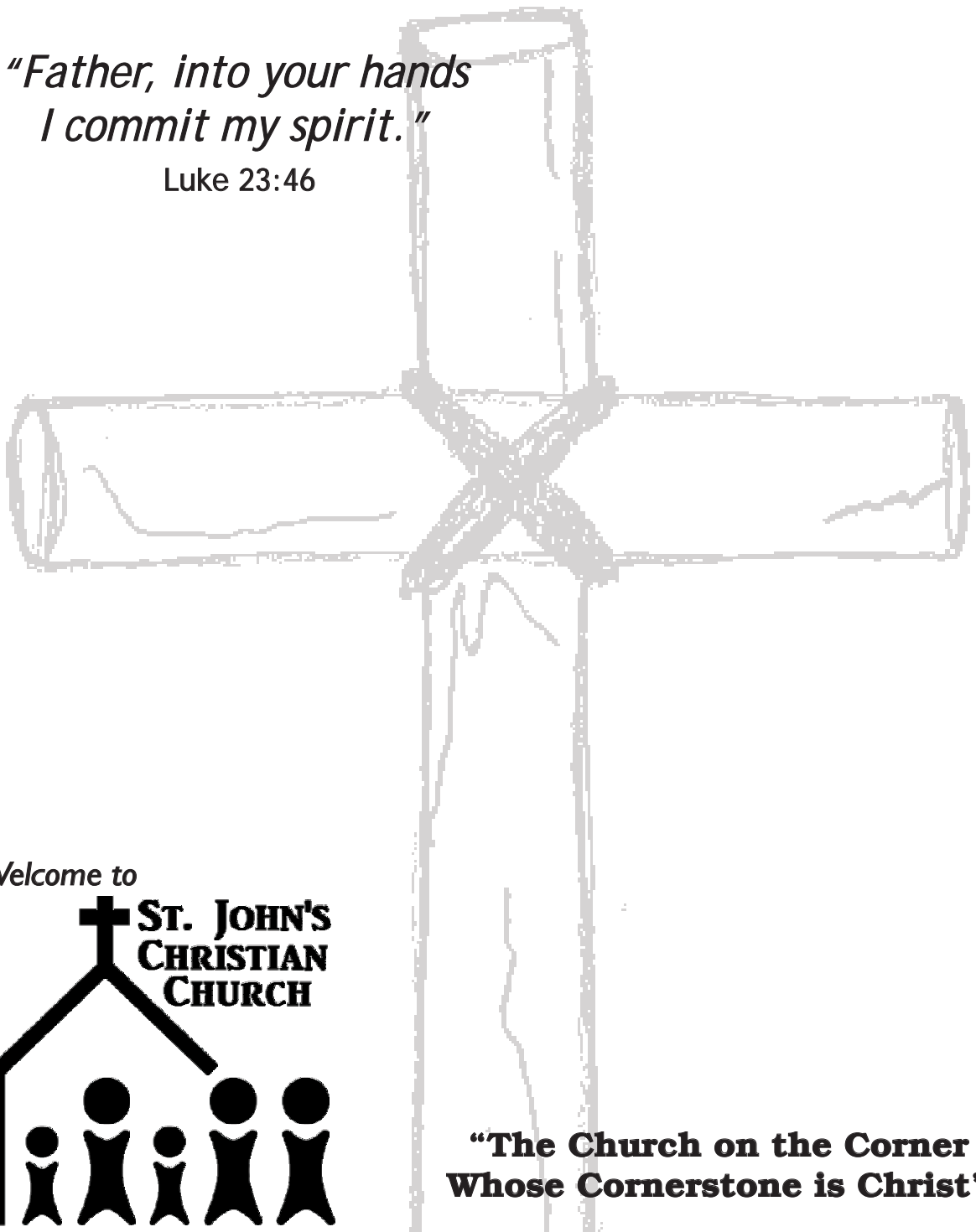


*"Father, into your hands
I commit my spirit."*

Luke 23:46



Welcome to



**ST. JOHN'S
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**

**"The Church on the Corner
Whose Cornerstone is Christ"**

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

Good Friday Worship - Service of Tenebrae

“Tenebrae” means shadows or darkness. This is a service of worship 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 other 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.

Welcome, Scripture and Prayer

Psalm 22 (p. 731)

† Call to Worship (L – Leader; *P – People*)

L: Tonight we gather to remember the journey and pain 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”

Evening Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“When Jesus Wept”

Chancel Choir

“Hope of the World”

The Passion of Our Lord

The First Candle ~ The Darkness of Betrayal

The Words of the Psalmist

Psalm 34:15-18 (p. 550)

The Words in the Upper Room

Matthew 26:20-25 (p. 985)

The Second Candle ~ The Darkness of Desertion

The Words of the Psalmist

Psalm 41:7-9 (p. 556)

The Words on the Way to the Garden

Matthew 26:31-35 (p. 985)

The Third Candle ~ The Darkness of Loneliness

The Words of the Psalmist

Psalm 31:9-14 (p. 548)

The Words in the Garden

Matthew 26:36-46 (p. 985)

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 (p. 1008); Luke 23:7, 11 (p. 1045)

The Fifth Candle ~ The Darkness of Denial

The Words of the Courtyard

Matthew 26:69-75 (p. 986)

The Words of Remorse

Matthew 27:1-5 (p. 987)

Special Music

“The Day He Wore My Crown”

Deb Schnitkey

The Sixth Candle ~ The Darkness of Rejection

The Words Before Pilate

Luke 23:13-24 (p. 1045)

Evening Message

“The Day on Which the Courage of Mankind Failed”

Hymn – back cover

“The Wonderful Cross/When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

(Entrance of the Cross)

The Seventh Candle ~ The Darkness of Crucifixion and Burial

The Words on the Cross

Luke 23:33-34, 39-43 (p. 1046); John 19:26-30 (p. 1073);

Matthew 27:45-46 (p. 988); Luke 23:46-48 (p. 1046)

Special Music

“How Beautiful”

Lynne Christman and Norm Fether

(Draping of the Cross)

The Words of the Burial

Luke 23:50-56 (p. 1047)

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 (p. 731)

Special Music – #181

“Were You There?”

Verse 1 – Mike Meyer

Verse 2 – Annie Foote, Deb Schnitkey, Mike Meyer, Joel Foote

Verse 3 – Congregation

†Dismissal Blessing

Please depart from the service tonight in silence.

This Evening’s Worship Servants:

Acolyte Emma Nafziger

Accompanist Deb Schnitkey

Head Usher Jon Lindsay

Song Leader Lynne Christman

Ushers Duane & Linda Hayes, Brad & Aimee Roth

Guitar Brandon Lehman

Readers Jan Lindsay, Mike Meyer

Sound Tech James Grime

Our Loose Offerings and Lenten Coin Offerings support the ministries of the Arole’s in India and Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. Coin folders may be put in the designated box in the Sanctuary Narthex.

Easter Sunday Schedule

6:15AM Senior Youth Fellowship meets to prepare Breakfast

7:00AM Sunrise Worship Service in the Sanctuary

8:00AM Breakfast in the Parish Hall (Free will offering collected to support SYF)

8:45AM Easter Egg Hunt in the Chapel (Hosted by Junior Youth Fellowship)

9:15AM Confirmation / Sunday School / Faith Village

10:30AM Easter Worship in the Sanctuary

The Wonderful Cross/When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Verse 2

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name

Verse 3

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

Repeat Chorus

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