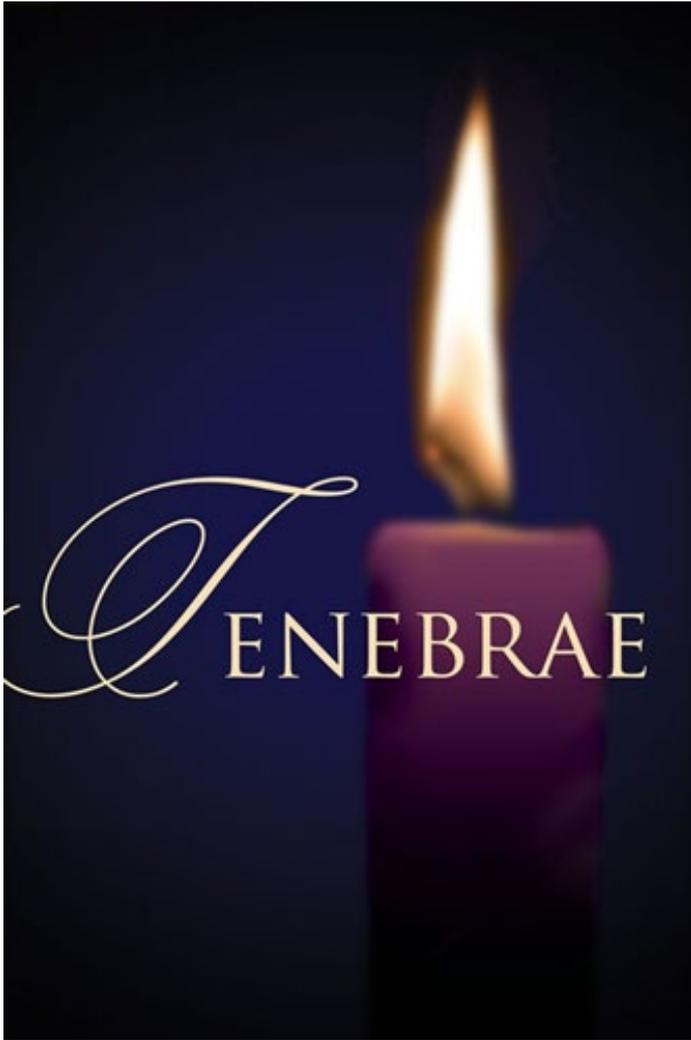


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**St. John's:  
Making and Maturing  
Disciples of Jesus Christ**



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## “Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ”

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### Tenebrae Service

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Tonight, we commemorate Maundy Thursday with a Tenebrae service. The tradition began a millennium ago in monastic communities and later became a part of worship for all people during the end of Holy Week. Tenebrae is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." The service focuses on Christ's pain and suffering in His life and ultimately in His crucifixion. One of the most conspicuous features of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains. As it gets darker and darker we can reflect on the great emotional and physical pain that was very real for Jesus. The service ends in darkness and silence. However, we know there is more to the story. On Good Friday, you can meditate on Christ's Last Words (included in this bulletin). After this service, we will gather on Easter morning at sunrise (and then our worship service) to celebrate that the light of Christ can never be extinguished and that His light rises upon us in His Resurrection forevermore.

Now, let us take some time to focus on what Christ did for us, so that we could be set free from sin and death.

**Silent Prelude/Prayer** *The Lord is in His Holy Temple* Habakkuk 2:20

The Lord is in His holy temple,

Let all the earth keep silence before Him...

Keep silence before Him.

