



CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Gospel of Mark

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL
The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time
22 August 2021

Pastoral Notes

I asked Pastor Ben Griffith to give us a preview of the men's book study this week in the Pastoral Notes.

Brothers, I hope you'll consider jumping into our Tuesday morning men's book study this fall, which begins on September 14th and will meet at Biscuit Love at 6:45 a.m. And if you jump in, you'll have to hold on tight! We're going to make our way through Carl Trueman's latest book, *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self: Cultural Amnesia, Expressive Individualism, and the Road to the Sexual Revolution*. (If that subtitle alone doesn't convince you that this may be one of the most relevant and timely books available right now, then maybe Pastor Nate's naming this book his "favorite read of 2020" will!). It's going to be a treat to process this work together over a good cup of coffee every week, and we would love for you to join us.

What we're hoping to do in our time together is explore Trueman's telling of how we got to where we are today, in terms of our cultural understanding of sexuality and identity. To say that the rate of acceleration and change in these areas in the last few years and decades has been dizzying is an understatement. The landscape has indeed shifted very quickly. But part of the value of Trueman's book is the way that he locates these changes in a broader story that has been playing out for the last several hundred years. Trueman makes this long and complicated story about as short and uncomplicated as anyone possibly can. This quote from his introduction captures what he's aiming to do throughout the book: *"in short, the sexual revolution is simply one manifestation of the larger revolution of the self that has taken place in the West. And it is only as we come to understand that wider context that we can truly understand the dynamics of the sexual politics that now dominate our culture."*

Understanding this wider context that we find ourselves located in can help us live faithfully as ambassadors for Christ in this cultural moment; that's what I'm praying our time together on Tuesday mornings will equip us to do. As Christians, we want to understand the past so we can winsomely engage the present and be prepared for the future. This book is a tremendous resource to help us do just that.

So men, please consider joining us on Tuesday mornings. It's a great way to get to know other men in the church, and it's great accountability to read a 400 page book in just a few weeks! There are still a few copies of the book available for sale on the book table (\$20), or you can easily order online. Sign up on the Cornerstone website or app, and start reading ahead! Hope to see you on Tuesdays this fall.

Worship is a response to the love of God that brings us out of darkness into his light. The rhythm and flow of the service reflects this present reality as God calls his people and reveals himself, forgives their sins, teaches them from his Word, the Bible, feeds them, and then sends them out to live what they have learned.

This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Introit—Psalm 100: All Earth with Joy

All earth, with joy, to the LORD come with loud voices ring -
En - ter His gates with thank - giv - ing, to His courts come prais -

ing. With glad - ness serve the LORD; come to Him joy - ful - ly
ing. To Him be thank - ful, and bless His name, your voices

sing - ing. The LORD is God, Know that He made us His
rais - ing. The LORD is good; His lov - ing - kind - ness en -

own. We are the sheep of His pas - ture.
dures, His faith - ful - ness lasts for - ev - er.

Text: Psalm 100; Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665, Arr. in *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 1668

Call to Worship—from Psalm 8

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: **You have set your glory above the heavens.**

