

April 6, 2023 | Maundy Thursday | 7:00pm

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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP - ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome and Prayer

Prelude – *For quiet preparation and reflection*

“A Meditation on ‘It Is Well with My Soul’”

The Pedalavium: The Foot Washing

John 13:1-17

†Congregational Hymn

“My Song Is Love Unknown” (insert)

Act of Confession

Laying our Sins at the Foot of the Cross

Prayer for Forgiveness

Words of Assurance

Evening Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“Lamb of God”

Special Music

Jocelyn Walker & Buffy Riley

“Clean”

Reading from God’s Word

Luke 22:7-38

Sermon

“The Sacred Sacrifice”

Communion Hymn

#322, *“In Remembrance”*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Invitation, Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements

All for Him Quartet: *“Just As I Am”*

Communion Blessing & Benediction

Closing Hymn

#177, *“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

Stripping of the Sanctuary

†Depart in Silent Meditation

***LOOSE OFFERINGS and JESSE TREE DONATIONS support the ministries of the
Arole’s in India and Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi.***

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN’S! Our Communion Table is open to all who confess their sins and accept Christ as Lord and Savior. Juice is served in the trays of the cup.

THE LAST SUPPER is remembered not as the Jewish Passover, but as the Lord’s Supper into which Jesus transformed it for his disciples. Instead of celebrating the escape from slavery in Egypt, it became a celebration of his passing over from death to life in which his followers share.

“Maundy” is the English form of the Latin word “mandatum” meaning “commandment.” This refers to Jesus’ new commandment “...that you love one another. Just as I have loved you...”

THE STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY. Our service for Maundy Thursday concludes with the stripping of the Sanctuary, which is done in silence and in an unhurried, orderly fashion. The practice dates from the seventh century and is a ceremonial custom. In silence and in shadows, communion vessels, pulpit and lectern hangings, and other liturgical objects are sensitively removed, thus dramatizing the desolation, abandonment and darkness of the passion and death of our Lord. The sanctuary remains bare until the beginnings of the Easter celebration. Symbolically, Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist: Rev. Ryan Volkman

Sound Tech: James Grime

Live Stream Tech: Cayla Swisher

Ushers: Bill & Kathy Bostelman

Head Usher: Dave Walker

Song Leader: Rev. Ryan Volkman

Easy Worship Tech: Kelly Ducey

Acolyte: Cagnee Grime

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Friday – GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday – EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service

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

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Luke 22:7-38 - ⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸ Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." ⁹ "Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked. ¹⁰ He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, ¹¹ and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" ¹² He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there." ¹³ They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. ²¹ But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. ²² The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed, but woe to that man who betrays him." ²³ They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this. ²⁴ Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ³¹ "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." ³³ But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." ³⁴ Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me." ³⁵ Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?" "Nothing," they answered. ³⁶ He said to them, "But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. ³⁷ It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors'; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment." ³⁸ The disciples said, "See, Lord, here are two swords." "That is enough," he replied.

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My Song Is Love Unknown



1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me, love
2. He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow; but
3. Some - times they strew his way, and his sweet prais - es sing; re -
4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
5. They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord sent a - way; a



- to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be. O who am
 men cared not, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But oh, my
 • sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then "Cru - ci -
 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet in - ju -
 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet will - ing



- I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 Friend, my Friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
 • fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 ries! Yet all his deeds their ha - tred feeds; they 'gainst him rise.
 he to suf - f'ring goes, that he his foes from thence might free.



Guests and Visitors

Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together. We hope you feel God's love in a refreshing way. Please let one of our ushers know you're new (*they may have already noticed your new face!*) so they can give you a welcome bag filled with helpful information about our church. We also invite you fill out a quick survey so we can get to know you a little better - simply scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera while you're waiting for worship to start!



Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations/Nursery Care

Nursery Care is not offered during tonight's service; however, parents with young children are more than welcome to use the Nursery if your littles get the evening jitters! We also have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary for nursing mothers and/or mothers with young infants and toddlers. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and the Nursery and televisions are broadcasting the service in both rooms. An usher will gladly direct you if needed!

Large Print Bulletins are available at a table in the Sanctuary narthex.

Hearing Assistance is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

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