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GOD ON TRIAL

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Misconceptions

✘ Gathering ✘

OPENING HYMN

395 – What Grace is This



- 1 What grace is this! My Lord and King
- 2 What grace is this— that ver - y God
- 3 What grace is this! Though Lord of all,
- 4 What grace is this! Rude ag - o - nies!



has set his face to suf - fer - ing. My God e -
would stoop to lift a cross of wood and walk a
he yields to Pon - tius Pi - late's law and lets the
With com - mon thieves he hangs and bleeds. The sin - less



ter - nal dies to bring e - ter - nal life to me.
road of rock and blood, a sin - ner's road, for me.
Ro - man ham - mers draw a rush of blood for me.
Son bears each mis - deed; he pays for all, for me.

- 5 What grace is this! Once wrapped in cloths
and gently laid in manger-trough,
he's taken, dead, from wretched cross
and wrapped again for me.
- 6 What grace is this? How can it be?
He wears this raw humility
to lift me to eternity.
Such grace—sweet grace—for me.

Stand

CONFESSION OF SINS

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

we have sinned against you

**in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.**

Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

Amen.

Be seated

Grades 3-8

Meditation for Lent

*There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall,
Where our dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.
O dearly, dearly has he loved! And we must love him too.
And trust in his redeeming love, and try his will to do.*

*Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,
That we to judge you have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by your own rejected,
O most afflicted.*

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.**

PASSION HISTORY

LEADER: Simon Peter and another disciple kept following Jesus. That disciple was known to the high priest, so he went into the high priest's courtyard with Jesus.

CONGREGATION: But Peter stood outside by the door. So the other disciple, the one known to the high priest, went out and talked to the girl watching the door and brought Peter in.

WOMEN: The servants and guards were standing around a fire of coals because it was cold.

MEN: While they warmed themselves, Peter was standing with them, warming himself too.

LEADER: One of the servant girls of the high priest came there. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked directly at him and said, “You were also with Jesus the Galilean.”

CONGREGATION: But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, “I don’t know what you are talking about. Woman, I do not know him.”

WOMEN: When Peter went out to the entryway, someone else saw him and said to those who were there, “This is one of them. This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

MEN: Again Peter denied it with an oath and said, “I do not know the man.”

CONGREGATION: After a little while those who stood by came and said to Peter, “Surely you are also one of them, because even your accent gives you away. You are a Galilean!”

MEN: Then he began to curse and to swear, “I do not know this man you are talking about! I do not know the man!”

LEADER: At that very moment, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the Lord’s word, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today you will deny me three times.” He went outside, broke down, and wept bitterly.

WOMEN: The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

CONGREGATION: Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I always taught in a synagogue or at the temple, where all the Jews gather. I said nothing in secret. Why are you questioning me? Ask those who heard what I told them. Look, they know what I said.”

MEN: When he said this, one of the guards standing there hit Jesus in the face. “Is that how you answer the high priest?” he demanded.

LEADER: “If I said something wrong,” Jesus answered, “testify about what was wrong. But if I was right, why did you hit me?”

CONGREGATION: The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they could put him to death. They found none, even though many false witnesses came forward.

MEN: Finally two came forward and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’”

WOMEN: Yet even on this point, their testimony did not agree.

CONGREGATION: The high priest stood up and said to him, “Have you no answer? What is this that these men are testifying against you?”

LEADER: But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I place you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God!”

MEN: Jesus said to him, “It is as you have said. But I tell you, soon you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

LEADER: Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? See, you have just heard the blasphemy! What do you think?”

WOMEN: They answered, “He is deserving of death!”

CONGREGATION: Then some began to spit on him. They covered his face, struck him with their fists, and said, “Prophecy to us, Christ! Who hit you?”

MEN: The guards also took him and beat him. And they went on saying many other blasphemous things against him.

LEADER: As soon as it was day, the council of the elders of the people met together, both chief priests and experts in the law.

CONGREGATION: They took him into the Sanhedrin and said, “If you are the Christ, tell us.”

MEN: But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer me or release me. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

CONGREGATION: They all said, “Are you then the Son of God?”

LEADER: He said to them, “I am what you are saying.”

MEN: Then they said, “Why do we need any more testimony? For we ourselves have heard it from his own mouth!”

WOMEN: Then the chief priests with the elders and experts in the law, together with the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision.

MEN: They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor.

LEADER: Then when Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he felt remorse. He brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders and said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

CONGREGATION: But they said, “What is that to us? That’s your problem.”

WOMEN: He threw the pieces of silver into the temple and left. Then he went out and hanged himself.

LEADER: The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, “It is not lawful to put these into the treasury, since it is blood money.”

