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WEEKLY EVENTS

- Sunday: 11:45am-12:45pm - Choir rehearsal
- 304 E. Trinity Ave.
- Wednesday: 7:00pm-8:30pm - Bible Study
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- Thursday: 7:30pm-9:00pm - Bible Study - Hillsborough
- 610 Red Fox Trail (Call Annette or Melissa - 643-2284)
- Thursday: 7:00pm-8:30pm - Healing Circle
- 304 E. Trinity Ave. (new study begins March 31st)

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Imani Weekly Happenings
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304 E. Trinity Ave. • Durham NC

worship, word, oneness, wonder and witness.

Imani, a church where, through faith, all can experience and express God's irresistible love through

"Imani (Faith) ... is the substance
of things hoped for, the evidence
of things not seen." - Hebrews 11:1



Imani MCC

Passion/Palm Sunday • Sixth Sunday in Lent
April 17, 2011
10:00 am

WE WELCOME YOU TO IMANI MCC.
YOU MAY BE NEW TO US, BUT
YOU ARE KNOWN AND LOVED BY GOD.

The Seven Last Words of Jesus
Passion Sunday 2011 - April 17, 2011

A Musical Moment to Feel God's Presence

Words of Welcome

The Lord's Supper and The Sharing of Our Gifts Mark 14:17-26

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Call to Witness Isaiah 53:1-3

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: We gather to witness our redemption and to worship God.

**All: We gather to remember how Jesus suffered and died for us
and to thank God for his love and his mercy.**

One: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of
the LORD been revealed?

**All: He grew up before God like a tender shoot, and like a root
out of dry ground.**

One: He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in
his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised
and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with
suffering.

**All: Like one from whom women and men hide their faces he
was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

Hymn "Were You There" (verses 1 and 2)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Prayer of Invocation

One: Let us pray.

**All: Merciful God - as we remember how your son Jesus bore
our sins in his body on the cross, how seven times he spake,
seven words of love, we ask you to bless our hearing.**

One: Father, as we recall how all three hours His silence cried for
mercy on the souls of all, we ask you to help us to understand
the mystery of your love, and make us into a people who are
ever more worthy of it.

All: Amen.



The Seven Last Words of Jesus

The First Word Luke 23:33-34

*When they came to the place called "The Skull," they nailed Jesus to
the cross there, and the two criminals, one on his right and one on
his left. Jesus said "Forgive them, Father! They do not know what
they are doing."*

Meditation on the First Word

"Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing"

Extinguishing the Candle

One: Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

All: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

Song

“At the Cross” by Hillsong

Toka

The Second Word

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals hanging there threw insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” The other one, however, rebuked him, saying: “Don’t you fear God? Here we are all under the same sentence. Ours, however, is only right, for we are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done no wrong.” And he said to Jesus, “Remember me, Jesus, when you come as King!” Jesus said to him, “I tell you this: Today you will be in Paradise with me.”

Meditation on the Second Word

“Today, you will be in paradise with me.”

Extinguishing the Candle

One: Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

All: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

Song

“Jesus Remember Me”

Choir (two times) then Congregation (three times)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.



The Third Word

John 19:25-27

Standing close to Jesus’ cross were his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there; so he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that time the disciple took her to live in his home.

Meditation on the Third Word

“Woman, behold your son; son, behold your mother.”

Extinguishing the Candle

One: Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

All: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

Song

“I Need You to Survive”

Rosalee and Congregation

I need you, you need me.

We’re all a part of God’s body.

Stand with me, agree with me.

We’re all a part of God’s body.

It is his will, that every need be supplied.

You are important to me, I need you to survive.

You are important to me, I need you to survive.

I pray for you, You pray for me.

I love you, I need you to survive.

I won’t harm you with words from my mouth.

I love you, I need you to survive.

The Fourth Word

Mark 15:33-34

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Elo-i, elo-i, lama sabach-thani?” which means, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”

Meditation on the Fourth Word

“My God, my god, why hast thou forsaken me?”

Extinguishing the Candle

One: Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

All: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

Song

"Feel the Nails"

Greg

The Fifth Word

John 19:28

After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the scripture), "I thirst."

Meditation on the Fifth Word

"I thirst."

Extinguishing the Candle

One: Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

All: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

Song

"Fill My Cup Lord"

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more--
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

The Sixth Word

John 19:29-30

A bowl was there, full of cheap wine mixed with vinegar, so a sponge was soaked in it, put on stalk of hyssop and lifted up to his lips. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished."



Meditation on the Sixth Word

"It is finished"

Extinguishing the Candle

One: Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

All: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

Song

"Three Nails"

Michael



The Seventh Word

Luke 23:46

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

Meditation on the Seventh Word

"Father, into your hands, I commit my spirit"

Extinguishing the Candle

One: Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

All: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

Silent Meditation

Song "Now Behold the Lamb" by Kirk Franklin

Chorus: Now behold the Lamb, The Precious Lamb of God.
Born into sin that I may live again, The Precious Lamb of God. (sing 2 times)

Holy is the Lamb, The Precious Lamb of God.
Why You love me so, Lord, I shall never know
The Precious Lamb of God. (sing 3 times)

Solo: Now behold the Lamb, The Precious Lamb of God.
Born into sin that I may live again, He's the precious Lamb of God.

