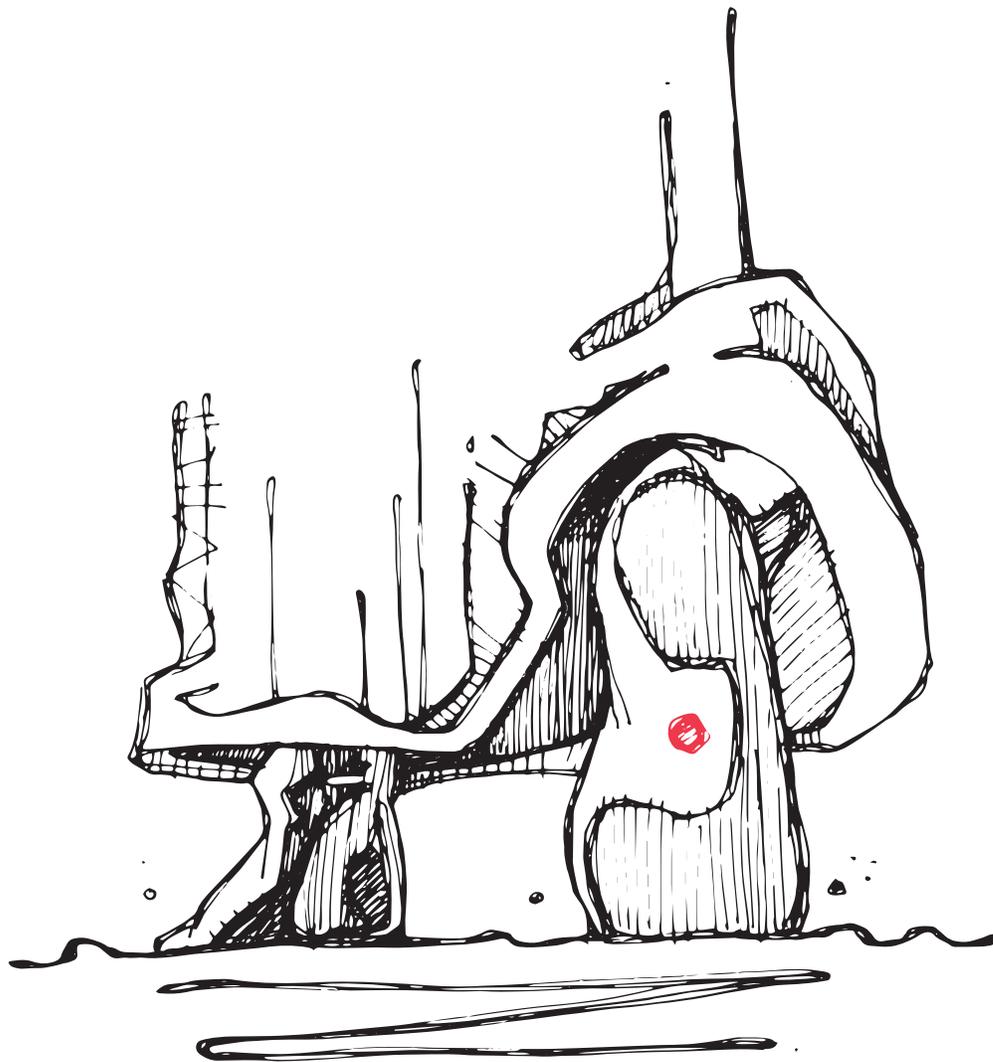


Holy Week Guide

2026



First Baptist Church
Camden, SC

It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

Revelation 21:6

Dear First Baptist Family,

Holy Week. I wonder if, for many of you, this week feels anything but “holy.” Difficult? Yes. Frightening? Yes. Confusing? Yes. But *holy?* And yet...

Jesus is still on His throne.

Jesus is still with His people.

Jesus is still seeking and saving the lost.

