

Good Shepherd Church
A Baptist Reformed Fellowship
Worship Guide 21 March 2021

Theme: Jesus before Pilate

Gathering

Greeting-

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen! 1Galatians 1:3-5 ESV

Call to Worship

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God
who redeemed us from sin and death.

For us and our salvation,

Christ became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Invocation

Hymn-403 My Song Is Love Unknown

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love for me;
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be:
but who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh and die?

2. He came from heaven's throne
salvation to bestow;
but they refused, and none
the longed-for Christ would know:
this is my friend,
my friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend.

3. Sometimes they crowd his way
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King:
then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

4. Why, what has my Lord done
to cause this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run
and gave the blind their sight:
what injuries!
Yet these are why
the Lord most high
so cruelly dies.

5. With cries of rage they have
my dear Lord done away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of life they slay!
Yet steadfast he
to suffering goes,
that these his foes
may be set free.

6. In life, no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heaven was his home,
but mine the tomb
wherein he lay.

7. Here might I stay and sing
of him my soul adores;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like yours!
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman
Love Unknown
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We Confess our Sins and Received God's Pardon

Because we trust in God's grace and mercy, we able to make our honest confessions to him without fear of rejection. We know he will be merciful. So let us call on him for his mercy and grace that we may be renewed.

We join in confession. Lord,
C/ We come in worship today admitting that we are powerless to do anything about our sin. Sin separates us from You, and our brothers and sisters.
Sin ties us up in knots and confuses us.
Sin sours our attitudes and destroys our priorities.

*We are in need of a Savior.
We want to live in love, and know Your power in our lives,
so we might be Your faithful servants.*

*Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken,
we confess that we fail to fulfill your will.*

Though you have bound yourself to us,

There are times when we refuse to bind ourselves to you.

*In Jesus Christ you serve us freely but there are times to our shame
when we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others.*

We do not love you fully or love one another to the degree that you command.

In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.

Lead us once again to your Table

and renew once again our union with Christ

who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Our great God and Savior Jesus Christ gave himself to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift! Amen (‘cf. Titus 2:13-14; 2 Corinthians 9:15)

Sermon Scripture Text 1- Judas’ Remorse

Matthew 27:1-10

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. ² And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.

³ Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴ saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” ⁵ And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. ⁶ But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.” ⁷ So they took counsel and bought with them the potter’s field as a burial place for strangers. ⁸ Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰ and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord directed me.”

Hymn- The Traitor

Oh Judas! How could you betray
The Lord who gave thee life and breath;
And see the Savior fall a prey
To suffering, shame, reproach and death!

The solemn vows are now forgot,
And sacred friendship all abused;
But Christ foreknew the treacherous plot,
Nor the deceitful kiss refused.

How could the wretch unmoved survey,
A face so lovely and divine;
How such a friend of friends betray,
Whose acts to him were all benign!

Haunted with grief and deadly fear,
He mourns the vile transaction done;
But all is vain, when black despair
O'erwhelms his soul, and heaven is gone.

Lord, while I tremble at his fall,
Oh let me not his course pursue;
Be thou my love, my all in all,
To thee may I be ever true!

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Jesus In the Olive Grove

Jesus in the olive grove,
waiting for a traitor's kiss,
rises free from bitterness.

2. As he wakes his comrades up,
torches flicker in the glen:
shadows turn to marching men.

3. In that dawn of blows and lies
church and state conspire to kill,
hang three rebels on a hill.

4. Innocent and guilty drown
in a flood of blood and sweat.
How much darker can it get?

5. How much darker must it be
for a God to see and care
that we perish in despair?

6. It is God himself who dies!
God in man shall set us free:
God as man-and only he.

7. Let him claim us as his own;
we will serve as best we can
such a God and such a man!

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We Read and Hear the Word of God

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. Luke 24:44

First Testament- Isaiah 50:4-11

Psalm 69:1-4, 19-21, 25-28

New Testament- 1 Timothy 6:11-16

New Testament- Acts 3:11-26

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God!***

Hymn- The Trial

Hear the evil all around Him,
Anger, envy, greed, and pride;
Pilate, Judas, Peter, Herod
Driven by the fears inside.

See the Lamb in full submission.
Hear the silence in His soul.
No complaints and no defenses;
See the victim in control.

While their God is bound and bleeding,
Hear their blind and desperate scorn.
Feel His weight of grief and anguish,
Bowed and battered, bruised and torn.

Jesus, Jesus, Man of Sorrows,
Robed in suffering, crowned with blood,
Silently You speak Your mercy.
Through Your pain we hear Your love.

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Seeking the Face of God in Prayer

But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD.

*At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness.
Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. Psalm 69:13,16*

Prayer Concerns, Thanksgivings and Petitions

Prayers of the People

Psalm Hymn 69B

Help Me, O God, And Hear My Cry

Help me, O God, and hear my cry
extend to me your saving hand,
the waters rise, the floods are high,
my feet have found no place to stand:
now, lest the depths become my grave,
O God of hosts, draw near and save.

2. My secret faults, my sin and shame,
lie open, Lord, before your face,
yet in my heart I love your name
and all my hope is in your grace:
Lord, in your mercy, think on me;
speak but the word, and set me free.

3. So shall I praise the God of love,
with heaven and earth and sea and sky,
who hears us from his throne above
and lifts his ransomed people high,
to sound his praise in ceaseless song
where all who love his name belong.