Pastor: Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,

All: **to still the enemy and the avenger.**

Pastor: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

All: **the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,**

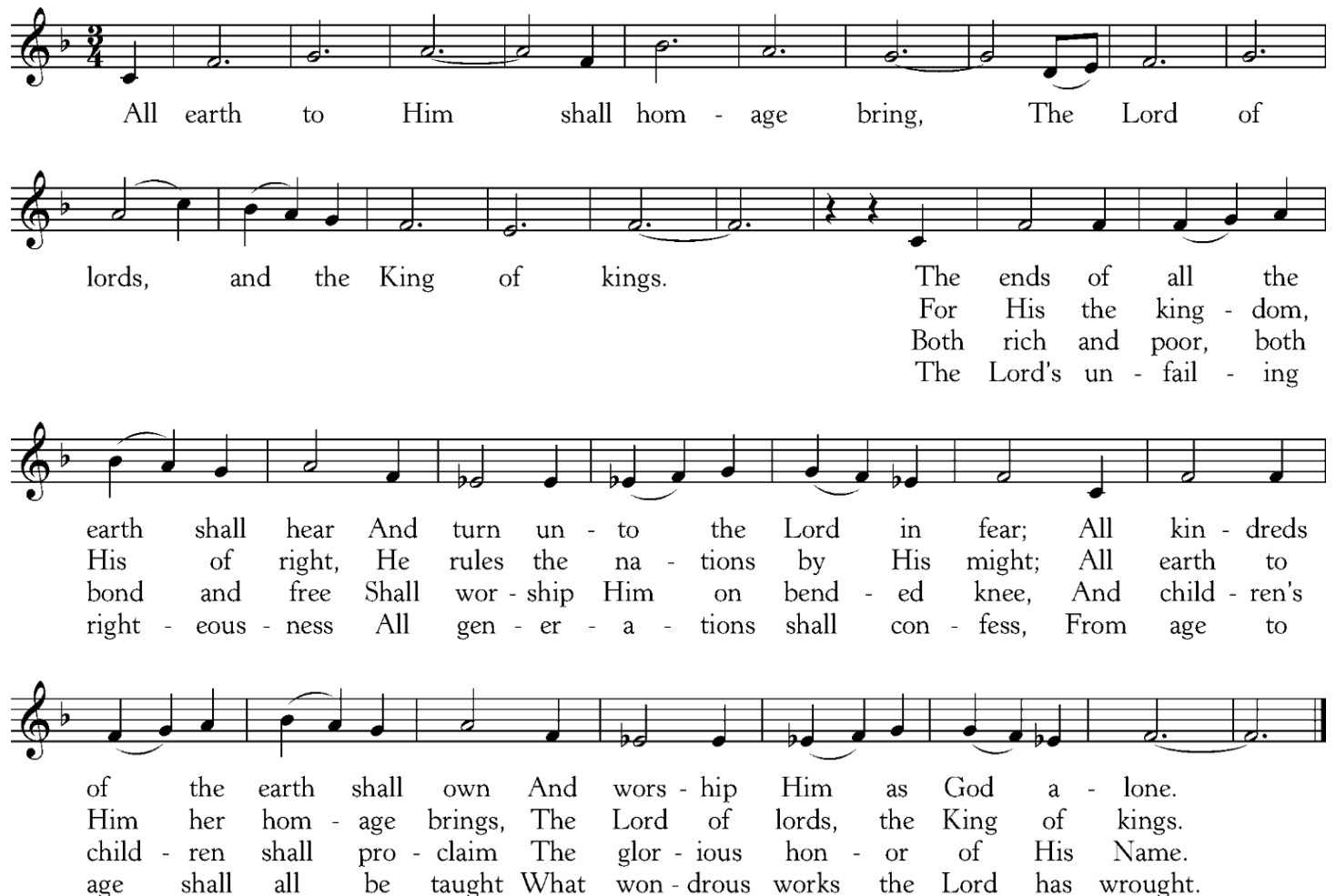
Pastor: what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

All: **You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,**

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord,

All: **how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Hymn of Praise—Psalm 22:27-31 All Earth to Him



All earth to Him shall hom - age bring, The Lord of
lords, and the King of kings. The ends of all the
For His the king - dom,
Both rich and poor, both
The Lord's un - fail - ing
earth shall hear And turn un - to the Lord in fear; All kin - dreds
His of right, He rules the na - tions by His might; All earth to
bond and free Shall wor - ship Him on bend - ed knee, And child - ren's
right - eous - ness All gen - er - a - tions shall con - fess, From age to
of the earth shall own And wors - hip Him as God a - lone.
Him her hom - age brings, The Lord of lords, the King of kings.
child - ren shall pro - claim The glor - ious hon - or of His Name.
age shall all be taught What won - drous works the Lord has wrought.

New Testament Reading—I Corinthians 15:20-28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Sung Response—Search Me, O God

Search me, O God, and know my heart to - day;
Lord, take my life, and make it whol - ly thine;

try me, O Sav - ior, know my thoughts, I pray.
fill my poor heart with thy great love di - vine.

