

At daylight the Sanhedrin ratified the charge of "blasphemy." BEFORE PILATE within the palace the charge was changed to satisfy the Roman government.----The charge was "controversy i.e. dissension and insurrection"



SATISFIED of Jesus' innocence and learning that Jesus was from Galilee, Pilate sent him to Herod who has jurisdiction over Galilee.



ABOUT HEROD: -----Herod was the one who had John the Baptist beheaded. It was his father who had decreed the murder of the children in Bethlehem years earlier.

Jesus refused to answer any of Herod's questions. Mocked by Herod Jesus was returned to Pilate Before Pilate again Pilate is amazed by the calm

majesty of Jesus.



Now haunted by his wife's dream and in an attempt to distance himself from the coming scene of "mob justice" he has Jesus beaten and declared his own innocence of the decision by washing his hands and declaring "I am innocent of the blood of this just person."



Carrying the Cross to Calvary

Weakened by his scourging and bearing the weight of the sin of the world, Jesus makes his way to the "Place of the Skull"

All because PEOPLE MATTER TO GOD.



Simeon lends a helping hand

Must Jesus bear the cross alone?

And all the world go free?

No there's a cross for every one

And there's a cross for me.



The consecrated cross I'll bear

Till death shall set me free

And then go home my crown to wear

For there's a crown for me





Joseph of Arimathea, "a man of good heart and good character"

Luke 23:50 (the Message) and Nicodemus "which at first came to Jesus by night"

John 19:39 come to Pilate to be given permission to bury Jesus.







One Great Announcement HE IS RISEN AS HE SAID Come see and Go tell



Alive for evermore!



"And He shall reign forever and ever"

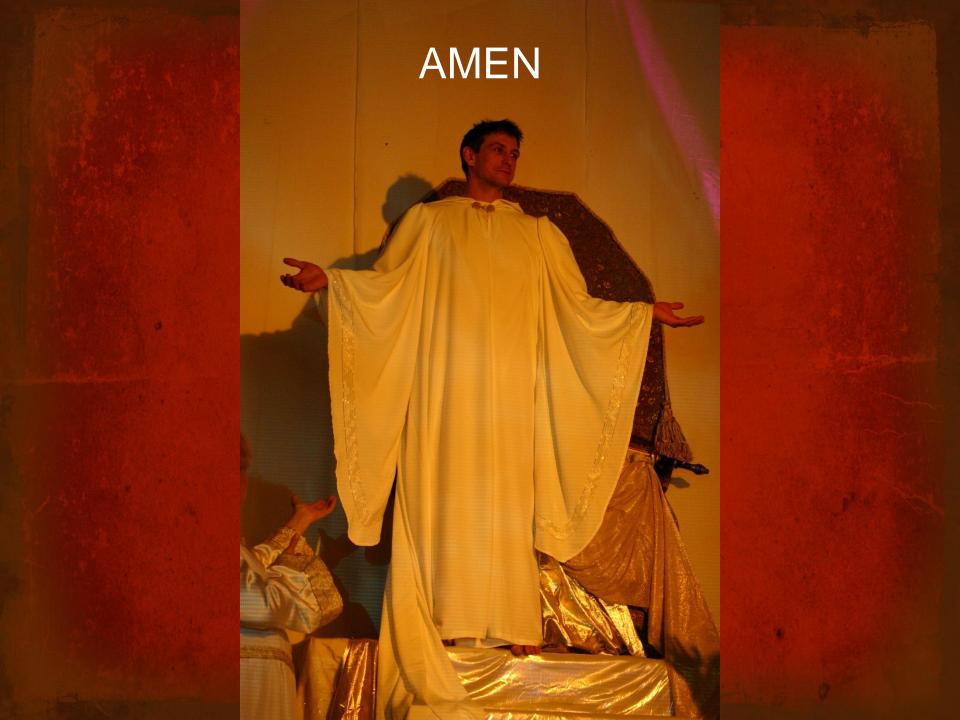


HALLELUJA



Hallelujah









Introduction

The central act in Christian worship is the Lord's Supper because it is the one thing that Jesus told his followers to do in remembrance of him. In Communion we look in at ourselves and confess the things that we have done wrong. We look back to Calvary and praise Jesus for his death for us. We look up to his risen presence, longing to nourish us through the bread and cup which he said were his body and blood. We look **around** in love and fellowship with the other guests at God's table. We look **forward** to his return at the end of all history, the marriage supper of the Lamb, of which every Communion is a foretaste. And we look **out** to our needy world; Communion is battle rations for Christian soldiers.

[Adapted slightly from Michael Green, One to One (Moorings 1995) p. 102]

The Invitation

You who earnestly and truly repent of your sins, who live in love and peace with your neighbours, who intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God and walking in his holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament for your comfort; humbly bowing, make your honest confession to Almighty God.

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

1 Corinthians 11:23-24 (NIV)

²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:25-26 (NIV)

Congregation

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we are deeply grieved when we remember how we have disobeyed You. We are genuinely sorry, and acknowledge that we are hopeless without your grace. Give us the strength to serve and please you in newness of life to honour and praise your name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Petition

Almighty God, you have faithfully watched over us, and graciously helped us; now hear our petitions:

- For good health and sound minds;
- For strength to earn our bread;
- Rest from worry and labour;
- For safety in travel;
- For protection from enemies;
- For Christian homes; and
- For a just and strong nation.

Out of your compassion give us those things which are good and proper for our souls, protect us by your might in all our tribulations. Grant us in this world peace that is from above, and bring us to everlasting life in the world to come, through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray saying:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.

The Intercession

Almighty God, who created the world from nothing, and who sustains it by your powerful Word, support and protect us so that we may serve you as intercessors in your world; and to that end hear our prayers for those in need:

- For the sick the infirm and the aged;
- For widows and orphans, the poor and oppressed;
- For the lonely, discouraged and heartbroken;
- For those in bondage to sin, unmindful of God, without knowledge of the gospel of salvation.

We pray too for all your servants who honour Christ in their work:

- For homemakers and wage earners;
- For teachers and students;
- For doctors, nurses and others who serve the sick;
- For labourers and executives;
- For farmers and city dwellers;
- For the aged and the young;
- For those who govern and those who are ruled;

To each of these and to all others for whom we should pray, give wisdom, strength and the power to endure through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor:

We do not come to this your table, O merciful Lord, with self confidence and pride, trusting in our own righteousness, but we trust in your great and many mercies. God of mercy, God of grace, we now share in your supper at this table.

We now partake of the bread and the cup, fully aware that we are your children, having been washed and cleansed through the most precious blood of Jesus and forever live in Him and He in us, Amen.