When I always didn't do right, I went left, He told me to go right,
But I'm standing right here, In the midst of my tears, Lord,
I claim You to be the Lamb of God.

Chorus: Thank You for the Lamb, The Precious Lamb of God.
Because of Your grace, I can finish this race,
The Precious Lamb of God.

Solo: Even when I broke Your heart, My sins tore us apart,
But I'm standing right here, In the midst of my tears,
I claim You to be the Lamb of God.

New life can begin, For You washed away, washed away every one of my sins
Whom the Son sets free, is truly free indeed claim You to be the Lamb of God.

Chorus: Now behold the Lamb, The Precious Lamb of God.
Born into sin that I may live again, The Precious Lamb of God.

Why You love me so, Lord, I shall never know.
Why You love me so, Lord, I shall never know.
Why You love me so, Lord, I shall never know.
The Precious Lamb of God.

Why You love me so, Lord, I shall never know.
The Precious Lamb of God.

You love me, Jesus, You died for me, Jesus.
You shed your blood for me, Jesus on Calvary.

Thank you for being born for me, Jesus.
Thank you Jesus, For lovin' me so.
Never never never know, For lovin' me so.
Thank you for your blood...
Why you love me so, Lord, I shall never know.
The Precious Lamb of God.



Responsive Reading

Isaiah 53-4-6, 9

One: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted.

All: But he was wounded for our transgressions and he was bruised for our iniquities. Upon him was the chastisement that made us whole.

One: All we like sheep have gone astray; each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid upon him the iniquity of us all.

All: He was assigned a grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death, although he had done no violence nor was any deceit in his mouth.

Prayer of Dedication

One: Lord God, you have given us everything.

All: You have not held anything back.

One: Help us in like manner to give of ourselves

All: Sanctify us in Christ's name.

All: Bless us and all that we think, feel, say, and do that we, like Jesus, may be a blessing unto others,

One: We ask this and all things that we ask of you through him, saying the prayer that he taught us...

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in
 heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
 ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn "[We Were] There" (verses 3-5)

We were there when the sun refused to shine.
 We were there when the sun refused to shine.
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 We were there when the sun refused to shine.

We were there when they pierced him in the side.
 We were there when they pierced him in the side.
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 We were there when they pierced him in the side.

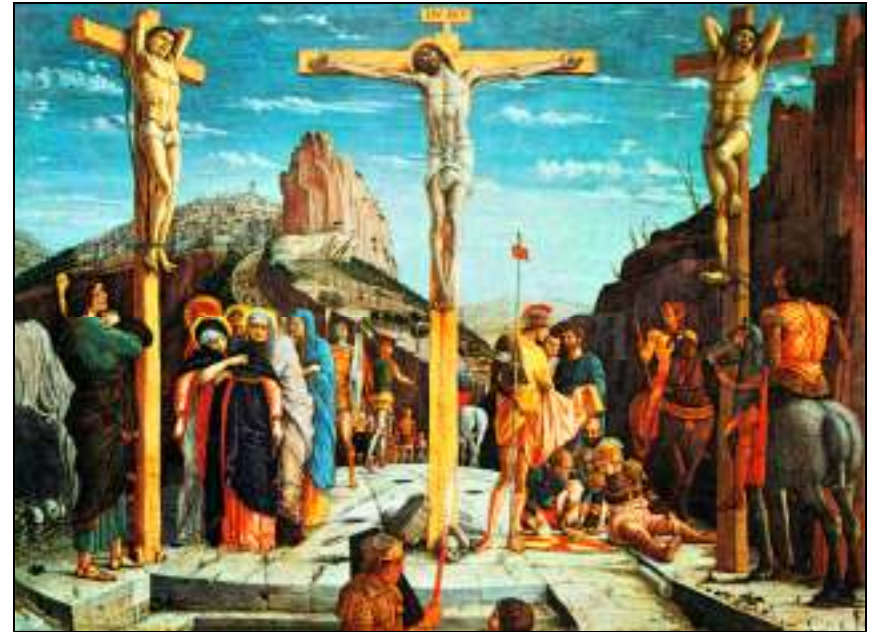
We were there when they laid in the tomb.
 We were there when they laid in the tomb.
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 We were there when they laid Him in the tomb.



Benediction

Depart now in peace – and may the Spirit of Christ, go with you, may his faith and trust abide within you, and may the knowledge of his love support you both now and forevermore. Amen.

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Let's remember to "keep first things first" this week!

*"Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' But seek first [God's] kingdom and [God's] righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."
 Matthew 6:31, 33 (NASB)*

	Needed	Actual	Var. +/-
April 10, 2011 Offering:	\$1,636.58	\$1,255.00	(\$ -381.58)
Year to date:	\$24,548.64	\$29,014.11	\$4,465.47
	Offering	Yr to Date	Total Given
Building Fund Giving	\$125.00	\$1,730.00	\$158,371.93
Expenditures	\$58,707.08	Balance	\$96,436.16
Attendance: 27		Updated Weekly	

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." - Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)