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Final Exam

Music and Worship

**Part 1:**

***Please explain the connection between the Passover and the Lord's Supper. (20 points). Explain why the New Testament stresses that the last meal with the Disciples was a Passover meal, by answering the following questions:***

***a.) The word, "Passover": What was/is its significance in both Testaments, and today?***

***Answer:***

In the old testament, it was significant because it was a way to commemorate God's deliverance of the Israelites out of Egypt from slavery. It is the communal meal called the Seder where they celebrate the things Gods has done for his people through Exodus. In the New Testament, it shows the depictions of Jesus Christ's atonement for us on the cross where on the last day, Jesus and his disciples had their last meal where He broke bread and said this is my body then he took a cup of wine saying this is my blood. It symbolizes that His death on the cross delivered us from the bondage of our sins and that it is in remembrance of what Christ has done and the death of Jesus Christ/

**b.) Why were and are bread and “the fruit of the vine” (wine or grape juice) used as important elements of Passover/Lord’s Supper or (Holy Communion?)**

**Answer:**

Those things were important because of it was the last day where Jesus spent with his disciples. That was the day when he the New Testament for the Passover began with the eating of unleavened bread and drinking wine. The bread and the wine symbolizes Jesus Christ so we remember His death and sacrifice for us where the wine symbolizes His blood of the new covenant which is the shed of many forgiveness of sins and the bread is His own body given, broken for us as sinners.

**c.) Why is the story of the Exodus retold during the Passover meal? What story is retold at the celebration of Communion in many churches?**

**Answer:**

The story of Exodus is being retold during the Passover meal is because of what God has done for his people by bringing the Israelites out of Egypt from slavery. It is to remember of all the struggles, hardships, sacrifices God had to do to bring his people from slavery which is known as the plagues. His final plague was the strike of the first born but God has instructed Moses of how His people will be spared by Passover Lamb where they will kill it and put blood on the

doorframes of their homes. God protected His people from his final plague and the story is retold until this day when we take communion is the death and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The resemblance of this story is that Jesus Christ saved us from our sins by taking up the cross so we can be forgiven and that Grace has been found and given to us if we accept Him in our lives.

**d.) *Why is Psalm 118 so important to Passover and to the Lord's Supper (It is always recited at the end of the Passover meal?) You may look up Psalm 118.***

***Answer:***

The reason why Psalm 118 is so important is because the passage is giving thanks for God's deliverance of his people. In the old testament, it was the work God has done to bring His people out of Egypt and where in the New Testament of the Lord's supper, it is to remember God's work in Christ. The celebration of our lives from saving us from sin and death as Jesus Christ had taken up the cross for us and we were all redeemed by God's Grace. Psalms 118 is to reflect our thanksgiving for God's deliverance and His Saving Grace for us and His people in both the Passover and the Lord's Supper.

**e.) Explain the reason that the Liturgy of the Passover is celebrated precisely the same way “to all generations.” How does repetition teach us? How is this similar to the Lord’s Supper?**

**Answer:** It’s celebrated the same way to all generations is because of it is to remember what God has done for us but even though the Passover and the Lord’s Supper is the say way, it’s different because in the Old Testament, they had to sacrifice a lamb to do celebrate the Passover where in the New Testament Jesus Christ has sacrificed himself for us so that no more sacrifices will be made. In the end though, it is to remember the work God has done for us.

**Part II:**

**Please list 3 worship songs including at least one hymn--that can be used for each of these typical parts of worship. Briefly explain your choices. (20 points for all)**

**The Gathering and/or Procession: What songs can help us to gather and focus?**

**Answer:**

**1. The Blessings by: Kari Jobe and Cody Carnes**

**(It can be hymn as well)**

The reason I chose this song is because it's grounded in the whole scripture passage of the Benediction Pastors do at the end of service. Just those words mean a lot to us as believers that God blesses us each and every day of our lives and keeps us in his presence.

### ***2. Run to the Father by: Cody Carnes***

It keeps our focus mainly that it's a song where whenever we feel weak in our faith or whenever we're struggling to be in His presence, this song reminds us that we have a Father that we can run to because His arms will always be open to us

### ***3. Lean Back by: Capital City Music***

This song is another reminder that God holds us in place when we are down and that when it feels like our faith is weak, God grounds us even when we lean back into our own sins and struggles, He's there for us to lean on Him at all times

***The Liturgy of the Word (Bible reading): What songs can prepare our hearts to receive God's Word and the sermon?***

***Answer:***

#### ***1. Give me Faith - Elevation Worship***

To know that our faith is important to Him and that the matter of our hearts is what matters when we come before Him in worship

**2. *Lead me to the Cross - Hillsong United***

It is a song where we need to be lead to the cross because that's what Christ has done for us so we have to take up our own cross and sacrifice the things that's holding us from being closer to God and His presence of Worship

**3. *Canvas and Clay - Pat Burrell***

It's a song that reminds us how we are made in His own image and all the doubts we have in our faith, Christ reminds us of how we were made to serve Him and praise God

***The Celebration of Holy Communion (Eucharist, the Lord's Table):***

***What songs can help us remember what we are doing and why?***

***Answer:***

**1. *Remembrance - Hillsong Worship***

It remembers the Lord's Supper of Christ's life and body and the sacrifice He's done for us

**2. *Nothing but the Blood - Hillsong United***

Remembering the blood of Jesus shed for us on the cross and that His righteousness is poured out to us and it's an honor for us to praise His name because He saved us from our own sins

**3. *How Deep the Father's Love for us (Hymn)***

It is to know how much our Father loved us in order for Him to send his one and only son to die for our sins

***The Dismissal, or Sending Forth: What songs can challenge us to “live the Liturgy all week long” and to share the faith with others?***

***Answer:***

***1. Cornerstone - Hillsong Chapel***

Declaring God’s truth in His name that even we are weak, He makes us strong in His Savior’s Love and that He is Lord of All

***2. I Lift My Hands - Chris Tomlin***

We want to run away from our sins so it is knowing we want God to guide us and to open our eyes to see and to open our hearts so that our faith can rise in Him and be drawn to His presence.

