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God on Trial: Misconceptions

Opening Hymn 420 v1,4-6

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”



1 Je - sus, I will pon-der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
4 Grant that I your pas-sion view with re - pent - ant griev - ing;
5 If my sins give me a - larm and my con-science grieve me,
6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; help me bear my cross - es,



with your Spir - it me en - dow for such med - i - ta - tion.
let me not bring shame to you by un - ho - ly liv - ing.
let your cross my fear dis - arm, peace of con-science give me.
learn - ing hum - ble - ness from you, peace mid pain and loss - es.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
How could I re - fuse to shun ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure
Help me see for - give - ness won by your ho - ly pas - sion.
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



of your suf-f'ring, pain, and death that I may not per - ish.
since for me God's on - ly Son suf-fered with - out mea - sure?
If for me he slays his Son, God must have com - pas - sion!
that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

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Please stand

Confession of Sins

In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

Amen.

I confess that I am by nature sinful.

I am guilty of many sins.

I am distressed by the sins that trouble me.

For all this I am sorry. I pray for forgiveness.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.

Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven."
His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

Yes, I believe.

By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Please be seated

Psalm 2B

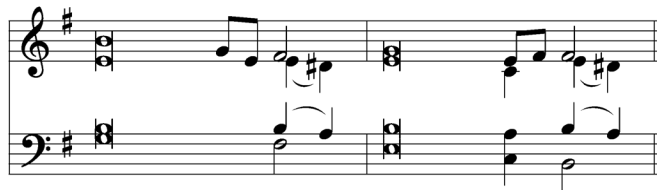
“Why Do the Nations Conspire”

Refrain



You are my Son; this day have I be - got - ten you.

Tone



Why do the nations / conspire
and the peoples / plot in vain?
The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together a- / gainst the LORD
and against his A- / nointed. *Refrain*

The One enthroned in / heaven laughs;
the Lord / scoffs at them.
He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, / saying,
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy / mountain.” *Refrain*

I will proclaim the / LORD’s decree:
He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your / Father.”
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.** *Refrain*

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Psalm Prayer

Lord, keep us safe in the refuge of your anointed Son, so that when the nations rage against him, we are not terrified. You have begotten him from eternity and have seated him on your throne in heaven. Let us see him as he truly is, the One who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Special Anthem

3:30 PM

PreK-K

Passion History

Week Two

Mark 14:1-26 (EHV)

Passion Readings from The Plot to Kill Jesus, Mary Anoints Jesus, Judas Plans to Betray Jesus, Jesus Celebrates the Passover, One Will Betray Jesus, and The Lord's Supper

P: Pastor

M: Men

W: Women

- P: It was two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the experts in the law were looking for some deceptive way to arrest Jesus and kill him.
- M: **“Certainly not during the Festival,” they said, “or there will be a riot among the people.”**
- W: ***While Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made from pure nard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it over his head. But there were some who were indignant and said to one another,***
- M: **“Why has this perfume been wasted? Certainly this perfume could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor!” And they began to scold her.**
- P: But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing for me. In fact, you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you are not always going to have me. She did what she could. She anointed my body beforehand for

burial. Amen I tell you: Wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman did will also be told in memory of her.”

W: *Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray Jesus to them. When they heard this, they were glad and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.*

P: On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked him,

M: **“Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?”**

P: He sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house that the Teacher says, ‘Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

W: *His disciples left and went into the city and found things just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.*

M: **When it was evening, he arrived with the Twelve. While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said,**

P: “Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

M: **They began to be sorrowful and said to him one by one, “Surely not I?”**

P: He said to them, “It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me in the dish. Indeed, the Son of Man is going to go just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

W: *While they were eating, Jesus took bread. When he had blessed it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,*

P: “Take it. This is my body.”

W: *Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. They all drank from it. He said to them,*

P: “This is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many. Amen I tell you: I will certainly not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God.”

M: **After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.**

P: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day 408

“He Stood before the Court”



1 He stood be - fore the court on trial in - stead of
2 These are the crimes that tell the tale of hu - man
3 The sen - tence must be passed, the un - known pris - 'ner
4 Shall we be judged and tried? In Christ our trial is



us; he met its pow'r to hurt, con - demned to
guilt; our sins, our death, our hell— on these the
killed; the price is paid at last, the law of
done; we live, for he has died, our con - dem -



face the cross— our King, ac - cused of treach - er -
case is built. To this world's pow'rs the Lord stays
God ful - filled. He takes our blame, and from that
na - tion gone. In Christ are we both dead and



y; our God, a - bused for blas - phe - my!
dumb. The guilt is ours, no an - swers come.
day th' ac - cu - ser's claim is wiped a - way.
raised, a - live and free— his name be praised!

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Sermon

Luke 23:1-12 (NIV)

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Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. ² And they began to accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king.”

³ So Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

⁴ Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

⁵ But they insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

⁶ On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. ⁷ When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. ⁹ He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. ¹² That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.

Offering

Please stand

Prayer

O God our Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light.

We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper.

To your great love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.
Amen.

Please be seated

Closing Hymn 400

“Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing”



1 Sweet the mo - ments, rich in bless - ing, which be -
2 Here we rest in won - der, view - ing all our
3 Here we find the dawn of heav - en while up -
4 Oh, that, near the cross a - bid - ing, we may
5 Lord, in lov - ing con - tem - pla - tion fix our



fore the cross we spend, life and health and
sins on Je - sus laid; here we see re -
on the cross we gaze, see our tres - pass -
to the Sav - ior cleave, naught with him our
hearts and eyes on you till we taste your



peace pos - sess - ing from the sin - ner's dy - ing friend.
demp - tion flow - ing from the sac - ri - fice he made.
es for - giv - en, and our songs of tri - umph raise.
hearts di - vid - ing, all for him con - tent to leave!
full sal - va - tion and your un - veiled glo - ry view.

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Lenten Meal hosted by our
Parent Teacher Society (PTS)*



MENU

Pasta bar

with various salads and desserts!

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