# Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word, preaching salvation through believing in Christ as our Savior. We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways. March 10, 2021

#### Midweek Lenten Worship

7:00PM

Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

†Call to Worship

Pastor: Let all who call upon Christ their Savior come together tonight. *People: For we remember the trial and punishment Jesus suffered.* Pastor: We remember those that mocked him and said he must die. *People: And we remember how Jesus was silent, and alone.* Pastor: All this was necessary as the cost of our salvation. *People: Blessed be the name of the Lord!* 

†Opening Hymn

#178, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

<sup>†</sup>Unison Prayer of Confession – Most gracious and merciful Father, Whose Son is our source of salvation: we thank you that the tragedies which Jesus endured were not without purpose, for they led to our redemption. In response, may we be courageous and steadfast in our faith, humble and sincere in our confessions, and open and accepting of your forgiveness. May our sins be destroyed, enabling us to live a new life in the service of Christ, and bringing honor and glory to you! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn Sing

#68, "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #65, "The Wonder of It All" #88, "Fairest Lord Jesus" #262, "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Scripture Reading Matthew 26:1-5, 14-16

Matthew 26:1-5, 14-16; John 18:1-3, 10-14; Matthew 26:57-68

Evening Presentation "An Interview with Caiaphas" (Adapted from "20<sup>th</sup> Century Interviews with Biblical Characters by Rev. Duane Wuggazer) 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christian – Roger Zimmerman; Caiaphas – Pastor Erich

†Closing Hymn

**†**Closing Prayer

#345, "Blessed Assurance"

(Loose offerings divided between the Aroles and Back Bay Mission)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

## **Tonight's Worship Servants**

Accompanist – Lynne Christman Easy Worship – Kelly Ducey Live Stream – Jocelyn Walker

## **Scripture Readings**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: <sup>2</sup> a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, <sup>3</sup> a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, <sup>4</sup> a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, <sup>5</sup> a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, <sup>6</sup> a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, <sup>7</sup> a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, <sup>8</sup> a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

**Matthew 26:1-5** When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup> "As you know, the Passover is two days away-- and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified." <sup>3</sup> Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup> and they plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill him. <sup>5</sup> "But not during the Feast," they said, "or there may be a riot among the people."

**Matthew 26:14-16** Then one of the Twelve -- the one called Judas Iscariot-- went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup> and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to Song Leader - Roger Zimmerman Sound – James Grime Usher – Greg Walker

you?" So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. <sup>16</sup> From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

**John 18:1-3** When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, and he and his disciples went into it. <sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons.

John 18:10-14 Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup> Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?" <sup>12</sup> Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him <sup>13</sup> and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it would be good if one man died for the people.

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Matthew 26:57-68 Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. 58 But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome. <sup>59</sup> The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. <sup>60</sup> But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward <sup>61</sup> and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days." 62 Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" <sup>63</sup> But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." 64 "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." 65 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. 66 What do you think?" "He is worthy of death," they answered. <sup>67</sup> Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him <sup>68</sup> and said, "Prophesy to us, Christ. Who hit you?"



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