***3. Do it Again - Elevation Worship***

He is known to be the God of miracles and that our battles are won because of Him and that our confidence will never be shaken when we are in His presence of truth.

***Part III: (30 points)***

***The three great days that define us as Christians--Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday--are called the “Great Triduum.”.***

***Please answer the following questions:***

**1. How are these days important in the life of all Christians, whatever their denomination, whether they are celebrated in your home church or not? (5 points each):**

**Answer:**

**a.) Holy Thursday (the Lord's Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane):**

At this day, Jesus gathered His disciples into the Upper Room, during the Passover, He washed the feet of the disciples. This is where He does the Lord's Supper with the Bread and the cup of wine symbolizing His body and His blood. The Garden of Gethsemane is the place where Jesus took the 11 disciples to go pray in preparation of what's to come of the betrayal against Jesus from all the disciples running away out of fear. This day is important to Christians because it's the new covenant that Jesus has made for us where we are to remember His sacrifice and what the bread and wine means to us.

**b.) Good Friday (Christ's suffering and death on the Cross):**

The death of Jesus Christ is important to us because He has died not just for nothing but for our lives. Our sins were paid on the cross by His son so that we may have Grace. His death symbolizes the forgiveness of our sins that there is Grace in His name for us to live and come back to our Father and the chance to live in eternity with Him.

***c.) Easter Sunday (Resurrection):***

The day Christ has risen from the dead and that He is the truth of being the Messiah and the son of God. He has risen from the dead after 3 days so that we may witness the Good news that Christ is real and alive in us and with us. This is why it's called the Good News because of the witness of Jesus Christ coming back from the dead to show us that He is real and the truth to what He said to us. It is to remember this day of Christ being alive and that He has returned so that's why it's important for Christians to celebrate and rejoice in His Name.

***2. What differences from the worship of your own church did you note when you visited a church outside your own tradition? List them. (10 points) What can we learn from visiting churches outside our own tradition from time to time?***

***Answer:***

The difference is the denomination but also the religion because since we weren't able to physically visit the church, I did a virtual tour of the Greek Orthodox Catholic Church and it's completely different. I mean of the things are similar when it comes to **worship** and the **call to worship** where there is a certain order where we follow in my own church which is a Presbyterian protestant church. There are prayers that are similar also where there is the Lord's prayer and scripture reading but for me, the biblical teaching and the theology was

different. Something about was just uncomfortable to listen too because I just think it was inaccurate. I think the one thing I can learn is that traditions can be different of how people worship but I think the one thing that should be the same is the Word of God being grounded in scripture.

**3. *What musical or worship changes might you like to suggest to your church, if you were empowered to do so, that would enhance the congregation's understanding of the Great Three Days (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday)? If you do not currently have a home church, please consider their possible celebration in chapel service. (5 points)***

***Answer:***

I think for me, one thing I would change is the atmosphere of the sanctuary/worship place because we use all these light for worship as spotlights for the praise team and to be honest, I don't think it's necessary when it comes to worship. I think we use because we turn of the lights when start worship so in a way we need it but we also have it in different colors so for me it's a little bit distracting for me. I'm not saying it's a bad thing to have lights because personally I think it looks cool that we have those things but I feel like I can also speak for some people in the congregation that the lights can be a distraction when we worship. When it comes to the week of Easter Sunday, it's somewhat where the mood and the atmosphere is different when it hits that week

of the month and year but I kind of wish we had the same mood/atmosphere every week when we are in worship but I love what my church is doing because I know they do their very best to care for the congregation and show love to us.

***Part IV: (25 points)***

***1. How can Bible study and the study of the historical worship of the Church, from the time of the Old Testament through to the present day, help you to be a more competent worship leader? (15 points)***

***Answer:***

I think just in general of knowing scripture more and the history of worship will give you more knowledge but also the growth in our faith in God will become strengthened. Just knowing the Word deeply and have the belief of what Christ has done for us is something that God will love because He wants us to come back to Him and remember the deeds He has done for us. To be a worship leader, not only do we need to have skills in singing and playing instruments but we need to have a heart for God in our lives because if that passion for God is not there

why bother be in the praise team? Yes, it's okay to make mistakes and struggle because nobody is perfect but if we don't go to God with it then I think that's something a leader shouldn't do.

**2. *Although dance may not be an element of your worship service, it was certainly an important part of Old Testament worship. Explain, and relate to your worship experience and possibilities for present-day Christian worship. (10 points)***

I knew that in early history of worship people will dance when they worship God because it was their way of expressing of how much they love God so they wanted to express it with their whole body. I think right now in this present, there is norm of when there is a church retreat student tend to have this retreat high where on the last day they need to go out with a "bang" so they will dance and jump up/down to praise how good God is and for us. I've experienced this when I was in middle/high school and it still goes on because I served at retreats for both middle/high school when I got into college so it was the same thing on the last night so I would say it became the norm for retreats.