indoor services - *masks required*
- Beginning today, May 9, individuals will no longer need to RSVP to attend a service
- Once 70 individuals are inside the sanctuary, overflow seating will be available outside.
- Finally, we will allow congregational singing with masks at our outdoor chapel at 9am

#### May 23: Return of the 8:00am Worship Service

On Pentecost Sunday (May 23), we plan to restart our 8:00am service. This service traditionally has no music and will **not** be livestreamed; it will mirror the attendance number allowed the 10:30am service. No registration required!

#### Altar Flowers

After many months, altar flowers will now return to Rec! It has been our custom to allow Reconcilers to commemorate an event or loved one through purchasing the altar flowers that week. You can sign up for a date using the chart in the narthex, or contact Erica at [erica@cor-satx.org](mailto:erica@cor-satx.org) to let her know how the bulletin should be worded. Cost is \$50.00. Checks may be made out to Church of Reconciliation.

#### Usher Training

Now that we have expanded the amount of Reconcilers allowed in the sanctuary, we are in need of more ushers! Are you interested in serving? **Email Mike Moneer at [mmoneer.sr@gmail.com](mailto:mmoneer.sr@gmail.com).**

#### Family Vacation Bible School: Rocky Railway July 26-July 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

VBS will be a family affair this year and we hope everyone will make plans to join us! Dinner will be served every evening at 6:00 p.m., followed by VBS music, games, lessons and overall fun for the whole family!! More details will follow soon, but **please text/call or email Jennifer Murphy if you are interested in volunteering!!**

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (no music) (returns May 23)  
9:00am - Christian Education & Formation via Zoom  
9:00am – Outdoor Chapel on the Labyrinth  
10:30am – Holy Eucharist, Rite II (livestreamed)  
11:45am-12:15pm – Communion in the Courtyard  
*The outdoor Labyrinth is available at any time.*

#### ONLINE OFFERINGS

Zoom at Noon Prayer Service – Wednesdays on Zoom  
Romeo and Juliet – Thursdays at 11:30am via Zoom  
Morning Prayer in Spanish – Fridays at 9am on Facebook Live

Email [info@cor-satx.org](mailto:info@cor-satx.org) for more information on these offerings.

#### Installation of Rev. Josh

On **Wednesday, May 26th at 6:30pm**, The Rt. Rev. Rayford High will come to Reconciliation to officially install Rev. Josh as our rector. All are invited to attend in person (no registration needed), or you may watch the livestream. Stay tuned for more details!

#### CAMP SUNDAY AND S'MORES FUNDRAISER

On **Sunday, June 13 at the 10:30 service**, we are excited to celebrate the partnership between Reconciliation and the Diocese of West Texas' Camps and Conferences programs at Camp Capers Summer Camp, Mustang Island Family Camp, and Duncan Park Summer Camp. Stories, songs, and photographs will be shared during the service! **Then, make plans to join us after the service for a S'mores Fundraiser, where we will roast some marshmallows by "the campfire" and make some yummy s'mores!!** All donations will go towards Rec's Camp Scholarships, for those families who need extra help with camp expenses!

**Today's altar flowers are given in thanksgiving for all of our mothers.**

**Order of Service**  
**May 9, 2021**  
**The Liturgy of the Word**

**PRELUDE**

**THE OPENING HYMN**

**Forest Green**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

***People:* Christ 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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST LESSON**

**Acts 10:44-48**

*Lector:* A Reading from Acts.

**Read by Lauren Cate**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Lector:* This is the Word of the Lord.

***All:* Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 98**

***Refrain:* Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wonderful deeds,  
Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wonderful deeds.**

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds;  
Whose right hand has won the victory for us, God's holy arm. *Refrain*

The Lord has made salvation known, and justice revealed to all,  
remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel. *Refrain*

All the ends of earth have seen salvation by our God.  
Joyfully sing out all you lands, break forth in song. *Refrain*

Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trumpet and with horn.  
Sing in your joy before the king, our Lord. *Refrain*

## THE EPISTLE

*Lector:* A reading from John.

**1 John 5:1-6**  
**Read by Bill Swann**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*Lector:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

**John 15:9-17**

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

**Erica Valle**

## THE NICENE CREED

**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 Christie Smith**

*Intercessor:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work; for the men and women of our Armed Forces and first responders who serve to protect us all.