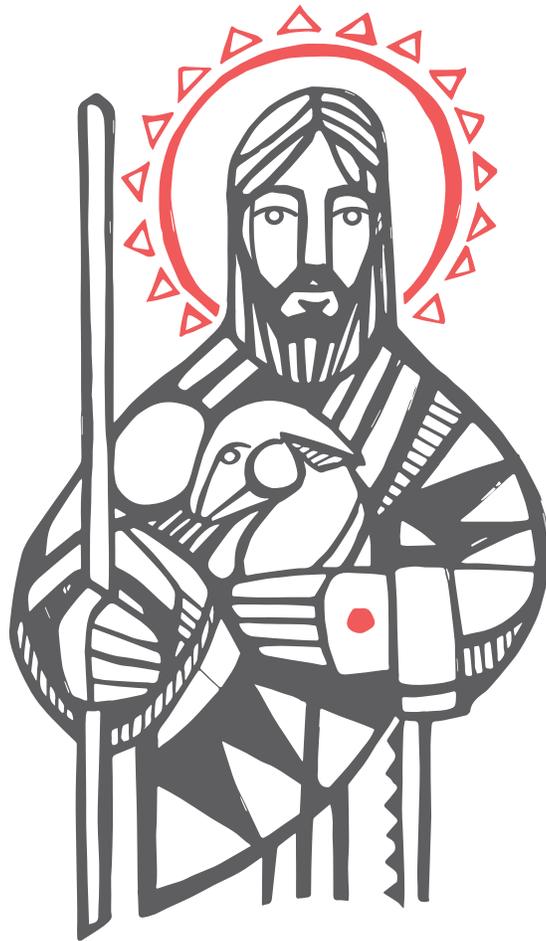
And Jesus is still risen!

So, yes, this time is indeed a holy time for the people of God, for time itself takes on new meaning before the Savior who is both Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. And this week, of all weeks, is holy, for this is the week of remembrance and celebration! Christ is risen from the dead!

May this Holy Week guide be an encouragement to you all!

Wyman Richardson
Pastor

Tommy Sunderland
Minister of Music



Palm Sunday, March 29

9:15 a.m. (Sunday School)

10:30 a.m. (Worship)

Monday, March 30

Holy Monday - 12:10 – 12:50 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31

Holy Tuesday - 12:10 – 12:50 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1

Holy Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 3

Good Friday - 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5

8:45 & 10:30 a.m. (Worship)

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship



Holy Week Congregational Reading of 1 Corinthians 15

The responsive reading leader will read the italics.

The congregation will respond in unison with the bold.

¹ *Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,*

² **and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.**

³ *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,*

⁴ **that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,**

⁵ *and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.*

⁶ **Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.**

⁷ *Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.*

⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

Worship Song
“Shout Hosanna”

Baptism

Welcome & Prayer

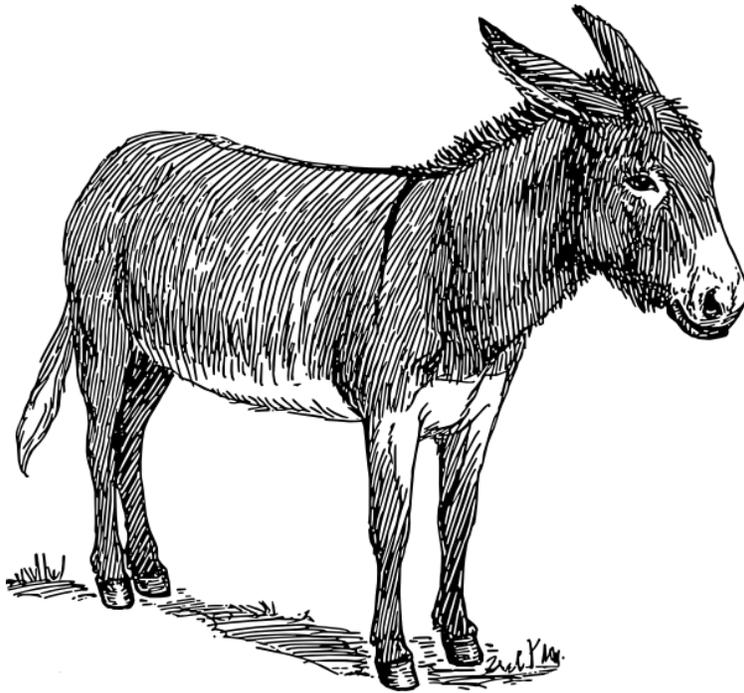
Worship Songs
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”
“You Are God Alone”

Focus/Offertory Prayer
Wyman Richardson

Choral Worship
“Bless God”

Message
“The Gentle King”
Matthew 21:1 – 11

Invitation



The battered outlaw of the earth
Of ancient crooked will;
Scourge, beat, deride me—I am dumb—
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour—
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout around my head
And palms about my feet.

G.K. Chesterton, “The Donkey”

Holy Monday Prayer Service

Monday, March 30

12:10 p.m.



