



10:30

January 8, 2023

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, you may email the church office at info@cor-satx.org to receive our weekly e-mail.

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 are available upon request.

Adult Formation will be on hiatus until February 5th.

Hospitality Ministry

We hope you enjoy Coffee Hour. We are in need of more volunteers to keep this wonderful ministry going. Our Hospitality Ministry consists of two parts. One part is the Coffee Hour held each Sunday after the 10:30 service and the other part consists of special events such as weddings, funeral, or other celebrations.

It is our goal to have enough members participate so we only serve one time each quarter. **We are currently in need of volunteers to provide food and stay during Coffee Hour. Please contact Brenda Moneer at bmoneer@hotmail.com.**

Mid-Winter Camp at Camp Capers
During the first weeks of January, Camp Capers offers three weekend overnight camp sessions for elementary, junior high, and high school campers. Mid-Winter Camp is a time for reuniting with friends, making new ones, growing and learning in faith, campfires, outdoor games, singing, worship, and more. Scholarships are available. Contact Camp Capers, at camp.capers@dwtx.org, or visit dwtx.org/capers.

**Adult Bible Study
Tuesdays, 1:30pm on Zoom
Resumes on JANUARY 24**

Led by Rev. Josh, each week we will gather via Zoom to read, study, and reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary readings. Please join us for this time of fellowship and formation as we learn and grow together in our faith. Email info@cor-satx.org for the Zoom info.

Young Adults

Save the date for our next gathering on Friday, January 20th, 6pm-8pm. Details TBA.

SUNDAY SERVICES
8:00am – Holy Eucharist (no music)
9:00am - Christian Education & Formation
9:30 am - Family Faith Formation
10:30am – Holy Eucharist (livestreamed, with music)
MIDWEEK SERVICE
12:30PM - Wednesdays

GLEF (Gay and Lesbian Episcopalians and Friends) Brown Bag Dinner

After three long years, GLEF will finally meet again for their monthly gathering **TODAY at 6:30pm** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, located at 1018 E Grayson St, San Antonio, TX.

GLEF will be joining Dignity in a "Brown Bag" Dinner after their Eucharist service. For those who wish to share the Eucharist with Dignity, they meet at 5:30pm. Contact: Danny Jolly, GLEF Moderator, (210) 218-4680

2023 Altar Flowers
It has been our custom to let Reconcilers to commemorate an event or loved one through purchasing the altar flowers on a Sunday of their choice. You can sign up for a date using the chart in the narthex, or contact Erica at 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. You may take the flowers home after the 10:30 service! **Our new chart is up in the narthex! Sign up today!**

Parks and Rec Hike Club

Join us at on our next hike on Saturday, **January 14th at 10am** at Government Canyon, located at 12861 Galm Road, San Antonio, TX 78254. Please note that this will be a more strenuous hike than usual.

Today's altar flowers are given by Gaye Leia King in honor of her daughter Lauren Sjulín's birthday.

PRELUDE

PROCESSION AND THE OPENING HYMN

**On This Day
Hymnal #92**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Lector: A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

**Isaiah 60:1-6
Read by Jennifer Murphy**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84

***Refrain:* Happy are they who dwell in your house,
O Lord, who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh cry to the living God. *Refrain*

The sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest;
Your altars, O Lord, my King and my God. *Refrain*

Happy are they who abide in your house,
you are their strength, your praises they will sing. *Refrain*

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:1-12

Lector: A reading from Ephesians.

Read by Mark Mangus

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

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.

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

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Judith Rhodes

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 481

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith together.

All:

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us.

You are God.

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.**

You came to us before we came to you.

**You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.**

You are with us now.

You are God.

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Read by Suzanne Scott

Intercessor: Blessed are you eternal God,
to be praised and glorified for ever.

Heavenly Father, hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church.
May we all be one that the world may believe.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; today, in our diocesan cycle of prayer, we give thanks for Church of the Epiphany, Kingsville, St. Timothy's, Cotulla, St. Christopher's, Bandera, and Grace Church, San Antonio.
that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Today, we remember those from our human family who have died,
Father, into your hands we commend them.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.
May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble, especially those in Ukraine; those we name either silently or aloud ____; and from our parish family: Jan, Kimberly, Ron, Garnet, Kes, Stella, Robert, John, Betty, Carolyn, Marguerite, Kevin, Tiffany, John, Kathy, Bill, Lindsey, Della, Connie, Shanin and family, and Rich;
In your presence may they find strength.

