

A Reading from ***Modern Man in Search of a Soul***  
by Carl Gustav Jung

**T**he truly religious person knows that God has brought all sorts of strange and inconceivable things to pass, and seeks in the most curious ways to enter the human heart. Such a person senses in everything the unseen presence of the divine will. This is what I mean by 'unprejudiced objectivity'. We cannot change anything unless we accept it. Condemnation does not liberate, it oppresses. I am the oppressor of the person I condemn, not his friend and fellow-sufferer. I do not in the least mean to say that we must never pass judgement in the cases of persons whom we desire to help and improve. But if we wish to help a human being we must be able to accept them as they are. And we can do this in reality only when we have already seen and accepted ourselves as we are.

In life it requires the greatest discipline to be simple, and the acceptance of oneself is the essence of the moral problem and the epitome of a whole outlook upon life. That I feed the hungry, that I forgive an insult, that I love my enemy in the name of Christ - all these are undoubtedly great virtues. What I do unto the least of my brethren, that I do unto Christ. But what if I should discover that the least amongst them all, the poorest of all beggars, the most impudent of all the offenders, the very enemy himself - that these are within me, and that I myself stand in need of the alms of my own kindness - that I myself am the enemy who must be loved - what then? As a rule, the Christian's attitude is then reversed; there is no longer any question of love or long-suffering; we say to the brother within us '*Raca*' and condemn and rage against ourselves. We hide it from the world; we refuse to admit ever having met this least among the lowly in ourselves. Had it been God himself who drew near to us in this despicable form, we should have denied him a thousand times before a single cock had crowed.

To accept ourselves in all our wretchedness is the hardest of tasks, and one which it is almost impossible to fulfill. The very thought can make us livid with fear. We therefore do not hesitate, but light-heartedly choose the complicated course of remaining in ignorance about ourselves while busying ourselves with other people and their troubles and sins. This activity lends us an air of virtue, and we thus deceive ourselves and those around us. In this way, thank God, we can escape from ourselves. There are countless people who can do this with impunity, but not everyone can, and these few break down on the road to Damascus. But how can I help such people if I am myself a fugitive? Only the person who has fully accepted himself will have 'unprejudiced objectivity'. [Source: *Celebrating the Seasons*]

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



## **March 24. Palm Sunday**

- 7:30a.m. & 9:30a.m. Blessing of the Palms & Holy Eucharist

## **March 28. Maundy Thursday**

- 7:00p.m. Holy Eucharist and Washing of the Feet

## **March 29. Good Friday**

- 11:00a.m. Stations of the Cross
- 12:00noon Liturgy of Good Friday

## **March 30. Holy Saturday**

- 7:00p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter
- Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation

## **March 31. Easter Sunday**

- 8:30a.m. JOINT Eucharist Rite 1
- 3:00p.m. French Service