Very simply defined, prayer is two-way communication with God.

Dan R. Crawford, *The Prayer-Shaped Disciple*

Video
“A Psalm of Renewal”

Holy Week Congregational Reading of 1 Corinthians 15

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

Welcome & Prayer

Worship Song

“Amazing Grace” (My Chains Are Gone)

Being Still and Knowing

Read the following and take some time sitting still before the Lord. Sit. Wait. Be still. Then ask God to teach you to pray.

The *Evangelical Missions Quarterly* reported that out of 257 missionaries surveyed, sixty-six percent cited "mind wandering" during prayer as a frequent occurrence. Only one said it never happened to him. You and I must discipline our mind to concentrate. W.E. Sangster says:

Let no beginner in prayer abandon the privilege because of mind wandering. It can be conquered. A brisk, live imagination and a resolute will cannot be denied. Even though, in the early stages, the precious

minutes tick away and all the time seems spent in bringing the mind back from its wanderings and fixing it again on prayer, they are not moments lost. Such discipline will exercise the muscles of the will, and the day will dawn when the sweetest meditation and the most earnest prayer will be possible even amid distraction.

Dan R. Crawford, *The Prayer-Shaped Disciple*

“Psalm 131 (Come to the Quiet)”

John Michael Talbot

Now dive deep, deep, deep into these two verses from Psalm 46.

Read them to yourself. Then read them again.

And again.

And again.

And pray.

¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth!”

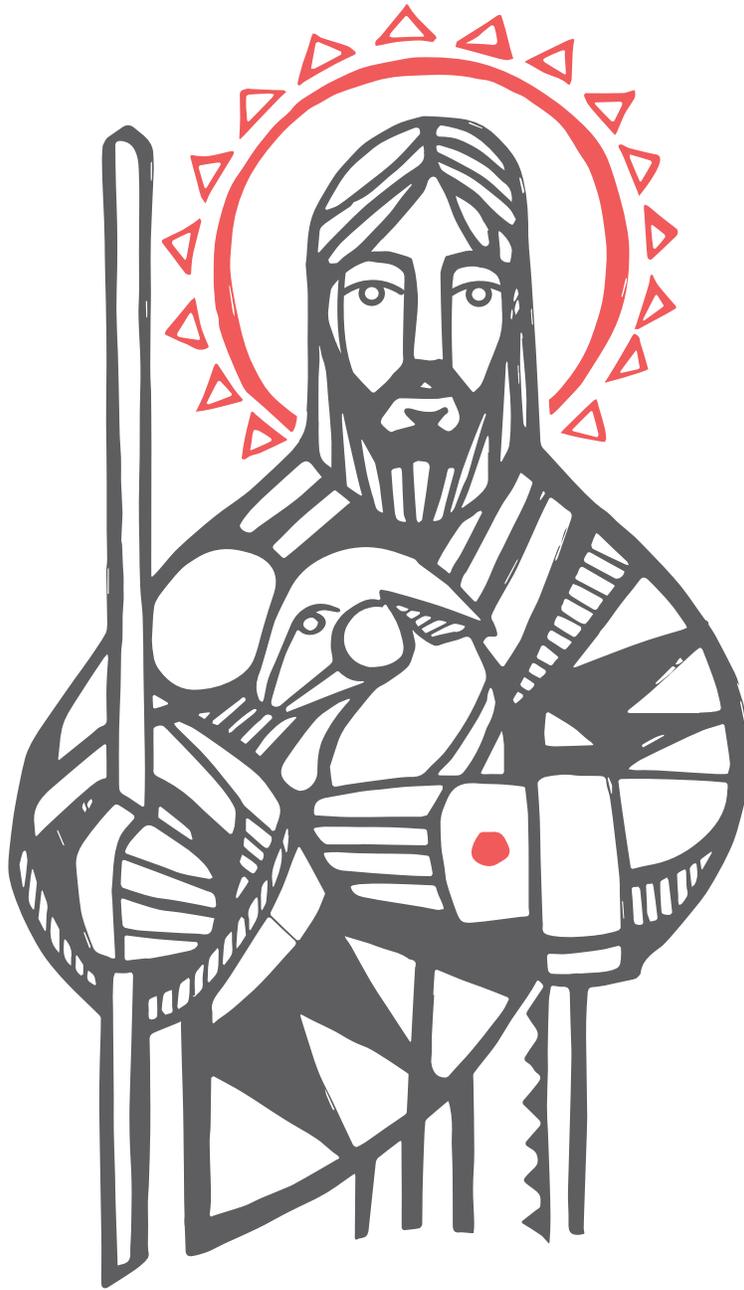
¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

Consider this image.

