

The Promises of Our Lord

Holy Week Services

Wednesday, April 12 — 6:45 PM

Thursday, April 13 — 7:00 PM

Friday, April 14 — 7:00 PM

St. John's Baptist Church
300 Hawthorne Lane
Charlotte, North Carolina
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Wednesday

April 12, 2006

6:45 PM

Holy week comes to gather us around the one true holy place of the Christian religion, Jesus himself, displayed to the world as the public language of our God, placarded on the history of human suffering that stretches along the roadside. This is a week for learning not management, bargaining and rule-keeping but, naked trust in that naked gift. (—Rowan Williams)

THE QUIETENING OF OUR SPIRITS

Prelude

Cantilene

Joseph Rheinberger

Welcome

Invocation

“HIS HOUR HAD COME TO DEPART”

Scripture Readings

John 13:1-11

Clara Kremer

John 13:12-20

Neal Allen

John 13:21-30

Mattie Kears

John 13:31-38

Marley Belvin

*Hymn 385

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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“LET NOT YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED”

Scripture Readings

John 14:1-11

Emily Almond

John 14:12-17

Mary Lewis

*Hymn 257

There's a Spirit In the Air

Lauds

“I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD”

Scripture: John 16:29-33

“His disciples said, ‘Ah, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure! Now we know that you know all things, and need none to question you; by this we believe that you came from God.’ Jesus answered them, ‘Do you now believe? The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, every man to his home, and will leave me alone; yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.’”

Homily

“I Have Overcome the World”

Dr. Wm. Richard Kremer

The Metaphor of Darkness

The Song of Consolation

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?

Cherry Sutton

Spiritual

Depart and Disperse in Silence

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Good Friday

April 14, 2006

7:00 PM

THE QUIETENING OF OUR SPIRITS

Prelude

Where You There?

arr. Dale Wood

Invocation

“HE LIFTED UP HIS EYES TO HEAVEN”

Scripture Readings

John 17:1-5

Warren Howell

John 17:6-19

Blythe Taylor

John 17:20-26

Martha Kears

*Hymn 195

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

“THE SON OF MAN MUST BE LIFTED UP”

Scripture Readings

John 18:33-40

Lee Gray

John 19:1-11

Blythe Taylor

John 19:12-24

Martha Kears

*Hymn 202

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Passion Chorale

Scripture Readings

John 19:25-30

Melissa Kremer

John 19:31-37

Warren Howell

John 19:38-42

Lee Gray

*Hymn 213

Who Would Ever Have Believed It

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“I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU DESOLATE”

Scripture: John 14:18-26

“I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.’ Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, ‘Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?’ Jesus answered him, ‘If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me does not keep my words; and the word which you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me. These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.’”

Homily

“I Will Not Leave You Desolate”

Dr. Wm. Richard Kremer

*Hymn 259

Spirit of the Living God

Living God

Scripture

John 14:27-31

Meg Bond

Benediction

Depart and Disperse in Silence

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Maundy Thursday

April 13, 2006

7:00 PM

To do this in his memory is not primarily about repeating a ritual memorial service, but is about allowing his Spirit so to possess us that we see our lives as bread to be broken that others may live. This is to share in God's own life, expressed uniquely in Jesus. (— Gerard Hughes)

THE QUIETENING OF OUR SPIRITS

Prelude

Adagio for Strings

Samuel Barber

Welcome

Invocation

Anthem

Go to Dark Gethsemane

(The text is found printed in Hymn 196.)

Robert H. Young

“THE HOUR IS COMING”

Scripture Readings

John 15:12-17

John 15:18-27

Kathy Bragg

Greg Rodden

*Hymn 471

Now It Is Evening

Evening Hymn

Scripture Readings

John 16:1-15

John 16:16-28

Don Swofford

Geneva Solano

Choral Call to the Table

*Alleluia! Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore,
let us feast Alleluia!*

Serving of the Bread and Cup

Anthem

The Tree of Life

K. Lee Scott

There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold for the healing of the nations; Tree of all
knowledge, Tree of all compassion, Tree of all beauty.
Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!"

There on its branches see the scars of suffering; see where the
tendrils of our human self-hood feed on its life blood.

Thorns not his own are tangled in its foliage; our greed has starved
it, our despite has choked it. Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not
destroyed it nor fire consumed it.

See how its branches reach to us in welcome; hear what the Voice
says, "Come to me, ye weary! Give me your sickness, give me all
your sorrow, I will give blessing."

This is my ending, this my resurrection; into your hands, Lord, I
commit my spirit. This have I searched for; now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

All heav'n is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose Passion offers in
mercy healing, strength and pardon. Peoples and nations, take it,
take freely!" Amen! My Master!

“WHEN ONE MAN SHOULD DIE FOR THE PEOPLE”

Scripture Readings

John 18:1-14

John 18:15-27

Warren Lineberger

Ed Turner

*Hymn 210

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

Herzliebster Jesu

“I AM THE TRUE VINE”

Scripture: John 15:1-11

Homily

“I Am the True Vine”

Dr. Wm. Richard Kremer

Scripture Reading

John 18:28-32

Bob Benton

Benediction

Depart and Disperse in Silence