Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD’S DAY
August 30, 2020
9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Service

+Call To Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering Yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. He lays the beams of His chambers on the waters; He makes the clouds His chariot; He rides on the wings of the wind; He makes his messengers winds, His ministers a flaming fire.

Psalm 104:1-4

+Invocation & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Unison

+Hymn of Praise

#219 (TH#2) “O Worship The King”

Confession of Sin

O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned against You in thought and word and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, we have not loved You with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With You, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love You with a holy love. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55:6-8

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
Hymn of Assurance

#340 (TH#253)  “There is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

Confession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading


Jesus Is Mocked

63 Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking Him as they beat Him. 64 They also blindfolded Him and kept asking Him, “Prophesy! Who is it that struck You?” 65 And they said many other things against Him, blaspheming Him.

Jesus Before the Council

66 When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led Him away to their council, and they said, 67 “If You are the Christ, tell us.” But He said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe, 68 and if I ask you, you will not answer. 69 But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” 70 So they all said, “Are you the Son of God, then?” And he said to them, “You say that I am.” 71 Then they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from His own lips.”

Jesus Before Pilate

23 Then the whole company of them arose and brought Him before Pilate. 2 And they began to accuse Him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that He himself is Christ, a king.” 3 And Pilate asked Him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And He answered him, “You have said so.” 4 Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.” 5 But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.”

Jesus Before Herod

6 When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. 7 And when he learned that He belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. 8 When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see Him, because he had heard about Him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by Him. 9 So he questioned Him at some length, but He made no answer. 10 The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing Him. 11 And Herod with his soldiers treated Him with contempt and mocked Him. Then, arraying Him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. 12 And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

13 Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, 14 and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining Him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against Him. 15 Neither did Herod, for he sent Him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. 16 I will therefore punish and release Him.”
Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified
18 But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”—19 a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. 20 Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, 21 but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” 22 A third time he said to them, “Why? What evil has He done? I have found in Him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release Him.” 23 But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that He should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. 24 So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. 25 He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

Sermon “The Trials of Jesus” Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan
Worship with Tithes & Offerings
Doxology #567 (TH#731)
Prayer of Dedication
+ Hymn of Response #351 “How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”
+Benediction
"The Trials of Jesus"


INTRODUCTION

I. The Trial Before the Sanhedrin (v. 22:63-71)

II. The Trial Before Pilate (vv. 23:1-7)

III. The Trial Before Herod (vv. 23:8-12)

IV. The Sentence of Pilate (vv. 23:18-25)

CONCLUSION
O Worship the King

1. O worship the King, all-glorious above, O grateful ly
   sing his pow' r and his love; our Shield and De fender, the
   An cient of Days, pavilioned in splen dor and gird ed with praise.
   Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
   light, whose can o py space. His char iots of wrath the deep
   thunder clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
   you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
   change less de cree, and round it has cast, like a man tle, the sea.
   your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
   scends to the plain, and sweet ly dis tills in the dew and the rain.
3. The earth with its store of wonders untold, Al might y, your
   pow' r has found ed of old; has 'stab lished it fast by a
   O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
   air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it de-
   While angels delight to hymn you above,
   6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
   the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
   with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.
   our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Based on Psalm 104
Robert Grant, 1833
Mod.
LYONS 10.10.11.11.
Michael Haydn, 1737–1806
Arr. in William Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815
340   There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

1. There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Im-man-uel's veins;
2. The dy-ing thief re-joiced to see that foun-tain in his day;
3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flow-ing wounds sup-ply,
4. Then in a no-bler, sweet-er song I'll sing your pow'r to save,
5. Dear dy-ing Lamb, your pre-cious blood shall nev-er lose its pow'r,

and sin-ners, plunged be-neath that flood, lose all their guilt-y stains:
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a-way:
• re-deem-ing love has been my theme, and shall be 'til I die:
when this poor lisp-ing, stam-m'ring tongue lies si-lent in the grave:
'til all the ran-somed church of God be saved to sin no more:

lose all their guilt-y stains, lose all their guilt-y stains;
washed all my sins a-way, washed all my sins a-way;
• and shall be 'til I die, and shall be 'til I die;
lies si-lent in the grave, lies si-lent in the grave;
be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;

and sin-ners, plunged be-neath that flood, lose all their guilt-y stains.
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a-way.
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Lowell Mason, 1830
Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host:

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Thomas Ken, 1674

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Louis Bourgeois, 1551
How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
   that he should give his only Son to sure,
   make a wretch his treasure. How great the pain of searing loss:
   wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory,

2. Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
   a-shamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
   dying breath has brought me life—I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
   but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection. Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer, but
   this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.
Devotional Readings
for August 31 - September 5, 2020


Tuesday: Read Luke 22:66-71; Psalm 2:2; Psalm 110:1; Acts 2:33; Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 8:1; Dan. 7:14. How do the Sanhedrin respond to Jesus’ questions? How does Jesus respond to theirs?


Saturday: Read Luke 23:24-25; Isaiah 53:8. What are the two parts of the sentence that Pilate issues?