

Zion Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, PA /April 7, 2023, Good Friday
12:10pm Tenebrae Service – The Body of Christ
The Body of Christ: A Special Series of Services for Lent – Holy Week - Easter

Call to Worship

We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

Surely there is no one righteous on earth who does good and never sins.

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

Like David we must say, "We have sinned greatly in what we have done. But now, O Lord, we pray you, take away the iniquity of your servants; for we have done very foolishly."

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

Like Paul we must say, "We know that nothing good dwells within us, that is, in our flesh. We can will what is right, but we cannot do it. For we do not do the good we want, but the evil we do not want is what we do."

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us--for it is written, "Cursed be every one who hangs on a tree."

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Homily *The Body of Christ*

The Passion of our Lord

Matthew 26:17-25

The Shadow of Betrayal

Responsory:

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus.

Matthew 26:36-50

The Shadow of Agony & Arrest

Responsory:

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus.

Matthew 26:57-75

The Shadow of Denial

Responsory:

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus.

Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26

The Shadow of Accusation

Responsory:

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus.

Matthew 27:27-44

The Shadow of Crucifixion & Humiliation

Responsory:

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus.

Matthew 27:45-54

The Shadow of Death

Responsory:

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus.

Matthew 27:57-60

The Shadow of Burial

“Were You There?” Solo by Catherine Germann, alto

The 7th candle, the Christ candle, is removed from the cross and carried out of the chapel. At its departure a loud noise, signifying the closing of the tomb, is made. The chapel will remain in darkness before the Christ candle is returned.

John 1:1-5

The Light of Hope

The service concludes in silence.

For those worshiping online, we will end the worship after a period of silent prayer.

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

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 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (4/7/2023) THE BODY OF CHRIST

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**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.**

**For us, O precious Jesus, your body, giv'n to death,
From sin and terror frees us, grants us new life and breath.
O Word-made-flesh, forever your name shall be adored.
Oh, let us cherish ever the body of our Lord.**

Psalmody ... Psalm 22:1-19, 27-31

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? I have cried desperately for help, but still it does not come.

**My God, my God, to you I cry;
Oh, hear my anxious plea.**

But you are enthroned as the Holy One, the one whom Israel praises. Our ancestors put their trust in you, and you saved them.

**My God, my God, look from on high;
In mercy answer me.**

All who see me make fun of me: "You relied on the Lord; why doesn't he save you?" Do not stay away from me! Trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

**My God, my God, to you I cry;
Oh, hear my anxious plea.**

All my bones are out of joint; my heart is like melted wax. My throat is as dry as dust, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.

**My God, my God, look from on high;
In mercy answer me.**

A gang of evil men is around me; they tear at my hands and my feet. They gamble for my clothes and divide them among themselves.

**My God, my God, to you I cry;
Oh, hear my anxious plea.**

The Lord is King, and he rules the nations. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told: "The Lord saved his people."

**My God, my God, look from on high;
In mercy answer me.**

Second Lesson ... Colossians 1:15-20

**My God, my God, to you I cry;
Oh, hear my anxious plea.**

Our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself.

**My God, my God, look from on high;
In mercy answer me.**

Holy Gospel ... John 18:1--19:42 (or 19:16-42)

Prayers for the Body of Christ

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 in seeing the body of our Lord Jesus Christ lifted up from the earth, all people will be drawn to him, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For your body, the church, that it may be one, for there is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope that belongs to our call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our congregation, that we, though many, may be one body in Christ and individually members of one another in love and service to our community, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick (especially...), that they may receive health from you, O Lord, for by your wounds they have been healed; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

**Christ's holy body, given
In painful agony,
By nails and spear once riven
And crowned with infamy,
Awaits that great awaking
When we with glad accord
Behold, the grave forsaking,
The body of the Lord!**