See if there be some wick - ed way in me;
Take all my will, my pas - sion, self, and pride;

cleanse me from eve - ry sin and set me free.
I now sur - ren - der, Lord. In me a - bide.

Text: J. Edwin Orr, 1936; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2018. © 2018 Greyfriars Press, Used by Permission.

Congregational Prayer of Confession—based on Psalm 32:1-8

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing.

You call him blessed whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed also is the one whom You do not count their iniquities against them.

All: We desire to be those who have no deceit in their spirit.

Pastor: When we keep silent about confessing our sin,
it is as if our bones are wasting away through misery.

**All: In Your kindness, Your hand lies heavy upon us when we do not confess our sins
and it wears us out.**

Pastor: Lord, we long to acknowledge our sin to You and not cover our iniquity.

**All: We will confess our transgressions to You, O Lord,
and You will forgive the iniquity of our sin.**

Pastor: Therefore we offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;
before the rush of great waters reaches us.

**All: You are a hiding place for us;
You preserve us from trouble;
You surround us with shouts of deliverance.**

Pastor: Instruct us and teach us in the way we should go.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—I Peter 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Hymn of Praise—My God, My Portion, and My Love

My God, My por - tion, and my Love, My ev - er - last - ing all, I've
What emp - ty things are all the skies, And this in - fe - rior clod! There's
In vain the bright, the burn - ing sun, Scat - ters his fee - ble light; 'Tis
Let all that dwells a - bove the sky, And air, and earth, and seas, Con -
The whole cre - a - tion, join in one, To bless the Sa - cred Name, Of
none but Thee in heav'n a - bove, Or on this earth - ly ball.
no - thing here de - serves my joys, There's no - thing like my God.
Thy sweet beams cre - ate my noon; If Thou with - draw, 'tis night.
spire to lift Thy glo - ries high And speak Thine end - less praise.
Him that sits up - on the throne, And to a - dore the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, from Southern Harmony.

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Mark 12:35-37

³⁵ And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, “How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? ³⁶ David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet.”

³⁷ David himself calls him Lord. So how is he his son?” And the great throng heard him gladly.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—Follow Me: The Gospel of Mark, pt 44

David's Kin and David's King

—Ben Griffith, *Pastor*

Sung Response—Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise
him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; Music: OLD HUNDRETH, Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven
and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* "Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

Sung Response—Holy God We Praise Your Name, Vs 4

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Fath - er, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name You; While in es - sence onl - y One, Un - di - vid - ed God we claim You; And a - dor - ing bend the knee, While we sing this my - ster - y."

Text: Based on *Te Deum*, 4th c., Attr Ignace Franz, 1774; Music: GROSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 177

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. Proceed to the first table for the bread, and then on the second for wine/juice.

Hymn of Praise—Psalm 32: Blest is The Man, Forever Blest



Blest is the man, for - ev - er blest, Whose guilt is
Blest is the man to whom the Lord Im - putes not
From guile his heart and lips are free; His hum - ble
How glor - ious is that right - eous - ness That hides and



par - doned by his God; Whose sins with sor - row are con -
his in - i - qui - ties; He pleads no mer - it of re -
joy, his ho - ly fear, With deep re - pen - tance well a -
can - cels all his sins, While a bright ev - i - dence of



fessed, And cov - ered with his Sav - ior's blood.
ward, And not on works, but grace re - lies.
gree, And join to prove his faith sin - cere.
grace Through his whole life ap - pears and shines!

Text: Psalm 32, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: DISTRESS, William Walker, 1854; Arr. Gregory Wilbur, 2008.
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Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. *Amen*

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. *Amen*

Prayer of Commitment. Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. *Amen*

Hymn of Communion—At the Name of Jesus

At the Name of Je - sus, ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
 At His voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
 In your hearts en - throne Him; there let Him sub - due
 Bro - thers, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now;
 All the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
 All that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
 With His Fa - ther's glo - ry, with His an - gel train;

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call Him Lord,
 Thrones and dom - in - a - tions, stars up - on their way,
 Crown Him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 For all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on His brow,