Author- Timothy Dudley Smith

Tune- Ad Astra 88 88 88

Presentation and Dedication of Offerings

Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” – Ephesians 5:1-2

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Gracious God, it is our joy and earnest desire to give to you through the ministry of your church our offerings for the work of your kingdom. Take these offerings of our hands and use them to uphold your church that meets in this place. And use them in the world as your servants proclaim your gospel to every tribe, nation, and people group. May the glory of God cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sermon Text Matthew 27:11-31

Jesus Before Pilate

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

The Crowd Chooses Barabbas

¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” ¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²² Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³ And he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man's blood;^[a] see to it yourselves.” ²⁵ And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged^[b] Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

Jesus Is Mocked

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters,^[c] and they gathered the whole battalion^[d] before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

Proclamation of the Word

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Sermon- **“The Good Confession”**

by Pastor Jeff Gregory

Hymn- 410 A Purple Robe, A Crown of Thorn

A purple robe, a crown of thorn,
a reed in his right hand;
before the soldiers' spite and scorn
I see my Savior stand.

2. He bears between the Roman guard
the weight of all our woe;
a stumbling figure bowed and scarred
I see my Savior go.

3. Fast to the cross's spreading span,
high in the sunlit air,
all the unnumbered sins of man
I see my Savior bear.

4. He hangs, by whom the world was made,
beneath the darkened sky;
the everlasting ransom paid,
I see my Savior die.

5. He shares on high his Father's throne,
who once in mercy came;
for all his love to sinners shown
I sing my Saviour's name.

Timothy Dudley-Smith
CM Triple Tune-A Purple Robe
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvTq5-97DcY>

Let us confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
The third day he arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Service of the Lord's Table

Beloved in the Lord, as we come to the holy Supper of our Lord and Savior, it is fitting that we consider to what end our Lord has instituted it.

"This do," he said, "in remembrance of me."

We are, therefore, to remember that our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the promises made in the Old Testament, was sent of the Father into the world; that he assumed our flesh and blood; that he bore for us the wrath of God, under which we should have perished everlastingly; that he fulfilled for us all obedience to the divine law; that he, although innocent, was condemned to death so that we might be acquitted at the judgment seat of God; that he took upon himself the curse due to us so that he might fill us with his blessings; that he humbled himself unto death, even the bitter and shameful death of the cross, when he cried out with a loud voice, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" so that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken of him; and finally, that he confirmed with the shedding of his blood the new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation, when he said, "It is finished."

"This is my body, broken for you," he said, "This cup is the new testament in my blood."

We are, therefore, to believe these promises which Jesus Christ, who is the truth, has himself given us. It is his will that we be partakers of his body and blood and share in all his benefits, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. We may not doubt that he will perform in our hearts and lives all that these outward signs signify and that he who is the true heavenly bread will nourish and strengthen us to life eternal. For in this Supper we share in the infinite goodness of our Savior and are made partakers of all his blessings, of life eternal, righteousness, and glory.

But in this Supper of remembrance and communion we must also lift up our hearts in hope. For we do this, as he commanded, till he come. As we eat this bread and drink this cup, he gives us a pledge and foretaste of that feast of love of which we shall partake when his kingdom has fully come. Under the veil of earthly things we now have communion with him. But with unveiled face we shall behold him, rejoicing in his glory, made like unto him in his glory. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

And as by his death, resurrection, and ascension he has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who, dwelling in him as the Head and in us as his members, unites us all in one body, so are we to receive this Supper in brotherly love, mindful of the communion of saints. As the holy Apostle says, "We being many are one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread." Hereto assist us, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, through his Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Thanks

Communion

The minister shall declare the Words of Institution.

The Lord Jesus, the same night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it.

The minister shall break the bread

and gave it to them, saying,

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me."

Communion Hymn

The Night of His Betrayal

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("Lead On, O King Eternal"; "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers")

The night of his betrayal, Christ Jesus took the bread,
And there with friends at table, he blessed it and he said,
"This is my body broken; I offer it to you.
Remember what I've spoken! Remember what I do!"

In partaking of the bread it shall be said:

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

Lifting the cup, the minister shall say:

After the same manner also, he took the cup when they had supped, saying, "this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The Cup

And then he took the chalice, and taught them one more time;
He said, "Receive the promise — my blood, in table wine.
As often as you do this, remember what I've done."
We eat and drink proclaiming Christ's death until he comes.

In partaking of the cup it shall be said:

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

He got up from the supper and humbly served his friends;
With basin, towel and water, he showed how love extends.
He could have asked for glory, yet in a servant's place,
He lived the gospel story and showed God's love and grace.

The cup is our salvation, the bread, Lord, comes from you.
The water in the basin reminds us what is true:
Your love is your commandment to those who seek your way.
Now nourish us and send us, so we may serve today.

Dedication Thanks Prayer

Heavenly Father, we give You eternal praise and thanks that You have granted so great a benefit to us poor sinners, having drawn us into the communion of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. You delivered Him to death for us, and You give Him to us as the food and drink of life eternal. Now grant us this other benefit: that You will never allow us to forget these truths. Having them written on our hearts, may we grow and increase daily in the faith that is at work in every good deed. Thus may we order and pursue all our life to the exaltation of Your glory and the edification of our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, who, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns with You, O God, forever. Amen

Hymn- Give Thanks Unto Our Gracious God Psalm 118

Give thanks unto our gracious God,
whose love endures forever;
the Lord, our strength and song shall be
from whom no fault can sever.
Sing mighty songs of victory,
both now and for eternity.
The Lord will leave us never.
The Lord will leave us never.

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and sing God's grace with elation.
Though I deserve no more than death,
God blesses me with salvation.
The gate that should unyielding be
is open wide to welcome me.
Give thanks and adoration.
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Upon the stones the builders judged
imperfect, weak and tender,
now rest the corners of God's hose,
still unsurpassed with splendor.
This is the day the Lord has made;
God is my sun, and God, my shade.
Rejoice, and praise gladly render.
Rejoice, and praise gladly render.

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87 87 887 Mit Freuden Zart (Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQSnJE64F8>

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

