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MUSIC AND WORSHIP FINAL

THIS IS AN OPEN-BOOK TEST, BUT IF YOU USE QUOTATIONS FROM THE BOOK, YOU MUST PROPERLY FOOTNOTE (MLA STYLE IS OK)

EXAMPLE: [Webber, p. 150] after a direct quote. Though you may use quotations, NOT MORE THAN 10% of your paper may be quoted.

You are graded on a “curve;” so recall that each question should receive a complete, excellent answer, not just a word or even one sentence. We have some very fine writers in the class and they will set a high standard of excellence for this test. You may use the entire site as well as the book to research this final exam BUT you must write well and thoroughly.

THIS IS A SENIOR LEVEL COURSE AND MUST REFLECT EXCELLENT WRITING SKILLS AND YOUR OWN CRITICAL THINKING.

PART I: 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?

Passover, also known as Pesach, which means skip is significant because of the story of Moses in Exodus. God used Moses to free the Israelites from slavery and it also shown in the New Testament due to the Lord’s last supper with the disciples.

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?)

The bread was used to symbolize the Lord's body and the wine symbolized his blood. The bread was broken just like the body and was given to all the disciples and his blood was shed for us as well and given as wine.

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?

This story is found in Luke 22: 7-20 and Matthew 26: 17-30, where Christ tells us to, “ Do this in remembrance of me.” It helps Christians to have an understanding in our salvation that was made available through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Psalm 118 gives thanks to Jesus becoming a sacrifice for our salvation. In Psalms 118 where it says, “His love endures forever” shows that his sacrifice was because of his great love for us. He sent his Son to die for us, allowing us to receive salvation and have eternal life.

g.) 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?

I believe we must remember Passover and everything that was done for us because it is the foundation of what we believe. If we celebrated Passover differently each year it wouldn’t mean as much and the significance of the day wouldn’t have true depth. The celebration connects to the Lord’s supper allowing the disciples to see his death and resurrection in a new way.

PART II: Please list three 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?

- 1.) Chasing After You- Vashawn Mitchell
- 2.) How Great Thou Art- Carrie Underwood
- 3.) How Great Is Our God- Chris Tomlin

These songs help to create an atmosphere for God to become a center of worship and for our minds to stay on the only thing that matters.

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

- 1.) What A Beautiful Name- Hillsongs United
- 2.) This Is Amazing Grace- Phil Wickham
- 3.) No Longer Slaves- Bethel Music

These songs are inspired by God’s word helping them to aim our hearts at his word, allowing us to know him in an intimate way.

The Celebration of Holy Communion (Eucharist, the Lord's Table): What songs can help us remember what we are doing and why?

- 1.) At the Cross- Hymn
- 2.) Communion- Maverick City Music
- 3.) Worthy Is The Lamb- Hillsong Worship

I chose these songs because they help us to think of his sacrifice for us on the cross, allowing the communion we partake in to be from our heart and just not a moment for tradition.

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

- 1.) Every Praise- Hezekiah Walker
- 2.) To Our God- Judith Mcallister
- 3.) You Waited- Travis Greene

I chose these songs because they share the faith in a new light, helping new Christians to celebrate their God in a new way.

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):

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

Jesus gets betrayed by one of his disciples and shows frustration towards his crucifixion in The Garden of Gethsemane. This day also helps us to understand and remember the passion of Christ. Many often overlook this day but it sets up his death on the cross for the payment of our sins.

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

In the traditions of Good Friday, the priest wears red to signify the blood that was shed for us. We should never forget what was done for us to have eternal life and repentance. Good Friday is a day that should never be forgotten and every Christian should see this as a time to remember what God has done for them at the cross.

c.) Easter Sunday (Resurrection):

Easter Sunday is a time to rejoice for the Lord's resurrection after dying on the cross. This is the foundation of our faith and helps us to celebrate the King of Kings. Our God is not dead but he is alive and rose on the third day with all power in his hands. We must celebrate and share this victory with those who don't believe, helping them to know Jesus is the one true living God.

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? When visiting different churches outside of my tradition, these are the differences I've noticed:

- Attire
- Music
- Culture/Traditions
- Worship
- Duration
- Pastor/Priest

I now have an understanding of God in different cultures because sometimes growing up in church you think that this is the only way to have church and there is no other way. However, it showed me the depth of God and how real he is to different people all over the world. Through all the traditions that we follow the one thing is that the love remained the same.

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)

I love my church because the music is always phenomenal and as a musician it brings a lot of culture to the church. We don't have a dance ministry so I would say that we should get one and start to express God in an artistic form. I love everything that God is doing and hope to see what he continues to do for my church in this new season.

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)

I believe that knowing his word allows for us to express him in our lives through worship. How can you worship something you don't truly know? Also worship leaders are very similar to those who pray before service because they get the people ready for the word and whatever God wants to do within the service. In the Old Testament God made promises and the NEW testament God fulfilled them. Furthermore, I believe this is a vital aspect that we can bring to the people of God, showing them and teaching them through worship who we serve.

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 believe that people are starting to develop new ways of expressing their worship and love for God which brings others to Christ allowing them to do the same. Worshipping God has become free from tradition nowadays allowing many to be themselves and express their worship in a genuine way. I believe that this is the best way because it brings others to Christ and gives them liberty to express their worship. The bible says where the spirit of the Lord is there is liberty and without that liberty his spirit moves.