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community of San Antonio, and for the nation and the world;

**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 from our parish family: Jan, Kimberly, Greg, Benny, Randy, Susan, Stella, Robert, Charlie, Kim, Carolyn, Dru, Flora, Lauren, and Shanna, and those we name either silently or aloud\_\_\_\_\_.

**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 Curry, our Presiding Bishop, David Reed, our Diocesan Bishop; Rayford High, our Assistant Bishop; Joshua Woods and Judith Rhodes, our priests, and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. 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;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, especially Dolores Ellen Heeg, mother of Phil Heeg, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

## MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

*Celebrant:* On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers some day and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way—those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. **Amen.**

—*from Women's Common Prayers: Our Lives Revealed, Nurtured, Celebrated*

### Happy birthday to:

Renee Barrett	5/9
Alfred Florence	5/9
Robert Carington	5/11
Curtis Wade	5/12
Elliott Finucane	5/13
Randy Fitschen	5/14

## THE PEACE

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

*Offering plates are available in both church entrances for your monetary gifts.*

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**I Have Felt the Hand of God**

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

*Celebrant:* As Christ teaches us, we pray:

### **The LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art 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 our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. 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.

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

**I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry  
Morning Prayer**

### **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant:*

**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 strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

### **THE CLOSING HYMN AND PROCESSION**

**Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing**

### **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.**

### **Rec Nursery: "Come One, Come All"**

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them." (Matthew 19:14)

**Ages:** 6 weeks old through 3 years old

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our Sunday School programming for our Nursery children has been temporarily paused. Please check back frequently for updates.

### **Elementary Ministry: "Fun In Our Faith"**

"He will fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouting!" (Job 8:21)

**Ages:** 4 years old through 4th Grade

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our Sunday School programming for our Elementary children has been temporarily paused. Please check back frequently for updates.

### **Rec Middle School Ministry: "Faith Over Fear"**

"Do not be afraid! Do not be discouraged!" (Deuteronomy 31:8)

**Ages:** 5th Grade thru 8th Grade

**MS Sunday School:** Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our Sunday School programming for Middle School Youth has been temporarily paused. Please check back frequently for updates.

**MS Youth Group:** Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Rec Room!

### **Rec High School Ministry: "Carried By The Lord"**

"Where you saw how the Lord your God carried you..." (Deuteronomy 1:31)

**Ages:** 9th Grade through 12th Grade

**HS Sunday School:** Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our Sunday School programming for High School Youth has been temporarily paused. Please check back frequently for updates.

**HS Youth Group:** Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Rec Room!

Please call/text or email Jennifer Murphy at 210-725-3080 or [jennifer@cor-satx.org](mailto:jennifer@cor-satx.org) for more information.

### **Ministering and Serving This Sunday May 9, 2021**

**Verger:** George Zayas

**Lectors:** Laureen Cate, Bill Swann

**Prayers of the People:** Christie Smith

**Altar Guild:** Team IV (Roxie Montesano Team)

**Ushers:** Bill Schiller, Timothy Webber

**Greeter:** Rodney Gray

### **Sunday Worship Service Options**

#### **8:00am Worship Service**

On May 23rd, our 8:00 service will resume. It will not be livestreamed and will not have music. No need to register! All are welcome!

#### **Outdoor Chapel: An Intergenerational Communion Service at 9:00 a.m. on Labyrinth**

EVERYONE is invited to Outdoor Chapel....Elementary, Middle School, High School, Adults...young and old....**EVERYONE!!** We are outside, wearing masks, staying 6 feet apart and celebrating our love for God together (and all in less than one hour!!) Communion is always served!! (Please bring your own chair and blankets).

#### **Livestream Service In Person at 10:30 a.m.**

On Sundays, 70 Reconcilers will be allowed in the sanctuary for our 10:30am service, with overflow seating outside.

#### **Communion in the Courtyard, 11:45am-12:15pm**

Communion in the Courtyard is a Celebration of Communion Under Special Circumstances, which our clergy and Eucharistic Ministers celebrate on visits to parishioners. You are invited every Sunday.

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY**

**Jan, Kimberly, Ron, Greg,**

**Nora, Reese, Benny, Garnet, Kes, Randy,**  
**John, Jim, Susan, Audie, Stella, Robert, Betty,**  
**Charlie, Renee, Alice, Kim, Sue, Bud, Carolyn,**  
**Brian, Dru, Jim, Randy, Flora, Laureen, Susan,**  
**Larry, and Shanna.**

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