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# *The Word of God* **NEWSLETTER**

**The mystery of our faith**

## **The Cross and ...**

The cross of Christ is God's last and endless word. There the prince of this world is judged, there sin is killed, and pride is done to death, there lust is frozen, and self-interest slaughtered, not one can get through.

**OSWALD CHAMBERS (1874–1917)**

The world's one and only remedy is the cross.

**CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON (1834–1892)**

God sat in silence while the sins of the world were placed upon his Son. Was it right? No. Was it fair? No. Was it love? Yes. In a world of injustice, God once and for all tipped the scales in the favor of hope.

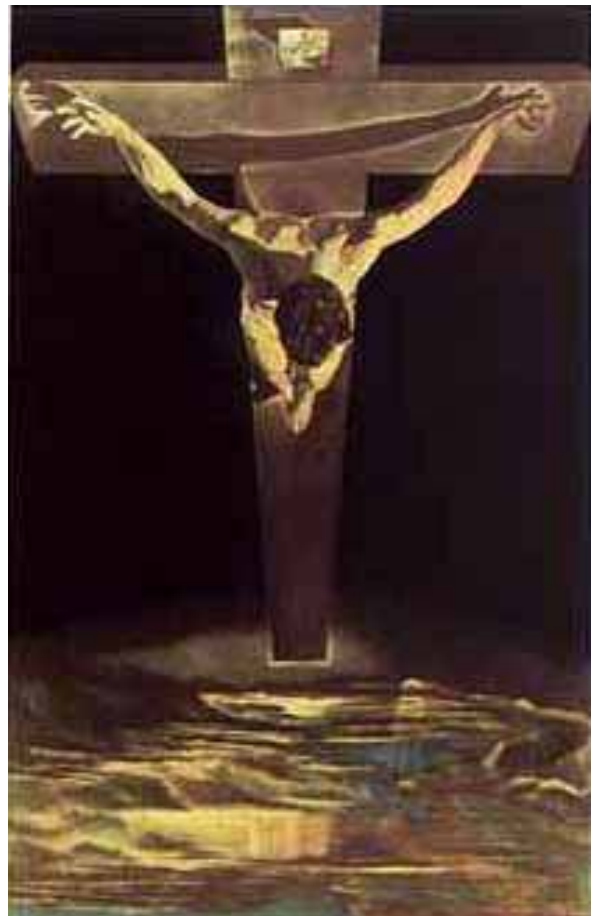
**MAX L. LUCADO (1955–)**

It costs God nothing, so far as we know, to create nice things: but to convert rebellious wills cost him crucifixion.

**C. S. LEWIS (1898–1963)**

...and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**PAUL OF TARSUS (3-67)**



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The Resurrection**

**Hosanna**

**And That's it!**

## ... The Resurrection

The best proof that Christ has risen is that he is still alive. And for the immense majority of our contemporaries, the only way of seeing him alive is for us Christians to love one another.

**LOUIS EVELY (1910–)**

The Gospels do not explain the Resurrection; the Resurrection explains the Gospels. Belief in the Resurrection is not an appendage to the Christian faith; it is the Christian faith.

**JOHN S. WHALE**

Therefore Christ rose again that he might have us as companions in the life to come. He was raised by the Father, inasmuch as he was Head of the church, from which the Father in no way allows him to be severed.

**JOHN CALVIN (1509-1564)**

Although the Resurrection was an historical event that could be verified by the sign of the empty tomb and the reality of the apostles' encounters with the risen Christ, still it remains at the very heart of the mystery of faith as something that transcends and surpasses history.

**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died<sup>8</sup> in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

**PAUL OF TARSUS (3-67)**

The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness,  
The Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
From this world to the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over  
With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection light,  
And, list'ning to His accents,  
May hear, so calm and plain  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful,  
Let earth her song begin,  
Let the round world keep triumph  
And all that is therein;  
Invisible and visible,  
Their notes let all things blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen --  
Our Joy that has no end.

**JOHN OF DAMASCUS (? - 752)**



# Hosanna 2006



## *Celebrate Jesus*

- Multi-denominational •
- Multi-ethnic • Multi-racial
- Multi-generational •
- BUT ONE LORD!***

***Sunday, April 9, 5-6:30 PM***

***Ypsilanti High School Gym***

**Packard & Hewitt Roads**

- **Black, White, Asian; Evangelical, Pentecostal, Catholic, Mainline Protestant, Charismatic**
- **Young, old; women, men, children**
- **Churches and ministries across Washtenaw County from Chelsea to Ypsilanti**
- **A mosaic of worship styles and expressions making one grand celebration**

***Everyone is invited to be part of the program by being in the***

- ***Hosanna Celebration Dancers. Email [hosanna2006dance@yahoo.com](mailto:hosanna2006dance@yahoo.com) for details***
- ***Hosanna Combined Chorus: call Christian Love Fellowship Ministries at 483-7967***

***Come and join us!***

**An offering will be taken up to defray expenses for the event**

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Saturday,  
April 8<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

at Community Meeting Room

**Claudia Tull**  
will be sharing



*Nourishment for  
the whole woman*

*Body, soul & spirit*

# Join us in April

- 4/2 Prayer Meeting, 4:30–6:00 pm  
Covenant Presbyterian Church  
5171 Jackson Road
- 4/8 Women's Breakfast 9:00–10:30  
Community Meeting Room  
230 Collingwood
- 4/9 Hosanna 2006 5:00–6:30  
Ypsilanti High School Gym  
Corner of Hewitt & Packard
- 4/23 Prayer Meeting, 4:30–6:00 pm  
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