### Greeting

\* **Opening Hymn #137** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

### Prayer for Illumination

Almighty Father, as we hear Your word tonight, look with mercy on this Your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Now He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup> and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup> For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

<sup>15</sup> When one of those who reclined at table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” <sup>16</sup> But He said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. <sup>17</sup> And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ <sup>18</sup> But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’ <sup>19</sup> And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’ <sup>20</sup> And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ <sup>21</sup> So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ <sup>22</sup> And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ <sup>23</sup> And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup> For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”

## Communion

### Scripture

Luke 22:14-23

Anna LaWarre

<sup>14</sup> And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. <sup>15</sup> And He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup> And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup> For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” <sup>20</sup> And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood. <sup>21</sup> But behold, the hand of him who betrays Me is with Me on the table. <sup>22</sup> For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!” <sup>23</sup> And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

### Consecration

The Blessing and Sharing of the Elements

### *The Passion of our Lord*

Lesson I—Matthew 26:36–46

Terry Hord

#### *Jesus’ disciples fall asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane.*

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” <sup>37</sup> And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then He said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with Me.” <sup>39</sup> And going a little farther He fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” <sup>40</sup> And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And He said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with Me one hour? <sup>41</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” <sup>42</sup> Again, for the second time, He went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I

drink it, Your will be done.”<sup>43</sup> And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.<sup>44</sup> So, leaving them again, He went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.<sup>45</sup> Then He came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.<sup>46</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, My betrayer is at hand.”

### First Candle Extinguished

Response—Hymn 147, stanza 1 *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

### Lesson II—Matthew 26:47–56 *Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss.*

Shane Harkenrider

<sup>47</sup> While He was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.<sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; seize Him.”<sup>49</sup> And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed Him.<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.<sup>51</sup> And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.<sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.<sup>53</sup> Do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once send Me more than twelve legions of angels?<sup>54</sup> But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?”<sup>55</sup> At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture Me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me.<sup>56</sup> But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

### Second Candle Extinguished

Response—Hymn 149, stanza 1 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

### Lesson III—**Matthew 26:57–68** *Jesus before the Sanhedrin*

Shawn Dyer

<sup>57</sup> Then those who had seized Jesus led Him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup> And Peter was following Him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. <sup>59</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put Him to death, <sup>60</sup> but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup> and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’” <sup>62</sup> And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” <sup>63</sup> But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to Him, “I adjure You by the living God, tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God.” <sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” <sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard His blasphemy. <sup>66</sup> What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.” <sup>67</sup> Then they spit in His face and struck Him. And some slapped Him, <sup>68</sup> saying, “Prophecy to us, You Christ! Who is it that struck You?”

Third Candle Extinguished

Response—Hymn 148, stanza 3 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

### Lesson IV—**Matthew 26:69–75** *Peter’s denial*

Greg Martin

<sup>69</sup> Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” <sup>70</sup> But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” <sup>71</sup> And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>72</sup> And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” <sup>73</sup> After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them,

for your accent betrays you.”<sup>74</sup> Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed.<sup>75</sup> And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

#### Fourth Candle Extinguished

Response—Hymn 152, stanzas 1 and 2 *Ah, Holy Jesus*

#### Lesson V—**Matthew 27:15–26** *Jesus before Pilate*

LeVern Weaver

<sup>15</sup> Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup> And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” <sup>18</sup> For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered Him up. <sup>19</sup> Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of Him today in a dream.” <sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” <sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let Him be crucified!” <sup>23</sup> And he said, “Why? What evil has He done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let Him be crucified!”

<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to it yourselves.” <sup>25</sup> And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” <sup>26</sup> Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered Him to be crucified.

#### Fifth Candle Extinguished

Response—Hymn 145, stanzas 1 and 2 *Were You There*

Lesson VI—**Matthew 27:27–44** *The soldiers mock Jesus*

Dave Beazley

<sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before Him. <sup>28</sup> And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, <sup>29</sup> and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head and put a reed in His right hand. And kneeling before Him, they mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup> And they spit on Him and took the reed and struck Him on the head. <sup>31</sup> And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the robe and put His own clothes on Him and led Him away to crucify Him.

<sup>32</sup> As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry His cross. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup> they offered Him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when He tasted it, He would not drink it. <sup>35</sup> And when they had crucified Him, they divided His garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup> Then they sat down and kept watch over Him there. <sup>37</sup> And over His head they put the charge against Him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." <sup>38</sup> Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup> And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup> So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked Him, saying, <sup>42</sup> "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in Him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver Him now, if He desires Him. For He said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup> And the robbers who were crucified with Him also reviled Him in the same way.