Read the scripture from John 10 below it.

*Spend some time thanking Jesus for all the ways He is our
Good Shepherd.*



¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ 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.”

Worship Song

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Directed Prayer

Pastor Wyman will lead in a time of directed prayer.

Conclusion and Dismissal

Silent Prayer Concerning the Provision of the Shepherd

*Read Psalm 23 and give thanks to God
for the Lamb who was slain!*

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

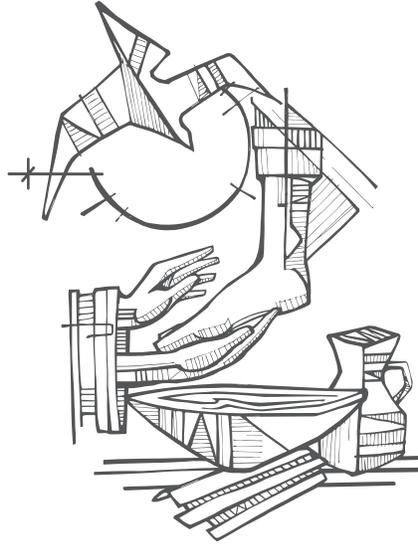
⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

Holy Tuesday Prayer Service

Tuesday, March 31

12:10 p.m.



I remember some years ago visiting a church incognito. I sat in the back row...When we came to the pastoral prayer, it was led by a lay brother, because the pastor was on holiday. So he prayed that the pastor might have a good holiday. Well, that's fine. Pastors should have good holidays. Second, he prayed for a lady member of the church who was about to give birth to a child that she might have a safe delivery, which is fine. Third, he prayed for another lady who was sick, and then it was over. That's all there was. It took twenty seconds. I said to myself, it's a village church with a village God. They have no interest in the world outside. There was no thinking about the poor, the oppressed, the refugees, the places of violence, and world evangelization.

John Stott

Holy Week Congregational Reading of 1 Corinthians 15

17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

Welcome and Prayer

Worship Song

“Lord I Need You”

The Posture of Prayer

What is your posture when you pray?

Have you considered the many ways that people pray in scripture? Read this list from Dan R. Crawford’s The Prayer-Shaped Disciple carefully. Then pray.

Falling down prostrate before God:

Genesis 17:3 / Numbers 16:22; 20:6

Ezekiel 1:28; 3:23; 9:8; 11:13; 43:3; 44:4

Matthew 4:9; 26:39

Standing:

Genesis 24:12-14 / Exodus 33:10 / 1 Kings 8:14,22,55

2 Kings 23:3 / 2 Chronicles 20:9, 13, 19 / Nehemiah 9:4-5

Matthew 6:5 / Mark 11:25 / Luke 18:13

Standing with hands outstretched:

Genesis 48:14-15 / 1 Kings 8:54 / 2 Chronicles 6:13

Ezra 9:5-6 / Job 11:13-15 / Psalm 88:9; 143:6 / Isaiah 1:15

Seated:

Judges 20:26 / 2 Samuel 7:18 / 1 Kings 19:4 / 1 Chronicles 17:16

Lying in bed:
Psalm 4:4; 63:3

With laying on of hands:
Acts 6:6; 13:3; 28:8

Kneeling:
1 Kings 8:54; 19:18 / 2 Kings 1:13 / 2 Chronicles 6:13 / Ezra 9:5
Psalm 95:6 / Daniel 6:10 / Matt. 17:14-15 / Mark 1:40; 10:17
Luke 5:8; 22:41 / Acts 20:36; 21:4-5 / Ephesians 3:14-16

With hands lifted up:
Genesis 48:14-15 / Exodus 17:11-14 / 1 Kings 8:54
2 Chronicles 6:13 / Ezra 9:5-6 / Psalm 28:2; 88:9; 141:2
Lamentations 3:41 / 1 Timothy 2:8

With head bowed:
Exodus 4:31; 12:27

With eyes lifted toward heaven:
Genesis 14:22
Nehemiah 8:6
Psalms 28:2; 63:4; 123:1-2
Lamentations 2:19 / John 11:41; 17:1 / 1 Timothy 2:8 .

