

March 28, 2024 | 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

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*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.*

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## MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP - ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome, Scripture and Prayer

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (pg. 605)

Prelude – *For quiet preparation and reflection*

“We Remember You”

†Call to Worship

*L: We gather in remembrance. We remember a night from long, long ago; a night in which events culminated with Peter disowning Jesus.*

**P: It began with a plot against Jesus, a plot hastened by the betrayal of Judas; it ended with the disciples falling away, leaving Jesus alone before his accusers.**

*L: It included a celebration of the Passover, recalling the Israelites exodus from Egypt; with an awareness of God’s presence throughout their history, yet they fell away.*

**P: There was the humble washing of feet, an act by which Jesus set the example to do for one another what Jesus has done for each of us – to serve one another.**

*L: Prior to his arrest in the dark of night, Jesus prayed at Gethsemane, praying for his Father’s will, leaving us with the prayerful example: “not as I will, but as you will.”*

**P: As I remember that night in our worship on this night, I praise God for His unfailing love of me, even through the times when I have denied Him, or when I have chosen my will over His, I am aware of God’s care for me, so I come to worship my Lord.**

*L: We gather in remembrance. May we remember the love of our Lord, the devotion of our Lord, the last supper of our Lord. Christ gave himself that we would have life, so let us worship with joy and celebration in our hearts, as we remember.*

†Opening Hymn

“’Tis Midnight; and on Olive’s Brow” (Insert)

†Unison Prayer of Confession: **Lord Jesus, a difficult part of that night was the betrayal by one of your disciples. We may not understand his reasons, nor his ending his life, but we can understand his remorse, his awareness of his sin. I come before you, confessing my own sin, offering my remorse, seeking your forgiveness and pledging myself to your will for my life. Help me tonight; help me to understand the depth of your sacrifice, that I will be strengthened and renewed in my devotion to you. In your name, I pray. Amen.**

†Words of Assurance: **May the words of Matthew 26:28 fill me with assurance: “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” By his shed blood, and through our confession of Jesus as Lord, our sins are forgiven, praise be to God. Amen, and Amen!**

†Hymn Response

#366, “I Surrender All”

Prayer of Dedication and Evening Offering

Offertory

“Worthy is the Lamb”

Reading from God’s Word

John 13:1-17, 31-35 (p. 1066)

Sermon

“In the Moment”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Invitation, Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Blessing

†Closing Hymn

#342, “Just As I Am”

Benediction

Stripping of the Sanctuary

†Depart in Silent Meditation

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**WE OBSERVE OPEN COMMUNION.** 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 “Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” (John 13:34)

**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.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19** I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. <sup>2</sup> Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. <sup>12</sup> How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me? <sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. <sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. <sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. <sup>16</sup> O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant; you have freed me from my chains. <sup>17</sup> I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord. <sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, <sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the Lord -- in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

**John 13:1-17, 31-35** It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. <sup>2</sup> The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later

you will understand." <sup>8</sup> "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." <sup>9</sup> "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. <sup>12</sup> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup> "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. <sup>31</sup> When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. <sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

PROCLAIMING: Jesus' Passion/Death

# 241 'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow

OLIVE'S BROW LM

1 'Tis mid-night, and on Ol - ive's brow the  
2 'Tis mid-night, and from all re - moved, Im -  
3 'Tis mid-night, and for oth - ers' guilt the

star is dimmed that late - ly shone. 'Tis mid-night; in the  
man-uel wres - tles lone with fears. E'en that dis - ci - ple  
Man of sor - rows weeps in blood. Yet he who hath in

gar - den now the suf - f'ring Sav - ior prays a - lone.  
whom he loved heeds not his mas - ter's grief and tears.  
an - guish knelt is not for - sak - en by his God.

Text: William B. Tappan, *Poems*, 1822

Music: William B. Bradbury, *The Shawm*, 1853

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

### **Friday, March 29th - Good Friday**

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

### **Sunday, March 31st - Easter Sunday**

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service, led by SYF

8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast in the Parish Hall, hosted by Senior High Youth

8:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by JYF

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

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

## **WORSHIP SERVANTS**

Accompanist: Buffy Riley

Acolyte: Harrison Rohrs

Song Leader: David Stuckey

Sound Tech: James Grime

Live Stream Tech: Cayla Swisher

Easy Worship Tech: Tom Hines

Head Usher: Adam Walker

Ushers: Adam Kinsman, Avery Roth, Emily S. Walker, Kim S. Walker

Communion Servers: Travis Gruenhagen, Keith Kern, Gloria Lauber, Eric Nafziger,  
Nancy Rupp, Stacy Rutledge, Darlene Steiner, Greg Walker

## **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 for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

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