

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Please silence all electronic devices.

*Invites the congregation to stand

Gathering Music

J. Noel Lance

Setting the Scene

Rev. Lee Gray

From Luke's Gospel, Chapter 19

*Hymn of Praise and Procession of Palms

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
ELLECOMBE

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had held them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven road on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

'Hosanna in the highest!' that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of Heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
and in God's joyful presence eternally rejoice!

Prayer of Praise

Kathy Spence

Offertory

Procession for a King

J. Noel Lance
Edward Broughton

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Jesus Christ who dwelled below.
Believe in him with all your heart.
Go, serve the world and do your part. Amen.

Narration

Written by Dennis W. Foust

Bert Green

Song of Response

Ours the Journey

Congregation
BEACH SPRING

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
who would lead the pilgrim peoples wandering their separate ways?
Through the flood of starving peoples, warring factions and despair,
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?

Reading from the Gospel of Luke

Becky Skidmore

Luke 22:1-6

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So, he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

ONE: Through these written words of scripture, we listen for the Living Word of God.

ALL: **Those who have ears to hear, let them hear.**

Moments with the Younger Church

Children and Youth please come forward

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Lee Gray

Words of Assurance

Rev. Gray

*Song

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
WELLESLEY

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

Reading from the Gospel of Luke

Dan Redding

Luke 22:7, 14-20

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' Then he took a loaf of 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.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.'

Serving Communion

Hymn

In Remembrance of Me
RED

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too.
That this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, look in your heart,
look in your heart for God.

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The Lord's Supper

*Hymn

Chalice Hymnal No. 195, verse 1 & 4

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Seven Words Spoken to the Cross

Dr. Foust

One: *The Word of the Passerby*, Matthew 27:39-40

Two: *The Word of the Malicious*, Matthew 27:41-43

Three: *The Word of the Spectator*, Matthew 27:47-49

Four: *The Word of the Mocker*, Luke 23:35-37

Five: *The Word of the Desperate*, Luke 23:39-42

Six: *The Word of the Proclaimer*, Matthew 27:54

Seven: *The Word of the Hopeful*, Luke 23:42

Choral Anthem

O, Come and Mourn

Chancel Choir & Jessica Borgnis
Loonis McGlohon

O, come and mourn with me a while. O, come you to the savior's side. O, come together and let us mourn. Jesus, our Lord, is crucified. Have we no tears to shed for him? While soldiers scoff and men deride. Ah, look how patiently Jesus hangs. Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

Seven times he spoke, seven words of love. In those dark hours his silence cried for mercy on the souls of all. Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.
O, Love of God, O, sin of man. In this dread act all strength is tried.
O, come together and let us mourn. Jesus, our Lord, is crucified

Seven Words Spoken from the Cross

Dr. Foust

One: *The Word of Forgiveness*, Luke 23:32-34

Two: *The Word of Responsibility*, John 19:26-27

Three: *The Word of Promise*, Luke 23:43

Four: *The Word of Confusion*, Matthew 27:46

Five: *The Word of Humanity*, John 19:28

Six: *The Word of Finality*, John 19:30

Seven: *The Word of Commitment*, Luke 23:46

Song of Parting

Were You There?

Renee Crawford

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of yesterday's wedding of Melissa Nash and John Holloway.

Prayer Concerns

Shirley Ballard, Martha Brown, Stan Brown, Kathleen Bumgardner, Caroline Godsey,
Tish Philemon, Don Swofford, Dee Turner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Evening with Karen González: Speaker, Writer, Immigrant Advocate, and Taco Enthusiast

On Saturday, April 30, we welcome Rev. Karen González to St. John's. A speaker, writer, and immigrant advocate, who immigrated from Guatemala as a child, Karen is a sought-after speaker, who has written about and presented on a variety of topics, including spiritual formation, Latinx identity, race and culture, women in the church, the Enneagram, and immigration. She also has bylines in Sojourners, Christianity Today, The Christian Century, Christ and Pop Culture, and others. She is also a graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary and works for World Relief, an organization that serves immigrants and refugees.

In 2019, her book, *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, The Bible, and the Journey to Belong* (Herald Press, May 2019), was published about her own immigration story and the many immigrants found in the Bible. We are DELIGHTED to be welcoming Karen to St. John's on April 30 at 6PM in Broach Hall for a lecture, discussion of her book, and a book signing. She will also be our guest proclaimer on Sunday, May 1, in worship at 10:30am.

Purchase your tickets for Saturday night with the QR code here or with this link:
<https://tinyurl.com/sjbcgonzalez2022>



You can also purchase tickets with cash or check by contacting Jacquelyn in the office or Mallory at mbrown@sjcharlotte.org.

Charlotte Knights – Sunday, May 22!

You're invited to see the Charlotte Knights play the Norfolk Tides on Sunday, May 22, at 1:00 pm. The cost per ticket is \$15.50 for game only. You can purchase tickets via Realm today or contact Lee Gray for more information. **Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, April 20.**



A Message from Kevin about Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday, we will conclude the service with one of our favorite traditions, the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel. If you know this work, I invite you to join us. I would ask that you attend either the last Wednesday rehearsal before Easter or come to the choir room at 9:45 on Easter Sunday morning before worship. In the past, we have had many people augment the choir, and the congregation was greatly blessed by the outpouring of sound and spiritual energy that came from the choir loft. I am here to answer any questions you have, so feel free to email or call me.

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THE ST. JOHN'S PULPIT

April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Reading: Luke 24:1-12

Message: 'Bifocals, Picture in Picture, and Resurrection living'

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun., April 10	9:15 am	Sunday School/Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int'l Ministries Worship (Chapel)
Mon., April 11	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Lounge, Gym, 3 rd floor)
	9:30 am	Shepherd's Center Adventures in Learning (Broach Hall)
	10:00 am	Shepherd's Center Tax Assistance Program (Main Entrance & Room 204)
	11:30 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
	2:00 pm	Staff meeting/worship planning (Conference Room)
Tues., April 12	6:30 pm	Administrative Deacon Panel (Zoom)
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA- Lasater Hall
	10:00 am	Shepherd's Center Tax Assistance Program (Main Entrance & Room 204)
Wed., April 13	11:00 am	Tuesday Bible Study (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Thurs., April 14	6:00 pm	Mission Resource Team (Room 204/ Zoom)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Fri., April 15	10:00 am	Craft & Needles Ministry (Lounge)
Sat., April 16	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	8:00 pm	Together We Rise NA (Lasater Hall)

GUEST CONNECTION

If you would like information on how you can become a part of St. John's, please fill out one of the "For Our Guests" cards found on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate. Our church staff will be happy to reach out to you and answer any questions you may have. Visit our website to find out more information regarding the many ministry opportunities available in the life of St. John's.

MOBILE GIVING AT ST. JOHN'S

You can text your contributions and offerings to St. John's! Text SJGIVE (not case sensitive) and the amount you would like to give (i.e. 10=\$10) to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

When you receive a message, click on the link provided and follow the instructions.

You will then receive a receipt to confirm your gift was received.

MINISTERS

Every participant in God's Servant Church

EQUIPPING MINISTERS

Minister for Worship and Music.....J. Kevin Gray
Minister for Congregational Care Rev. Lee Gray
Senior MinisterRev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

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Church Administrator.....Jacquelyn McAbee
Custodians Chris Mullis, Debora Thon
Organist.....J. Noel Lance
Weekday School Director Lydia Olmsted



Palm/Passion Sunday

April 10, 2022, at 10:30AM

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