

March 29, 2024 | 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

Psalms 22:1-5 (p. 543)

†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.

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

Hebrews 10:15-25 (p. 1191)

Evening Message

“The Day Approaches”

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

The First Candle ~ The Darkness of Betrayal

The Words of the Psalmist

Psalms 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

Psalms 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

Psalms 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 #189, "Calvary Covers It All"
- (Standing the Cross)*
- 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 Sarah Kinsman "His Life for Mine"
 Buffy Riley, Pianist
- (Draping of the Cross)*
- The Words of the Burial Luke 23:50-56
- The Christ Candle ~ Exit of the Christ Candle
(The sound of thunder symbolizes the agony of Jesus' death and the earthquake)
- The Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)
- Song of the Suffering Servant Isaiah 53:4-9
 †Hymn #181, verses 1-3, "Were You There?"
 †Dismissal Blessing *Please depart from the sanctuary tonight in silence.*
 †Exit Offering (Loose Offerings support the ministries of the Aroles and Back Bay Mission)

TONIGHT'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte: Harrison Rohrs	Lay Reader: Andrew Rohrs
Accompanist: Lynne Christman	Song Leader: Roger Zimmerman
Sound Tech: James Grime	Easy Worship: Kelly Ducey
Live Stream Tech: Ryan Christman	Head Usher: Brad Roth
Cross Assistants: Jeremy Kinsman, Brad Roth, Richard Spiess	
Ushers: Aimee Roth, Avery Roth, Evy Roth, Richard Spiess	

Scripture Readings

Psalms 22:1-5 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? ² O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent. ³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel. ⁴ In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. ⁵ They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

Hebrews 10:15-25 The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: ¹⁶ "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." ¹⁷ Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." ¹⁸ And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin. ¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

EASTER SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

- 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service in the Sanctuary, Led by SYF
- 8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast in the Parish Hall, hosted by Senior High School Programs
- 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



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