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Dear Friends,

*“For God so loved ... that He gave His
only begotten Son...” John 3:16*

It just keeps going over and over in my mind – “O the wonder of it all, the wonder of it all –
Just to think that God loves me!”

As the month of April begins, we step into Holy Week. It is during that week that we see the wonder of it all. Every step that Jesus took – was for you. The gifts of the cross were for you. Those gifts came, not wrapped in paper, but in passion. They were not placed under a tree, but on a cross. They were not covered with ribbons, but sprinkled with blood. God didn't have to give them – but because of His love for YOU – He gave.

It was said that Martin Luther was observing painting of the crucifixion of Jesus... and he was so deeply moved that he said, "My God, my God...for me, for me"!!

This Holy Week as we feel the timber of the cross, and trace the braid of the crown of thorns and finger the point of the spike may we hear our Savior whisper – “I did it just for you.”

The wonder of it all is indeed that God loves me – God loves you. From the Hosannas of Palm Sunday to the betrayal and hatred of Good Friday we see the extent and wonder of that love.

We walk humbly in the wonder and holiness of the Easter Season.

In His Service,

Chaplain Sandy Anenson
