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Event: *University Chapel Hour* to present: Holy Week Service

Date: April 7 (Wednesday)

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Evelyn Chapel
1301 N. Park St., Bloomington

Background: The Holy Week Service, commemorating the last days of Jesus in Jerusalem, will include a number of special features. Holy Communion according to the Protestant rite will be welcome to all. In addition, members of the Collegiate Choir will sing a composition by Mark Tomasino '06 and the IWU Flute Choir will perform.

The homily, which will be given by IWU Chaplain and Professor of Humanities and Archaeology Dennis E. Groh, is titled "Hope Dies Last." It is a meditation on Christ's words from the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

"The homily is about the crucial role Christ's death and resurrection play in the formation of what Christians mean by hope," said Groh. A specialist in early Christianity and the archaeology of Israel in the Roman and Byzantine Periods, Groh is associate director of the University of South Florida Excavations at Sepphoris. Previously, he was professor of the history of Christianity at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. and an advisory member of The Graduate Faculty.

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