MEN: They decided to buy the potter’s field with the money, as a burial place for foreigners.

WOMEN: So that field has been called The Field of Blood to this day. Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

MEN: They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price the sons of Israel had set for him, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord commanded me.

LEADER: Early in the morning, the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium. They did not enter the Praetorium themselves, so that they would not become ceremonially unclean. (They wanted to be able to eat the Passover meal.) So Pilate went out to them and said, "What charge do you bring against this man?"

WOMEN: They answered him, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."

LEADER: Pilate told them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law."

CONGREGATION: The Jews said, "It's not legal for us to put anyone to death." This happened so that the statement Jesus had spoken indicating what kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

MEN: They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this fellow misleading our nation, forbidding the payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king."

WOMEN: Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

LEADER: "It is as you say," Jesus replied.

CONGREGATION: The chief priests accused him of many things. When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

MEN: Pilate questioned him again, "Are you not going to answer anything? See how many charges they are bringing against you!"

WOMEN: But Jesus still did not answer anything, so Pilate was amazed.

CONGREGATION: Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

LEADER: Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

CONGREGATION: Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

LEADER: Jesus replied, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here."

MEN: "You are a king then?" Pilate asked.

LEADER: Jesus answered, “I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

MEN: “What is truth?” Pilate said to him.

CONGREGATION: After he said this, he went out again to the Jews and told them, “I find no basis for a charge against him.”

WOMEN: But they kept insisting, “He stirs up the people, teaching all through Judea, beginning from Galilee all the way here.”

LEADER: When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem during those days.

WOMEN: When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad. For a long time he had wanted to see him, because he had heard many things about him.

MEN: He hoped to see some miracle performed by him. He questioned him with many words, but Jesus gave him no answer.

CONGREGATION: The chief priests and the experts in the law stood there, vehemently accusing him.

WOMEN: Herod, along with his soldiers, treated him with contempt and ridiculed him. Dressing him in bright clothing, Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate.

LEADER: Herod and Pilate became friends with each other on that day. Before this they had been enemies of each other.

My
KINGDOM
is not of this world.

HYMN OF THE DAY

428 – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Grades 3-8 will sing verses 1 and 3. The congregation will sing verses 2 and 4.



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and
 2 My bur - den in your pas - sion, Lord, you have
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank you,
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion, my shield when



shame weighed down, now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed, with
 borne for me, for it was my trans - gres - sion, my
 dear - est Friend, for this, your dy - ing sor - row, your
 I must die; re - mind me of your pas - sion when



thorns your on - ly crown, O sa - cred head, no
 shame, on Cal - va - ry. I cast me down be -
 pit - y with - out end? O make me yours for -
 my last hour draws nigh. My eyes will then be -



glo - ry now from your face does shine; yet,
 fore you; wrath is my right - ful lot. Have
 ev - er, and keep me strong and true; Lord,
 hold you, up - on your cross will dwell; my



though de - spised and go - ry, I joy to call you mine.
 mer - cy, I im - plore you; Re - deem - er, spurn me not!
 let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love for you.
 heart will then en - fold you— who dies in faith dies well!

✠ Sermon ✠

Luke 23:1-12

¹LUKE 23:1 Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. ²And 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.”

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

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

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

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

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

⁸When 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.

⁹He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.

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Sermon notes:

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Choir Anthem

Wondrous Love

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
That caused the Lord of life to bear the heavy cross,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
That Christ should lay aside his crown for my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

Stand

PRAYER

Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Abide with us and with your whole Church. Abide with us in your grace and goodness, in your holy Word and sacrament, in your comfort and blessing. Abide with us when we are overcome by the night of sorrow and fear, by the night of doubt and affliction, by the night of bitter death. Abide with us and with all your people in time and in eternity. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.

May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

CLOSING HYMN

789 – All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night



1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the bless - ings
2 Teach me to live that I may dread the grave as lit - tle
3 When in the night I sleep - less lie, my soul with heav'n - ly



of the light. Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, be - neath thine
as my bed. Teach me to die that so I may rise glo - rious
thoughts sup - ply; let no ill dreams dis - turb my rest, no pow'rs of



own al - might - y wings. For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
at the awe - full day. Oh, may my soul on thee re - pose
dark - ness me dis - tress. Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;



the ill that I this day have done, that with the world, my -
and may sweet sleep mine eye - lids close, sleep that shall me more
praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



self, and thee I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
vig - 'rous make to serve my God when I a - wake.
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Be seated

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Tune: Hans Leo Hassler, 1546-1612; setting: Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

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Wondrous Love

Traditional Southern folk-hymn

Arr., Paul Christiansen

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