While walking (implied):
Joshua 6:1-20 / Numbers 13:1-33 / Luke 10:1-3

Prayer for the Lost

Do you pray for the lost?

Does your heart break for the lost?

Read what Paul says in Romans 9 about his grief over his fellow Jews who have not accepted Jesus as Lord.

Especially read verse 3 carefully a few times.

Can you say about the lost what Paul said about the lost in Romans 9:3?

Pray for the lost.

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—² that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.

Worship Song

“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

Directed Prayer

Wyman Richardson will lead in a time of directed prayer.

Silent Prayer Before our Missionary God

God is a missionary.

Read the following verses from John 3 carefully.

What posture has God taken toward the world?

How much concern does God have for the world?

How much concern do you have for the world.

Read.

Then pray.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

Conclusion and Dismissal



Holy Wednesday Service

Wednesday, April 1

6:00 p.m.



Holy Week Congregational Reading of 1 Corinthians 15

²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

²⁷ For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him.

²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

²⁹ Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf?

³⁰ Why are we in danger every hour?

³¹ I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day!

Welcome and Prayer

Worship Songs

“Nothing But the Blood”

“What a Beautiful Name”

Special Music

“I Speak Jesus”

Message

“The Last Enemy”

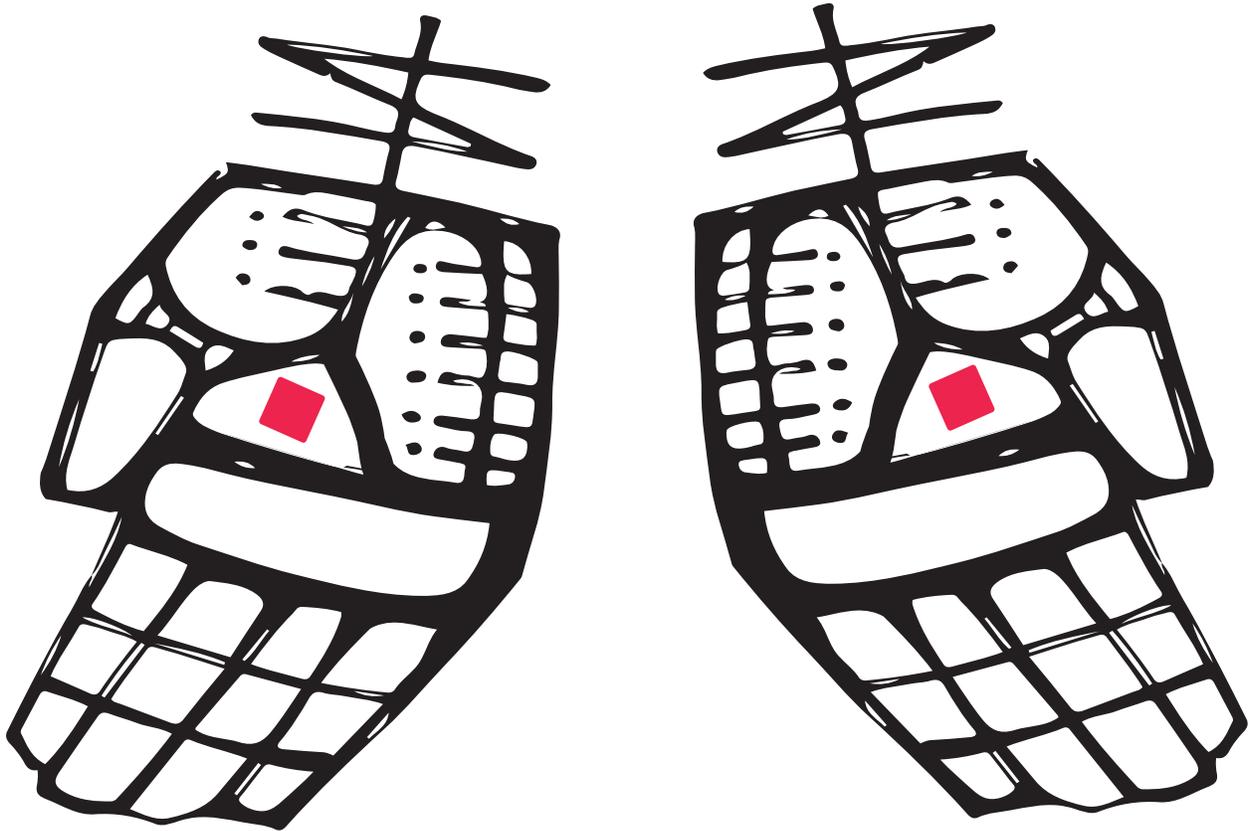
1 Corinthians 15:25-26

Invitation

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 2

6:00 p.m.



