



10:30

May 21, 2023

Seventh 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.

Rev. Josh and Laura's Final Sunday

We will bid Rev. Josh and Laura farewell on Sun., 5/28 with **ONLY ONE SERVICE at 10:00am.**

Please join us for the service, which will feature special music, prayers, and more. We will have a reception in Brown Hall afterward.

Cards for Rev. Josh and Laura

In anticipation of Rev. Josh and Laura's last Sunday with us on **May 28**, we invite you to consider writing them a card or letter either:

- in person on a Sunday
- by snail mail to the church address: 8900 Starcrest Dr., San Antonio, TX 78217.

If you plan to send by snail mail, please put it in the mail no later than Wednesday, May 24.

Camp Scholarships

Anyone in need of a **camp scholarship** this summer? Please chat with Jennifer Murphy ASAP!! (We are trying to get this taken care of before July 2!)

Parks and Rec Hike Club

Join us for our next hike on **Saturday, May 27th at 10am at Hardberger Park.** We will meet at the dog park, located at 13203 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216. Afterward, we will have lunch at Two Bros. BBQ Market, 12656 West Ave, San Antonio, TX 78216. Text/call Erica at (805) 276-1502 if you are having trouble finding us.

Safeguarding God's Children

Just a reminder that anyone who volunteers with children and youth on our campus, must complete Safeguarding God's Children online training. This training needs to be renewed every 5 years. If you are interested in being trained or having your training renewed, please chat with Jennifer Murphy as soon as possible. We are trying to get as many people trained (or renewed), prior to Jennifer leaving on July 2. Thanks in advance for your desire to keep our community safe!!

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)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 27** - Hike Day
- **May 28** – Pentecost; Rev. Josh's last Sunday
- **June 7, 14, 21, 28:** Rec's Very Best Summer Nights
- **June 16:** Young Adults
- **June 18:** Father's Day
- **June 24:** Hike Day

Rec's Very Best Summer Nights is BACK!!

June 7, 14, 21 and 28 6-8pm in Brown Hall

We hope **EVERYONE** will make plans to join us for Wednesday nights, during the month of June, for the return of **Rec's Very Best Summer Nights**. Come for dinner with friends and stay for an evening filled with a whole lot of fun, mixed with a little bit of serious. This year, our theme is **"Loving What God Loves,"** where we will focus on ways that we can all love and care for God's creation! This is an intergenerational event. The cost is **free**, but please register so that we know how many people to prepare for. To sign up:

<https://cor-satx.org/signup-for-events/>

We are also looking for volunteers for set-up, dinner prep and clean-up. Please chat with Jennifer Murphy if you are able to help!

Today's altar flowers are given by
Bobby and Christine Hausser in honor
of their 43rd wedding anniversary:
"Praise the Lord."

PRELUDE

THE OPENING HYMN

Christ is Alive
Hymnal #182, verses 1, 3, 5

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.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Lector: A Reading from Acts.

Acts 1:6-14

Read by Roderick "Pat" Patterson

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 68

Refrain: God, in your goodness, you have made a home, you have made a home for the poor.

Your presence all around them, the just proclaim your glory;
laughing, dancing, singing, they revel in your story.
O let us sing our praises! God's name inspire our song,
for God is ever near us, let our praise be loud and long. *Refrain*

A parent to the orphan, the widow's strong defender,
this is how our God is, both terrible and tender.
With mercy for the lowly, God builds for them a home,
to lead them into freedom in a land to call their own. *Refrain*

Upon a thirsty nation, you rained refreshing rain,
and when your own were starving, you gave them life again.
So where there once was nothing, a nation formed and grew;
a home at last, a country vast the poor received from you. *Refrain*

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A reading from first Peter.

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Read by Madeline Spencer-Marshall

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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 17:1-11

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Jennifer Murphy

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *by Joan Chittister*

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith together.

**We believe that God creates all things,
renews all things and celebrates all things.**

**We believe Earth is a sanctuary,
a sacred planet filled with God's presence,
a home for us to share with all creatures,
and that every creature is a manifestation of God's love.**

**We believe that God became incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth,
who lived as one of us, healed, reconciled,
and called us friends.**

He suffered and died on a cross, the ultimate act of love.

