

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Please silence all electronic devices.*

\*Invites the congregation to stand

## Gathering Music

J. Noel Lance

## Setting the Scene

Gospel of Luke 19:29-40

Rev. Lee Gray

## \*Hymn of Praise and Procession of Palms

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*  
ELLECOMBE

Entrance of the Christ Candle: **Kayleigh Mac Whipple**

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

Melissa Millette

## A Musical Offering by Our Children

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Directed by Chloe Hall  
ST. THEODULPH

## Offertory

*Procession for a King*

J. Noel Lance  
Edward Broughton

## \*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDDTH

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

Haley Blackwell

## Song of Response

*Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates (verse 2)*

Congregation  
TRURO

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

## Reading from the Gospel of Luke

*Luke 22:1-6*

Richard Hester

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.**

## \*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

*Luke 22:7, 14-20*

Rev. Kheresa Harmon

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.'

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## \*Hymn

Chalice Hymnal No. 197

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*  
ST. CHRISTOPHER

## Seven Words Spoken to Jesus on the Cross

Dr. Dennis W. 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 Mockers*, 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

## 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.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.  
In remembrance of me, open the door and let your neighbor in, let them in.

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.

## The Pastoral Prayer for Holy Week

Dr. Foust

## The Church Gathers Around the Lord's Table for Communion

St. John's invites all to the Lord's Table to taste the bread and drink of the cup.  
Bring your doubts, your sin, your guilt, your shame, your sorrow, your suffering,  
and your commitments. As you partake of communion, you may be comforted,  
you may catch a glimpse of God's mercy, or you may find clarity in God's mission.

## Serving of the Bread and the Cup

Deacons

## Choral Anthem

*God So Loved the World*

Chancel Choir

Robert M. Vandervliet, Jr.

For God so loved the world, he gave his only son, and all who believe shall be saved. For God so loved the world, he gave his only son, and all who believe shall be saved. Died on Calvary's tree to set me free. He'll return again in majesty! For God so loved the world, he gave his only son, and all who believe shall be saved. And if God so loved the world, we should honor him; We should tell the world of his grace and mercy. God so loved the world, he gave his only son, and all who believe shall be saved, and all who believe shall be saved.

## Seven Words Spoken by Jesus 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

## Choral Commissioning

*When I Survey the Wonderous Cross*

Chancel Choir

## CONNECTING YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH YOUR WEEK IN MINISTRY

Where do you see suffering in today's world that breaks your heart?

Are you a passerby, a spectator, a mocker, or a proclaimer?

Which of Jesus' words from the cross speak to you most deeply?

How will you minister through the love of God this week?

How are on mission with God, redeeming suffering through compassion?



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Stations of the Cross: Holy Week Opportunities

This year for Holy Week our community will have the opportunity to meditate and engage in Stations of the Cross in several ways. The first way is through a street art installation of Scott Erikson's "Stations in the Street." On 4/1 Haley will be installing these stations on the 5th street side of the building that will be available for anyone passing by to observe.

The second opportunity to engage in Stations of the Cross will be in Lasater Hall. Interactive stations will be available after Easter Eggstravaganza on 4/2 through Thursday. The youth will kick off Holy Week by doing these stations on Sunday right after the Easter Eggstravaganza in lieu of SNL.

The third way is through artwork from our children. Our K – 5th grade children invite you to experience the story of Jesus's final hours of his earthly ministry through their artistic interpretations of the Last Seven Words of Jesus from the Cross. Please visit prayer stations made by Alexander Aguilera, Matteo Aguilera, Riley Cardella, Tallon Cardella, Addison Norris, Alex Norris, Jack Whipple, and Kayleigh Mac Whipple. Stations of the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross are located in the hallway outside of Amanda's office on the second floor.

### Community & State Mission Offering: In Honor of Bert & Dianne Green

Our Mission Resource Team is announcing that our 2023 Community and State Mission Offering will go to Habitat for Humanity in support of this year's Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project to help build The Meadows, a nine-acre property in West Charlotte.

**So far, we have raised 5,232 towards our goal!  
Help us reach our goal of \$7,500 and let's build a better world!**

### Upcoming Event: On the Way to Winston-Salem

On Wednesday, April 19 St. John's retired adults and friends will be On The Way to Winston-Salem for a day-trip to Reynolda Museum, Gardens, and Shops. We will also have lunch at the Village Tavern that day. Entrees at the Village Tavern are from \$15-\$25. The cost for the Reynolda Museum is \$18. Reynolda Gardens are free. Please give \$40 check to Lee Gray the day of departure to cover the cost of the museum and bus rental. We have a 15 passenger bus reserved. Please let Lee Gray LGray@sjcharlotte.org know if you plan to attend so additional driving arrangements can be made if needed. We will meet at the church at 9:00 am to leave by 9:15 am and will return to the church between 5:30 - 6:00 pm.

### Thursdays on the Town: April 13 for Parents with Children

Parents of children birth to 5th grade are invited to join us on Thursday, April 13 from 6-8 PM for dinner at Mama Ricottas (601 S Kings Drive AA). Childcare at the church is provided at no cost. Register by April 10 or let Kheresa know you plan to attend.

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### The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: April 9 Easter Sunday

Worship Theme: God Gives Humanity Victory Over Fear and Hopelessness in Jesus Christ

Scripture: Luke 24:1-5; John 20:19-29

Message: 'What Will You Do with the Dilemma of Easter?'

Proclaimers: Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

### This Week at St. John's

Sun., Apr. 2	<p>8:00 am Church Council Meeting (Conference Room) 9:15 am Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 am Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel) <b>11:30 am Churchwide Easter EGGstravaganza (Broach Hall)</b></p>
Mon., Apr. 3	<p>10:00 am Shepherd's Center/AARP Tax Assistance Program (Parking Lot) 11:00 am Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)</p>
Tuesday, Apr. 4	<p><b>Luke 1:39-45</b> 10:00 am Shepherd's Center/AARP Tax Assistance Program (Parking Lot) 10:30 am Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) 6:00 pm Right Moves for Youth Ambassador Program (Broach Hall)</p>
Wed., Apr. 5	<p><b>Luke 1:46-56</b> 6:00 pm Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room) 7:15 pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>
Thursday, Apr. 6	<p><b>Luke 1:57-66</b></p>
Friday, Apr. 7	<p><b>Luke 1:67-80</b> 9:00 am Make &amp; Grow Camps 8:00 pm Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)</p>
Saturday, Apr. 8	<p><b>Luke 2</b> 7:00 am Benton Basketball 8:00 pm Together We Rise NA (Lasater Hall)</p>

### Membership and Ministry

If you would like information on how you can become a member of St. John's, please call the church office (704.333.5428), or fill out one of the "For Our Guests" cards found on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate. One of our ministers 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.

### Ministers

*Every participant in God's Servant Church*

### Equipping Ministers

Minister for Youth and Young Adults..... Haley Blackwell  
Interim Minister for Music and Worship.....Dr. Jared Daugherty  
Senior Minister.....Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD  
Minister for Congregational Care .....Rev. Lee Gray  
Minister for Children and Their Families..... Rev. Kheresa Harmon

### Church Staff

Academy of the Arts Director.....Jessica Borgnis  
Media Coordinator .....Mallory Brown  
Children's Music Director .....Chloe Hall  
Organist .....J. Noel Lance  
Associate Organist..... Dr. Matthew Manwarren  
Custodians..... Chris Mullis, Debora Thon  
Ministry Coordinator..... Amanda Morrison  
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted  
Church Administrator..... Jill Rackley



## Palm/Passion Sunday

**April 2, 2023, at 10:30AM**

**ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**