Who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 All the heav'n - ly or - ders, in their great ar - ray.
 Let His will en - fold you in its light and power.
 And our hearts con - fess Him King of glo - - - ry now.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1870; Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The 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*

Hymn of Praise—Jesus Shall Reign

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
To him shall end - less prayer be made,
Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns;
Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring

does his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
and prais - es thron'g to crown his head;
the pris - 'ner leaps to lose his chains,
pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;

his king - dom stretch from shore to shore,
his name, like sweet per - fume, shall rise
the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.
with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
and all the sons of want are blest.
and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Philemon 1:3

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Crown Him with Many Crowns, Vs 7

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Crown Him with Many Crowns'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Crown Him the Lord of heaven En - throned in worlds a - bove Crown Him the King to Whom is given The won-drous name of Love Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be-fore Him fall Crown Him ye kings with man-y crowns For He is King of all'.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1852; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

Missions Prayer Focus—Will Cote works with RUF at Austin Peay University in Clarksville, TN. He is involved in a variety of things such as leading Bible studies, organizing events, and is currently working on getting licensed and ordained.

Prayer Focus:

- Personal: Thankful still for this great city, neighbors, and church family
- Ministry: Thankful for a group that is excited to be back together again. That God will help me love and lead them after him.
- Students: Most of the students at this point are unbelievers, so prayer for the gift of faith in Jesus.

Welcome to Cornerstone! If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you're here and would love the opportunity to welcome you personally. We invite you to fill out the visitor card available in the pew in front of you. Please drop it in the offering boxes at either chapel entrance as you leave.

Focus on Church Ministry

Men's Book Study

Brothers, join with other men from Cornerstone in reading and discussing Carl Trueman's *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self*. Our first meeting will take place Tuesday, September 14, at 6:45 a.m. at Biscuit Love. Books are available on The Bookshelf. Please register through the website or app.

Elementary Sunday School Registration

Please visit the church website or app to register your children, ages three years through 6th grade, for the 2021-22 Sunday School year which begins September 12.

"Seasons of Life" at The Merc – Save the Date

Sisters, make plans to join us on the evening of September 30 at the Franklin Mercantile for our next "Seasons of Life." Registration coming soon.

Cornerstone Youth

The Youth Group is taking a short break over the next few weeks. We will resume Sunday School on September 12, and Wednesday night activities will pick back up on September 15 with an evening of fun in Pinkerton Park. Questions? Contact Taylor Thompson: youth@cstonepres.org

Coffee with Calvin

Our final installment of this men's summer series has been rescheduled to Thursday, September 16 at 7:00 a.m. at the Franklin Mercantile.

Keep up with Cornerstone

We have a variety of ways to keep you informed about all that is going on in the life of our church—the weekly email, bulletin, Facebook, website, app and now Instagram! Follow us there @CornerstonePresFranklin. If you have questions or would like to receive the weekly email, contact martha@cstonepres.org.

Adult Sunday School

The Lay of the Land: Reflecting on the PCA and the 2021 General Assembly

This upcoming Sunday School class will teach you about the foundations and story of our denomination in light of the key business of this year's General Assembly. Special attention will be given to the study committee on sexuality and the issue of same sex attraction. You will walk away from this class with a better biblical understanding of the issues and in context of the PCA's history and distinctives. All adults are encouraged to attend beginning September 12.

Overflow Rooms

Masks are required in the overflow rooms during the 10:45 a.m. service.

Taking the Message Home

Today's message, "David's Kin and David's King," is taken from Mark 12:35-37. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group.

1. What was one big takeaway for you from this morning's message?
2. What did the title "Son of David" mean for God's people in Jesus's day? What collective and personal hopes were bound up in that title?
3. Jesus is making the point that the true Messiah does not fit in the neat boxes or categories the scribes and Pharisees have for him. In what ways does Jesus not fit into our categories today? How has Jesus been breaking some of your expectations lately, and what could he be trying to show you about himself in these areas?
4. How does the knowledge that Jesus is sitting and ruling at God's right hand, at this moment, change your perspective on reality? On your trials and sufferings? On local, national, and international events?

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