There is only one thing I know of that crushes me to the ground and humiliates me to the dust, and that is to look at the Son of God, and especially contemplate the cross...Nothing else can do it. When I see that I am a sinner...that nothing but the Son of God on the cross can save me, I'm humbled to the dust... Nothing but the cross can give us this spirit of humility.

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Holy Week Congregational Reading of 1 Corinthians 15

³² What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

³³ Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."

³⁴ Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?"

³⁶ You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

³⁹ For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.

⁴⁰ *There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another.*

⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴² *So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.*

Welcome & Prayer

Worship Song

“Jesus Messiah”

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Video

“Communion—We Remember”

Communion Message

“In Remembrance”

Luke 22:14 – 20

Preparation for the Observance of Holy Communion

Song of Reflection “Grace Flows Down”

Corporate Confession of Sin

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son,
Jesus Christ.

We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him,
Our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

We confess the poverty of our worship,
Our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace,

Our hesitating witness for Christ,
Our evasion of responsibilities in our service,

Our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

Create within us a clean heart, O God,
And put a new and right spirit within us.

Observance of the Lord's Supper

C.H. Spurgeon's Communion Hymn

AMIDST us our Belov'd; stands,
And bids us view His pierc'd; hands;
Points to His wounded feet and side,
Blest emblems of the Crucified.
What food luxurious loads the board,
When at His table sits the Lord!
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,
When Jesus deigns the guests to meet!
If now with eyes defiled and dim,
We see the signs but see not Him,
Oh, may His love the scales displace,
And bid us see Him face to face!
Our former transports we recount,
When with Him in the holy mount,
These cause our souls to thirst anew,
His marr'd but lovely face to view.
Thou glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,
Thy present smile a heaven imparts:
Oh, lift the veil, if veil there be,
Let every saint Thy beauties see!

Good Friday Worship

April 3
6:00 p.m.



Video
“Crucified”

Holy Week Congregational Reading of 1 Corinthians 15

⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.

⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

⁴⁵ Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual.

⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.

⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.

⁴⁹ *Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust,
we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.*

⁵⁰ I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Welcome & Prayer

Worship Songs

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

“Thank You Jesus for the Blood”

Special Music

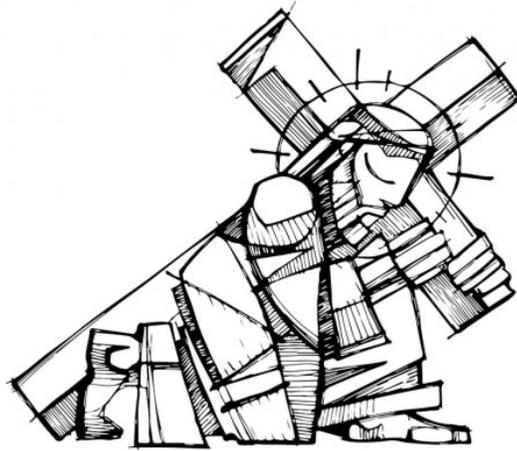
“Mercy Tree”