Look with your kindness on our homes and families.
Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

Make us alive to the needs of our community; today especially we remember medical workers, first responders, and military personnel.
Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Ron, our mayor, Greg, our governor, and Joe, our president,
Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, David and Rayford, our Bishops, and Josh and Judy, our priests.
Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel.

All: God our hope, may your blessing empower our thanksgivings and our prayer; for we put our trust in you the living God, risking disappointment, risking failure, working and waiting expectantly. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister Let us confess our sins to God.

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

**Gather Us In
With One Voice #718**

Here in this place a new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame
Call to us now, and we shall awaken. We shall arise at the sound of our name.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy birthday to:

Charles Parrish	1/9
Dinah Taylor	1/9
Thad Robertson	1/10
Lee Mick	1/11

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

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Listening Carol by K. Lee Scott

How silent waits the listening earth beneath a cloud-dark sky, no star to mark the midnight birth, The new-born baby's cry; till angel voices lift their songs and glory shines abroad, for him to whom all praise belongs, a Savior, Christ the Lord.

On trembling feet, from flock to fold, the shepherds hasten down; the child of whom the angels told is born in David's town. They gaze in wide-eyed wonder there on Mary's child asleep, the Lamb of God, our sins to bear, the Shepherd of his sheep.

By mountain ways and deserts wide, from kingly courts afar, the wise men in their wisdom ride beneath a traveling star. Beyond the treasure wealth can buy, the truths by sages heard, there shines the wisdom from on high in God's incarnate Word.

To him whom now by faith we know with angel choirs we sing: and like the wise, so long ago, our treasures too we bring. O child to whom the shepherds came and knelt to you along, we name your everlasting name, the Lamb upon his throne. The lamb upon his throne!

DOXOLOGY

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him – give him my heart.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.**

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:

Celebrant and People

SANCTUS (*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 to the Giver of light.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
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Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosannah to the Giver of light.
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The people stand or kneel.

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 all 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 our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*)

G7

**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 for 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 FRACTION

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world, the star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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.

THE GREETING AT THE RAIL

Greeting: Christ has come.

Response: Let us receive him.

COMMUNION MUSIC

The First Nowell
Hymnal #109

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

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN

**As with gladness men of old
Hymnal #119 verses 1, 2, 4**

THE DISMISSAL

The Priest dismisses the people saying:

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

The People Respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Elementary Ministry:

Ages: 4 years old through 4th Grade

Family Faith Formation: Sundays from 9:30-10:20am in the Children's Building.

Rec Middle School Ministry:

Ages: 5th Grade thru 8th Grade

Middle School Faith Formation: Sundays from 9:30-10:20 a.m. in the Rec Room

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

Rec High School Ministry:

Ages: 9th-12th Grade

High School Faith Formation: Sundays from 9:30-10:20 a.m. in the Rec Room

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

Please call/text or email Jennifer Murphy at 210-725-3080 or jennifer@cor-satx.org for more information.

**Serving and Ministering This Sunday
January 8, 2023**

8:00

Verger: Lou Navarro

Lector: Annis Marshall

Prayers of the People: Annis Marshall

Intincter: Brandi Simpson

Altar Guild: Priscilla Coppock Team

Usher:

10:30

Verger: Lou Navarro

Lectors: Jennifer Murphy, Mark Mangus

Prayers of the People: Suzanne Scott

Intincter: Katheryn Cox

Acolytes: Forest Gwin, Lincoln Gwin,
Ruben Seitz, Michael Seitz

Altar Guild: Priscilla Coppock Team

Ushers: Eddie Cox (lead), Pat Patterson,
Mike Moneer

Greeters: April Toman (lead), Jim Simpson

Breakfast: Team Steed

Hospitality: Cynthia Murray, Sue Navarro

**Second Sunday Service Day
for Children, Youth and Families**

Please make plans to join us for **Second Sunday Service Day!** This time will be set aside for ALL of our Children, Youth and Families (and anyone else who would like to join us) to serve our San Antonio community, right here in our very own **Brown Hall**. Service projects will vary, but we will finish in time for the 10:30 service. (This time of service will take the place of Family Faith Formation for the week.) Additional service opportunities will continue to be offered throughout the school year for our Middle School and High School Youth. Any questions?!? Please call/text or email Jennifer Murphy.

Upcoming Second Sunday Service Days:
Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12

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