

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 15, 2022 | 7:00PM



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.*

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP - SERVICE OF TENABRAE

“Tenebrae” means shadows or darkness. This is a service which moves from light to darkness, symbolizing the fading loyalty of the followers of Jesus, impressing upon us the reality of sin which made necessary Jesus’ death for us. Eight candles are used in the service. Seven represent the seven readings as well as the seven last words of Jesus from the cross. The eighth represents the Christ Candle. One by one, the candles will be extinguished, reminding us of the darkness which covered the earth at the time of Jesus’ crucifixion, and the darkness which would exist in our lives had the “Light of the World” not come. The exit of the Christ Candle at the close of the service represents the fulfillment of the sacrifice of the Cross, and the loss in our lives without him. The Christ Candle is not extinguished, symbolic of the eternal light of God’s love and in anticipation of the Spirit of Christ being alive in the world.

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome, Scripture, and Prayer

Psalm 22:1-5, 22-24

†Call to Worship

L: Tonight we gather to remember the journey and the suffering of the cross.

P: As God’s people we seek to remember his sacrifice tonight.

L: We journey through God’s Word aware of our thoughts and emotions.

P: We respond with thanksgiving, humbleness, brokenness and grace.

†Hymn

#183, “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Scripture

Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-10

Evening Message

“Jesus, the Son of God”

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

The First Candle ~ The Darkness of Betrayal

The Words of the Psalmist

Psalm 34:15-18

The Words in the Upper Room

Matthew 26:20-25

The Second Candle ~ The Darkness of Desertion

The Words of the Psalmist

Psalm 41:7-9

The Words on the Way to the Garden

Matthew 26:31-35

The Third Candle ~ The Darkness of Loneliness

The Words of the Psalmist

Psalm 31:9-14

The Words in the Garden

Matthew 26:36-46

Hymn

#186, “The Old Rugged Cross”

The Fourth Candle ~ The Darkness of Accusation

The Words of Trial

Mark 14:53, 57-64; 15:1-5; Luke 23:7, 11

The Fifth Candle ~ The Darkness of Denial

The Words of the Courtyard

Matthew 26:69-75

The Words of Remorse

Matthew 27:1-5

The Sixth Candle ~ The Darkness of Rejection

The Words Before Pilate

Luke 23:13-24

Hymn

#185, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

(Standing the Cross)

The Seventh Candle ~ The Darkness of Crucifixion and Burial

The Words on the Cross

Luke 23:33-34, 39-43; John 19:26-30;

Matthew 27:45-46; Luke 23:46-48

Hymn

#178, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

(Draping of the Cross)

The Words of Burial

Luke 23:50-56

The Christ Candle ~ Exit of the Christ Candle

(The crash of cymbals symbolizes the agony of Jesus' death and the earthquake)

The Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

Song of the Suffering Servant

Isaiah 53:4-9

Hymn

#181, v. 1-3, "Were You There?"

Dismissal Blessing

Please depart from the sanctuary tonight in silence.

Exit Offering

LOOSE OFFERINGS support the ministries of the Arole's and Back Bay Mission.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Acolyte: Avery Roth

Lay Reader: Brad Roth

Accompanist: Lynne Christman

Song Leader: Buffy Riley

Sound Tech: James Grime

Easy Worship: Kelly Ducey

Live Stream Tech: Ryan Christman

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

6:15 a.m. Life Planning prepares Easter Breakfast

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service in the Sanctuary

8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast in the Parish Hall

8:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (JYF hosting)

9:15 a.m. Confirmation/Sunday School/Faith Village

10:30 a.m. Easter Worship in the Sanctuary and YouTube Live

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 22:1-5 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? ² O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent. ³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel. ⁴ In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. ⁵ They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

Psalm 22:22-24 I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you. ²³ You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! ²⁴ For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

Hebrews 4:14-16 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-- yet was without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 5:7-10 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

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