Reflections on the Seven Last Words

Pastor Wyman

The Seven Last Words of Christ

The Service Ends in Darkness



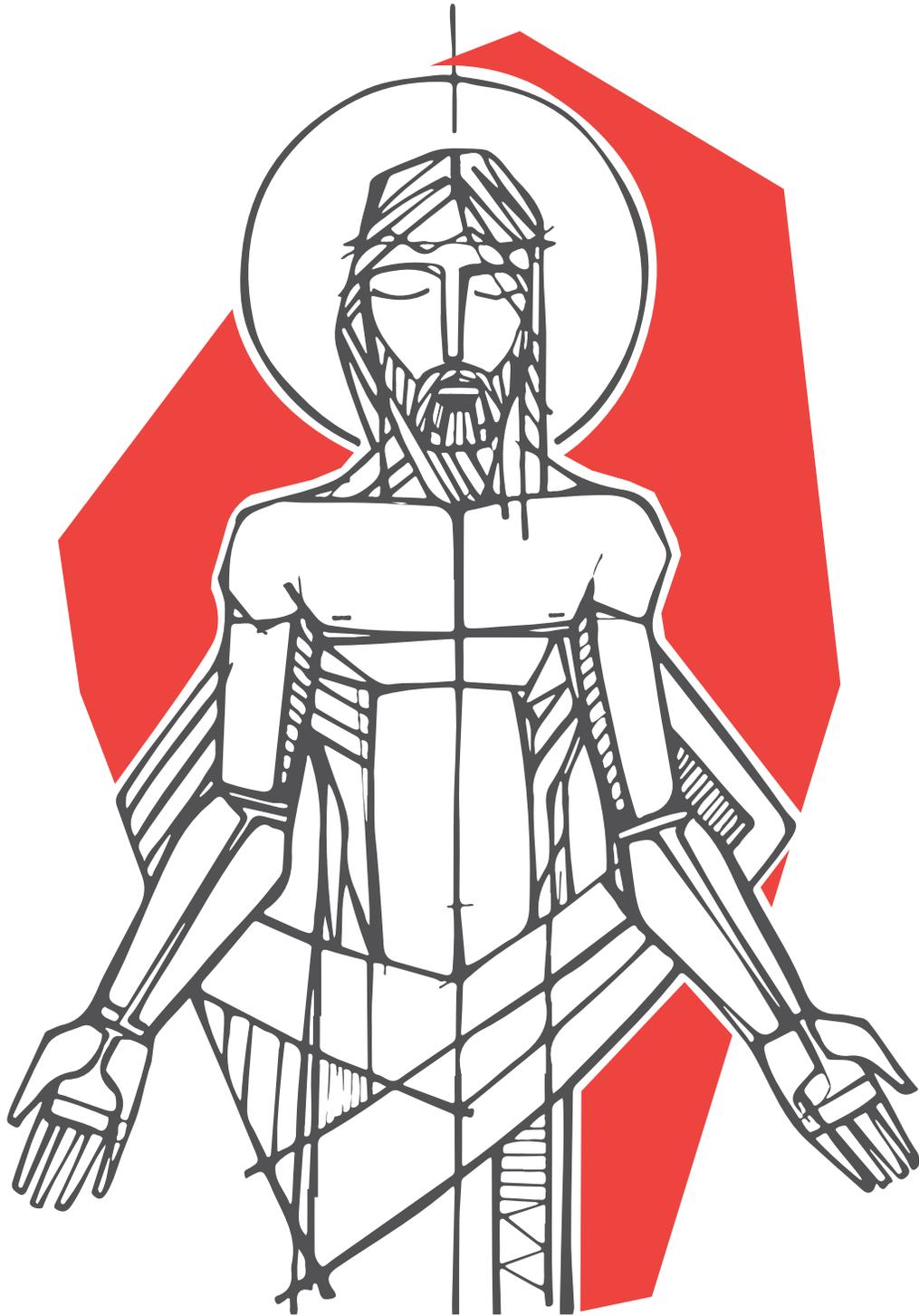
For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in
him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

Easter Sunday Worship

April 5

8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Holy Week Congregational Reading of 1 Corinthians 15

⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Welcome & Prayer

Wyman Richardson

Worship Songs

“Living Hope”

“We Fall Down”

Offertory Prayer

Wyman Richardson

Choral Worship

“This Blood”

Message

“Resurrection: Remembered and Unbound”

2 Timothy 2:8-9

Invitation



“Seven Stanzas at Easter”

John Updike (1960)

Make no mistake: if he rose at all
It was as His body;
If the cell's dissolution did not reverse, the molecules
 reknit,
The amino acids rekindle,
The Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,
Each soft spring recurrent;
It was not as His Spirit in the mouths and fuddled eyes of
the
Eleven apostles;
It was as His flesh; ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes
The same valved heart
That—pierced—died, withered, paused, and then
regathered
Out of enduring Might
New strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor,
Analogy, sidestepping, transcendence,
Making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the faded
Credulity of earlier ages:
Let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not papier-mâché,
Not a stone in a story,
But the vast rock of materiality that in the slow grinding
of
Time will eclipse for each of us
The wide light of day.

And if we will have an angel at the tomb,
make it a real angel,
weighty with Max Planck's quanta, vivid with hair,
opaque in the dawn light, robed in real linen
spun on a definite loom.

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,
For our own convenience, our own sense of beauty,
Lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we are
embarrassed
By the miracle,
And crushed by remonstrance.

