

April 7, 2023 | Good Friday | 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.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

“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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Ringing 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

Luke 23:26-43

Evening Message

“The Wooden Cross”

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" <i>(Standing the Cross)</i>
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" <i>(Draping of the Cross)</i>
The Words of the Burial	Luke 23:50-56
The Christ Candle ~ Exit of the Christ Candle	
<i>(The crash of cymbals symbolizes the agony of Jesus' death and the earthquake)</i>	
The Lord's Prayer (<i>debts/debtors</i>)	
Song of the Suffering Servant	Isaiah 53:4-9
Hymn	#181, verses 1-3, "Were You There?"
Dismissal Blessing	<i>Please depart from the sanctuary tonight in silence.</i>
Exit Offering	(Loose Offerings support the ministries of the Arole's and Back Bay Mission)

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte: Camryn Stuckey	Lay Readers: Brad Roth & Rev. Ryan Volkman
Accompanist: Buffy Riley	Song Leader: Roger Zimmerman
Sound Tech: James Grime	Easy Worship: Kelly Ducey
Live Stream Tech: Ollie MacDonald	Ushers: Steve Walker & Jim Grieser

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

- 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

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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