Sixth Candle Extinguished

Response—Hymn 136, all stanzas *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Lesson VII—*Matthew 27:45–50 The death of Jesus*

Jerry Pfister

<sup>45</sup> Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?” <sup>47</sup> And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” <sup>48</sup> And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him.” <sup>50</sup> And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit.

Christ Candle Extinguished  
(Silence will be observed while the bell tolls.)

Lesson VIII—*Matthew 27:51–54 Surely He was the Son of God*

Hal Elsasser

<sup>51</sup> And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup> and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those who were with Him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

Silence

The end of the service is signified by the illumination of the draped cross.

Please remain seated in silence until the lights illumine the sanctuary again. Silence is observed throughout the sanctuary from this time forward. Each person is encouraged to pray and meditate as long as he or she desires, then to depart in silence. If you would like to receive anointing with oil and prayers for healing, please come forward to meet the pastor.

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\*— Those who are able, please stand

For Good Friday Study  
**The Seven Last Words of Jesus**

1) Jesus Speaks to the Father - **Luke 23:34**

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."  
And they cast lots to divide His garments.

2) Jesus Speaks to the Criminal on the Cross - **Luke 23:43**

And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise."

3) Jesus Speaks to Mary and John - **John 19:26-27**

<sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" <sup>27</sup>Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

4) Jesus Cries Out to the Father - **Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34**

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

Here, Jesus quotes **Psalm 22:1**.

5) Jesus Is Thirsty - **John 19:28**

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." Jesus refused the initial drink of vinegar, gall, and myrrh (**Matthew 27:34** and **Mark 15:23**) offered to alleviate His suffering. But here, several hours later, we see Jesus fulfilling the messianic prophecy found in **Psalm 69:21**: "They offer Me sour wine for My thirst." (NLT)

6) It Is Finished - **John 19:30**

When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. Jesus knew He was suffering the crucifixion for a purpose. Earlier, He had said in **John 10:18** of His life, "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father."

7) Jesus' Last Words - **Luke 23:46**

Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed His last.

**Psalm 31:5**: "Into Your hand I commit My spirit; You have redeemed Me, O Lord, faithful God.

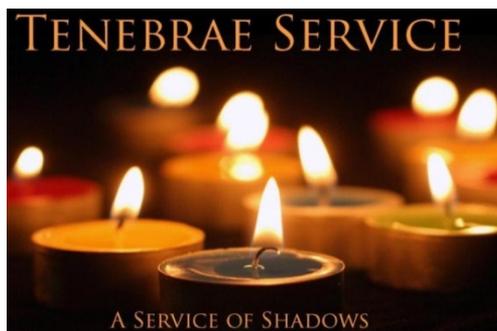


**If you would like to worship with us on Easter, our Easter Sunday Schedule (April 17) is as follows:**

6:45 AM Community Sunrise Service – Boy Scout Lake small pavilion – bring a lawn chair

9:00 AM Sunday School Egg Hunt & Activity

10:00 AM Traditional Easter Festival Service



**Welcome to  
St. John's Church!**

# St. John's Church

*Upcoming*

**EVENTS**

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**April 10**

Community  
Palm Sunday  
Service w/  
KHS Chorale  
7:00 pm

**April 14**

Maundy  
Thursday/  
Tenebrae  
7:00 pm

**April 15**

Good Friday  
Passion Play  
Viewing  
Online - Noon  
& after

**April 17**

6:45 Sunrise- Boy  
Scout Lake  
9:00 Sunday  
School Egg Hunt  
10:00 Traditional  
Easter Service



**April 23**

Piano Concert  
by Teresa  
Broseke  
Benefits CEF  
4-5:30 pm

**April 24**

Carry-In  
Luncheon  
11:15  
following  
worship

**May 22**

Graduation  
Sunday  
we will  
honor our  
graduates

**WOW**

**Summer**

(Word on  
Wednesday)  
June 8, 15, 22, 29  
6-8 pm