

The Celebration of the Gospel

April 1, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

If you are a guest, we welcome you to worship and ask that you consider filling out a contact form at www.stjohnsbr.org/guest so we can be in touch with you this week.



ST. JOHN'S

United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Again We Gather

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Call to Worship

Pastor Lane

Tonight we will hear, again and again,
of a love that knows no bounds.

May we be fully present to that love.

May we worship our holy God.

Gathering Song

This Is Holy Ground
This is holy ground
We're standing on holy ground
For the Lord is present
And where He is is holy
This is holy ground
We're standing on holy ground
For the Lord is present
And where He is is holy

These are holy hands
He's given us holy hands
He works through these hands
And so these hands are holy
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REPEAT VERSE ONE

Gospel Reading

Rev. Deirdré Halliburton

Selected verses from John 13

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Song

The Servant Song

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey;
we're together on the road.

We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Lane

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Pastor Lane

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

In Remembrance of Me

Meditation

Pastor Lane

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith,

Jesus knew that Peter would deny.

He knew that Judas would betray,

and he knew the disciples would hide in fear.

And still—and still—he invited them in.

He washed their feet, and he fed them.

Friends, we worship the living Christ
whose love shocks, surprises, and
far exceeds our understanding of love.
So may this story tonight remind us:
**No matter who we are,
no matter where we go,
no matter how great our mistakes or
regrets are in life, we will always be invited in
and held together by the Living God.
Again and again and again, we are forgiven.
Again and again and again, we are held. Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Call to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O holy God:

you are the Life and Light of all.

Again & again you meet us where we are.

Again & again, you show us the path of life

- a path paved by love.

And so, with your people on earth and all
the company of heaven we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The congregation is seated. The pastor recalls the story of the Last
Supper and the institution of Holy Communion.*

Again & again, we offer ourselves in praise and thanks-
giving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's
offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come gain.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Pastors

*If you live in the Baton Rouge area and
would like someone to bring Communion to your home,
please contact us in the church office.*

Prayer After Receiving

Pastor Deirdré

O God,

**Again and again,
you meet us where we are
and invite us to take
another step closer,
another step deeper,
another step further,
in this journey of faith.**

**Again and again,
we are fed by your love,
grace, and forgiveness.**

**Show us the way that leads to wholeness.
Gratefully we pray, Amen.**

Man of Sorrows: A Cantic for Holy Thursday

*Panis Angelorum
Penny Kemler, flute*

*The Preparations
The Witness*

*Take, Eat
Christ*

*When the Supper Was Done
The Witness*

*The Cry of Peter
Peter*

*Don't Let Your Hearts Be Troubled
The Witness*

*Into the Night
Peter, Christ*

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*Peter: Bryan Adams  
Christ: Troy Prevot  
The Witness: Carrie Poynot*

*Composer and Accompanist: Terry Byars  
Flutist: Penny Kemler*

### Stripping of the Church

*Please wait in prayer as candles are extinguished  
and paraments, linens, and other symbols  
are removed from the sanctuary.*

### Parting Prayer

Pastor Lane

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
as you washed the feet of your disciples,  
teaching them the lessons of servanthood  
and love, make us ready to follow you,  
loving and serving one another in your name.  
Send your Holy Spirit to walk with us  
as we walk with you down the dark road  
that leads to the cross. Amen.**

### Benediction

### Postlude

*Please depart in silence.*

*We thank all our worship stewards, musicians,  
tech team, ushers, and hosts for assisting in this evening's service.*

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