We believe that the Risen Christ fills the whole of Creation.

We believe the Spirit breathes life into all that is.

We believe that with the Risen Christ we are rooted and grounded in Eternal Love.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Read by Marise Melson

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 especially pray for medical workers, first responders, and military personnel.

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. Today, in our diocesan cycle of prayer, we give thanks for Church of the Ascension, Montell and Church of the Ascension, Refugio.

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: Jan, Kimberly, Ron, Garnet, Kes, Robert, John, Betty, Carolyn, Marguerite, Kevin, Tiffany, Jeffrey, Brenda, Larry, Roger, Jay, Marilyn, Arthur, Catherine, John, Daniel, Suzanne, Nancy, Becky, and those we name either silently or aloud____; 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 Stella Brown; 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.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

BIRTHDAYS

Luis Navarro, Sr. 5/20

Peter Maddox 5/21

Ed Weitz 5/22

Liz Thomas 5/25

Linden Shay 5/25

MILESTONES

Bobby and Christine Hausser are celebrating their 43rd wedding anniversary.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

The Circle Grows Wider Still

“A Milestone Blessing”

By Christine V. Hides

(based on Godly Play language)

As you journey and grow, may God come so close to you, and you come so close to God, that you know all of God is in every place, in all of creation.

Carry with you the gifts given to you before you were born by the One who said such amazing things and did such wonderful things that people still know the Divine in every season, in every mystery, in the bread and the wine.

Remember that you are always part of this sacred circle where the Spirit moves among us like a dove, bringing comfort and strength. You are storytellers and peacemakers, light bearers and people of God, creating the part that hasn't been written yet. **Amen.**

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

Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)
Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)
When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
Oh, when He washed (When Jesus washed)
When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
He washed my sins away (Oh, happy day)
Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)

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Oh, when He washed (When Jesus washed)
When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
He washed my sins away (Oh, happy day)
Oh, it's a happy day (Oh, happy day)

O Happy Day by Edwin R. Hawkins

He taught me how (He taught me how)
To watch and watch and pray Watch and
pray
And live rejoicing every day Every day

Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)
Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)
When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
Oh, when He washed (When Jesus washed)
When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
He washed my sins away (Oh, happy day)
Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)

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 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.

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:

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 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 children; 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pulkingham

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed by 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

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 is risen.

Response: He is risen indeed.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Instrumental

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 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

Celebrant: Be present to today. Do not worry about what might happen tomorrow. The same God who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow. God will either shield you from suffering or you will be given the unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and cast aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations. And the blessing of God almighty—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be with you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

**Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
Hymnal #460
Verses 1, 2, 4**

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**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.**

Use this QR code to make a donation to Rec via PayPal.

**Serving and Ministering This Sunday
May 21, 2023****8:00****Verger:** Lou Navarro**Lector:** Susan Ennis**Prayers of the People:** Susan Ennis**Intincter:** Carol Westerkom**Chalice:** Timothy Webber**Altar Guild:** Team II (Sally Scurlock Team)**Ushers:** Robert and Annis Marshall**10:30****Verger:** Lou Navarro**Livestream:** Christie Smith**Lectors:** Pat Patterson, Madeline Spencer-Marshall**Prayers of the People:** Marise Melson**Intincter:** Joan West**Chalice:** Terry Arata-Maiers**Acolytes:** Forest Gwin, Lincoln Gwin, Stewart Swann, Clayton Swann**Altar Guild:** Team II (Sally Scurlock Team)**Ushers:** Leslie Allison (lead), Mike Moneer, Pat Patterson**Greeters:** April Toman (lead), Jann Steed**Breakfast:** Team Mangus**Coffee Hour:** Katheryn and Eddie Cox, Jude Castillo**Adult Formation****Bridges to Contemplative Living by Thomas Merton - April 16 - June 4th****Sundays, 9am in Alban Classroom**

Led by Elizabeth Neally, this study is an opportunity to engage in contemplative dialogue, study and prayer. There is no homework. The book is meant to be read in our class along with meditation, centering prayer and contemplative dialogue.

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