



10:30

August 20, 2023

12th Sunday after Pentecost

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.

HELP NEEDED! The Return of Hot Breakfast on September 3!

The Breakfast Team Ministry is still in need of volunteers. **A THANK YOU to the three people who have volunteered so far, but we need a few more people to create a team.** It's not as hard as it seems. Breakfast can be something very simple like tacos or eggs and bacon. There is an opportunity for people of all skill levels on a breakfast team.

Please think about Reconcilers you would love to get to know better or spend more time with—perhaps you could become a team and spend every six weeks or so cooking for and serving others! It can be a lot of fun! We plan to begin in September and we really need YOU! If you're interested, please contact Jann Steed at jann02@sbcglobal.net or 210-317-5093!

Directories Available in Brown Hall

At long last, our 2023 parish directory is ready! Thank you to everyone for submitting photos and updating their information.

You can purchase a black and white copy for a suggested donation of \$2, or a color copy for \$5. Directories are available in Brown Hall. The directory will also be available online.

Season of Creation

We will celebrate Season of Creation this year from **September 3 to October 1**. This year's themes will be earth, wind, fire, water, and air. On October 1, we will have our annual St. Francis Day/Blessing of the Animals. More details to come!

What is Season of Creation? It is celebrated by Christians around the world as a time for renewing, repairing and restoring our relationship to God, one another, and all of creation.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (*no music*)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **September 3:** Return of Hot Breakfast
- **September 3-October 1:** Season of Creation
- **September 17:** Parish Profile Meeting
- **September 24:** Children's Liturgy at 10:30

Bible Study Tuesdays, 1:30pm on Zoom

Join us on Zoom for our weekly Bible Study every Tuesday! Led by Charles Daniels, we will focus on the Sunday lectionary readings for that week. **All are welcome!** We will post the Zoom link in the Wednesday email.

Email Charles Daniels at lester924@gmail.com to join the email list or with questions.

Children, Youth, and Families

- **Children and Youth Choir:** Practice starts 20 August after the 10:30 Service (12-1) in the Sanctuary
 - **MS/HS Youth Group** starts Wednesday, 6 September from 6:30-8:00 pm
 - **MS/HS Second Sunday Service Project:** 10 Sep from 9-10 am in the Rec Room. We will be making lunches for Haven for Hope
 - **Godly Play** starts 10 Sep for 4 year old through 4th grade in the Godly Play room from 9-10 am
 - Children's Liturgy is **24 Sep at the 10:30 Service**
- Contact: Jude Castillo at jude@cor-satx.org

**Contemplative Living with Fr. Phil
Sundays, 9am-10am in the Library**

Join us for a guided meditation and informal discussion on Thomas Merton's "Becoming Who You Already Are (Bridges to Contemplative Living)" book. There is no homework; the book is meant to be read during each meeting. You are not required to read or purchase the book to attend! Contact Julia Coffey with questions at jdcoffey1@satx.rr.com.

Today's altar flowers are given by Sara Straube and Audie Stone in loving memory of Joe Straube and Jason Sanchez.

Rector Search: Parish Profile Workshop

All Are Welcome

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 17th** after the 10:30 service. **We will only have ONE service on that day.**

All are welcome to participate in the development of our parish profile. We will be joined by Mike Besson and other representatives from the diocese, who will help facilitate the workshop.

What is a parish profile?

- A document that provides important information concerning a parish, including information about the parish's services and programs, budget, parish life and goals, and previous clergy.
- The preparation of the parish profile may be part of the congregation's work to clarify goals and needs in beginning the search process for a member of the clergy.

Once finished, the parish profile will be made available to clergy who are interested in a call to Rec.

Come and make your thoughts known!

Questions? Email Fr. Phil at rector@cor-satx.org or April Toman at april.toman@gmail.com.

THE PRELUDE

OPENING MEDITATION

Fr. Phil Mason

THE OPENING HYMN

O Bless the Lord My Soul
Hymnal #411, Verses 1-2, 5-6

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and 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. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 45:1-15

Lector: A Reading from Genesis.

Read by Madeline Spencer-Marshall

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’

And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67

Refrain: O God, O God, let all the nations praise you.

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. *Refrain*

Let nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. *Refrain*

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us blessing till the ends of the earth stand in awe. *Refrain*

THE EPISTLE

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

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Read by Gaye Leia King

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**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

Matthew 15:10-28

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

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit."

