

Zion Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, PA /April 6, 2023 Maundy Thursday
12:10pm Service of Holy Communion – The Blood of Christ
The Body of Christ: A Special Series of Services for Lent – Holy Week - Easter

Responsive Call to Worship

L: O God, we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

C: Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

L: Against you we have sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.

C: Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

L: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way.

C: Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

L: All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags.

C: Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

L: We know that we were ransomed from our futile ways not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ.

C: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he has lavished upon us.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: On the night in which he was betrayed Jesus took bread and wine and gave it to his disciples as the meal of the New Covenant. As we prepare to receive the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, we confess that we have betrayed our Lord by our sinful thoughts, words and deeds. We repent of that sin, and we seek God's mercy to forgive our iniquity.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

C: Most merciful God, we are not worthy to receive you. We are sinful and unclean. We have disobeyed your Word and disregarded your will for us. We ask you not to remember our evil but instead to forgive our transgression. For the sake of Jesus Christ, who sacrificed his body and blood for our salvation, pardon us and restore us in righteousness. Renew us so that we walk in obedience to your Word, to the glory of your holy name.

L: Hear the good news! God's Word declares: "the blood of Jesus Christ God's Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sins and gives you his righteousness, making you holy in his sight. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: O Lord God, you left to us a wonderful sacrament, a memorial of your passion. Grant, we beseech you, that we may so partake of this sacrament of your body and blood that the fruits of your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Holy Scripture: John 13:1-20

Homily The Blood of Christ

Prayers for the Body of Christ

L: Let us pray for the whole body of Christ and for all people according to their needs.

For all the nations of the world, that the sins of all people will be washed clean by the blood of the sinless lamb of God, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For your body, the church, those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb, that they may bring forgiveness, life and salvation to the perishing, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For our congregation, that receiving the power of the body and blood of our Lord, we may have the strength to wash one another's feet as he has washed ours, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the sick (especially...), that in eating your flesh which is food indeed, and in drinking your blood which is drink indeed, they may also receive the healing power of this gift of life, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: *Additional petitions offered...*

Into your hands, O Lord, we commit all for whom we pray, believing in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

L In the night

in which he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,

he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is
the new covenant in my blood,

which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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 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, forever and ever. Amen.

L: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are they who are called to his supper.

Communion

All baptized persons who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine are welcome to the Table of the Lord.

For those continuing to fast from the sacrament, you are invited to pray the following prayer, The Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if you were already there,
and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)

Following the receiving of communion, the pastor will speak a blessing to those who do not yet receive the sacrament.

Post Communion Blessing

L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

L Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life.

Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Closing Prayer

The blood of Christ, our brother
Who came from heav'n above,
Frees us to love each other
With sacrificial love.
May we, such grace receiving,
Become, with one accord,
In all our daily living
The Body of the Lord.

Please join us tomorrow for the continuation of entering into Christ's Passion at the 12:10pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service.

In-person, Online or by Phone on Zoom, Streaming on YouTube Live
Zoom Information:

Meeting ID: 860 3814 7897

Passcode: 463631

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April 9 Easter Sunday Schedule

7:15am Sunrise Service (In-person only)

at Zion outside facing the lawn in front of the train station

Brief Service with Communion

If the weather is bad, service meets in Fellowship Hall

9:00am Easter Breakfast (In-person only)

Easter Egg Hunt for children following breakfast (in-person only)

10:15am Worship Service of Word & Sacrament

In-person, Online or by Phone on Zoom, Streaming on YouTube Live

Communion will be offered in-person and for those attending online or by phone

Zoom Information:

Meeting ID: 816 5895 6443

Passcode: 847172

Schedule continues on next page.

April 12 Wednesday after Easter

12:10pm Special Easter WOW Service of Word & Prayer

Concluding Session of *The Body of Christ – Lent / Holy Week / Easter Series*

In-person, Online or by Phone on Zoom, Streaming on YouTube
Lunch Fellowship afterwards for those attending in-person.

Details about worship services and programs are available at Zion's website:
www.zionharrisburg.org

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE SUPPLEMENT FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE (4/6/2023)
THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

Lord Jesus, you draw near us
In garb of human flesh,
An earthly form, to cheer us,
To kindle faith afresh.
Your body for us broken
On the accursed tree
Becomes a sacred token
Of glory yet to be.

Wash us, beloved Savior,
Within the precious flood
That makes us clean forever,
Your pure and holy blood.
O Word-made-flesh, forever
Your name shall be adored.
Oh, let us cherish ever
The blood of Christ, our Lord.

First Lesson ... Exodus 12:1-13

Psalmody ... from Psalm 50:1-15

The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

The Lord who rules o'er ev'rything
Shines forth throughout the earth.

He calls heaven and earth as witnesses to see him judge his people; "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

Bring to God's throne an offering
That demonstrates his worth.

"I do not need bulls from your farms or goats from your flocks; all the animals in the forest are mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. All the wild birds are mine, and all living things in the fields."

**The Lord who rules o'er ev'rything
Shines forth throughout the earth.**

"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High. Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

**Bring to God's throne an offering
That demonstrates his worth.**

Second Lesson ... 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**The Lord who rules o'er ev'rything
Shines forth throughout the earth.**

Since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

**Bring to God's throne an offering
That demonstrates his worth.**