



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"

Come **H**ear the **R**eason we're **I**nspired to **S**erve **T**ogether



*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 24, 2021

7:00PM

Midweek Lenten Worship

Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Revelation 2:7

Logos Hand Bells

“Two Meditations on the Cross”

†Call to Worship

Pastor: During Lent we gather to celebrate the Passion of Christ.

People: But we're also here to behold the compassion of Jesus.

Pastor: Even though we sin and fall short, our Lord comes to us in compassion when we acknowledge him as our Savior.

People: Like the thief on the cross, we want to be with Jesus in paradise!

Pastor: Then accept his grace and rejoice in his eternal love!

†Opening Hymn

#486, Brown “Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Compassionate Father, who accepts sinners and redeems them to new life only by the grace of Jesus: Like the criminal who was killed with Jesus, we are sinners who seek forgiveness. Reveal to us the same grace and compassion, which are more powerful than the sins of those who reject him. Then give us the faith to respond to your love, that we may be strengthened to believe in and accept the salvation you offer through Christ Jesus your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hymn Sing (first verses only, Brown)

#430, “We’re Marching to Zion”

#251, “O Jesus, I Have Promised,” #431, “Sunshine in the Soul”

#434, “Oh, How I Love Jesus,” #169, “Standing on the Promises”

#449, “Into My Heart”

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:32-43

Evening Presentation

“An Interview with the Thief on the Cross”

(Adapted from “20th Century Interviews with Biblical Characters” by Rev. Duane Wuggazer)

21st Century Christian – Andrew Rohrs; The Thief on the Cross (Dismas) – Pastor Alex

†Closing Hymn

#523, “Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”

†Closing Prayer

†Postlude

Scripture Readings

Revelation 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Luke 23:32-43 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals-- one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." ³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." ³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."



Tonight's Worship Servants

Accompanist - Buffy Riley
Easy Worship - Kelly Ducey
Live Stream - Cayla Swisher

Song Leader - Andrew Rohrs
Sound - James Grime
Usher - Greg Walker

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

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