But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE 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 human.
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 Ed Reischling

Intercessor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for David, our Diocesan Bishop, for David, our Bishop Coadjutor, for Phil, our priest, and for all other ministers, and for all the holy people of God,
We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Today, in our diocesan cycle of prayer, we give thanks for St. Helena's, Boerne and Grace Church, Weslaco. We also pray for the other churches in our diocese who are also in transition: Church of the Advent, Brownsville; St. Helena's, Boerne; St. Matthew's, Universal City; Church of the Messiah, Gonzales; St. Matthew's, Edinburg and Trinity, Pharr;
We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples,
We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our president, Greg, our governor, and Ron, our mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person,
We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster,

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger, especially those in Ukraine; those affected by the wildfires in Maui; those we name either silently or aloud ____; and from our parish family: Jan, Kimberly, Garnet, Kes, Robert, John, Betty, Carolyn, Kevin, Tiffany, Jeffrey, Marilyn, John, Suzanne, Gail, Laureen, Cynthia, Greg, Brenda, Smokey, Bobby, Michelle, and Lillian, that they may be relieved and protected,

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially those we name either silently or aloud ____; and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal,

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The Celebrant reads the Concluding Collect.

O Great God, thank you for living and loving in us and through us. May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all beings. Help us become a community that vulnerably shares each other's burdens and the weight of glory. Listen to our heart's longings for the healing of our world. Knowing you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

**All: God of all mercy,
 we confess that we have sinned against you,
 opposing your will in our lives.
 We have denied your goodness in each other,
 in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
 We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
 the evil we have done,
 and the evil done on our behalf.
 Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
 through our Savior Jesus Christ,
 that we may abide in your love
 and serve only your will. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

THE GATHERING HYMN

Seek Ye First

See ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

You are invited to come to the altar rail for a blessing if you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary.

Carol Bishop	8/21
Bruce Flohr	8/22
Hall Hammond	8/22
Brennan Plant	8/24
Joe Lamm	8/25

*If you would like your birthday, anniversary,
or other milestone mentioned here, please email erica@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

Music of the Morning by Pepper Choplin

THE DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from who whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Oh Praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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:

Celebrant and People (sung)

S130 (Schubert)

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

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."

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.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

Music by Cindy Sanchez

**Our Father, which are 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, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom the power and glory forevermore. 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

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

Greeting:

The KIN-dom of God is yours today.

Response:

And yours also.

COMMUNION MUSIC

**We the Lord's People
Hymnal #51**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, let us pray.
**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Celebrant and People:

In the name of this Congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN

**Thou, Whose Almighty Word
Hymnal #371**

BENEDICTION *(To the tune of Edelweiss)*

May the Lord, mighty God,
bless and keep you forever;
grant you peace, perfect peace,
courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face,
full of grace forever;
may the Lord, mighty God,
bless and keep you forever.

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 9:00-10:20am in the Children's Building.*

***ON SUMMER HIATUS**

Rec Middle School Ministry:

Ages: 5th Grade thru 8th Grade

Middle School Faith Formation: Sundays from 9:00-10:20 a.m. in the Rec Room*

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

***ON SUMMER HIATUS**

Rec High School Ministry:

Ages: 9th-12th Grade

High School Faith Formation: Sundays from 9:00-10:20 a.m. in the Rec Room*

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

***ON SUMMER HIATUS**

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

Serving and Ministering This Sunday

August 20, 2023

8:00

Verger: Erica Valle

Lector: Jim Simpson

Prayers of the People: Jim Simpson

Chalice: Carol Westerkom

Intincter: Jude Castillo

Altar Guild: Team III (Priscilla Coppock Team)

Usher: Annis and Robert Marshall

Prayer Team: Bruce Groenke, Rodney Gray

10:30

Verger: Erica Valle

Livestream: Nathan Roller

Lectors: Madeline Spencer-Marshall, Gaye Leia King

Prayers of the People: Ed Reischling

Intincter: Phyllis Kline

Chalice: Mike Moneer

Acolytes: Jamie Bentley, Forest Gwin, Lincoln Gwin, Elim Pritchett

Altar Guild: Team III (Priscilla Coppock Team)

Ushers: Eddie Cox (lead), Bill Schiller, Derek Charette

Prayer Team: Betty Graham, Martha Sam

Greeters: Jann Steed and April Toman

Coffee Hour: Mercedes Zamudio and Sally Reischling

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