

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 15 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

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12:10pm WOW (Worship On Wednesday) Service – March 20, 2024

*Lunch afterwards in the Fellowship Hall*

MIDWEEK OF LENT 5

PALMS AND VICTORY

AS WE GATHER

The pilgrims packed Jerusalem during the Feast of Passover, waving palm branches and singing praises to the donkey-riding King who came to save. Not knowing exactly how or even when He would declare His victory over His foes, the multitudes celebrated and were “altogether joyful” (Deuteronomy 16:15). We can have the same joy and gladness in our hearts today as Jesus comes to us through the promised treasures of His Word. Because we have received the full story of His saving actions for us, we are blessed to know that by His death and resurrection that week of Passover, our humble King has delivered us from our enemies—Satan, sin, and death. Let us together be “altogether joyful” in Jesus!

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

*2 Corinthians 5:21, alt.; Isaiah 53:5*

P For our sake God made Jesus to be sin who knew no sin,

C **so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.**

P But He was wounded for our transgressions;

C **He was crushed for our iniquities;**

P upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

C **and with His stripes we are healed.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Based on Philippians 2:1–11*

P Lord Jesus, search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

*We observe a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.*

P With humble hearts, let us pray together:

C **Lord Jesus, the Father’s only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.**

P You call us to celebrate Your victory over death and the grave, but often we resign ourselves to defeat and refuse to give You our praise.

C **Our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is why You died for us—**

- P to forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.
- C **With hearts that are humble and lives ever grateful, help us to receive Your grace, bow before You in worship, and confess that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**
- P Almighty God our heavenly Father shows His mercy to us in the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. He is the eternal King of Israel, King David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comes to bless us with life and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.  
Lord Jesus Christ, palms lifted high were waved in the air to celebrate Your triumph. As those who know You as King and Savior, help us to be altogether joyful because of Your victory over our foes.
- C **Renew our hearts and minds during this Lenten season as we receive the promised treasures of Your Word;**
- P for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Deuteronomy 16:13–17*

- P The Old Testament Reading is from Deuteronomy, the sixteenth chapter.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall keep the Feast of Booths seven days, when you have gathered in the produce from your threshing floor and your winepress. <sup>14</sup>You shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your towns. <sup>15</sup>For seven days you shall keep the feast to the LORD your God at the place that the LORD will choose, because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you will be altogether joyful.

<sup>16</sup>“Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God at the place that He will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Booths. They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed. <sup>17</sup>Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that He has given you.”

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM

*Psalms 92:1–4, 12–15*

- P It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
- C **to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;**

P to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night,  
C **to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.**  
P For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work;  
C **at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.**  
P The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
C **They are planted in the house of the LORD;**  
P they flourish in the courts of our God.  
C **They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,**  
P to declare that the LORD is upright;  
C **He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## SECOND READING

*Revelation 7:9–17*

P The Second Reading is from Revelation, the seventh chapter.

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”  
<sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,  
<sup>12</sup>saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>“Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve Him day and night in His temple;  
and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and He will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

*Joel 2:13b*

Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

*John 7:28–39*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>So Jesus proclaimed, as He taught in the temple, “You know Me, and you know where I come from? But I have not come of My own accord. He who sent Me is true, and Him you do not know. <sup>29</sup>I know Him, for I come from Him, and He sent Me.” <sup>30</sup>So they were seeking to arrest Him, but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. <sup>31</sup>Yet many of the people believed in Him. They said, “When the Christ appears, will He do more signs than this man has done?”

<sup>32</sup>The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about Him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest Him. <sup>33</sup>Jesus then said, “I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to Him who sent Me. <sup>34</sup>You will seek Me and you will not find Me. Where I am you cannot come.” <sup>35</sup>The Jews said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we will not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? <sup>36</sup>What does He mean by saying, ‘You will seek Me and you will not find Me,’ and, ‘Where I am you cannot come’?”

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” <sup>39</sup>Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HOMILY

PRAYER

P Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for blessing us with the opportunity to meditate again on the cross of Christ and receive Your promised treasures.

C **Grant that the message of the Lamb of God slain for our salvation bring us the riches of Your pardon and peace.**

P Lead us to see that our sins caused Jesus’ great agony in the garden, that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary,

C **that He was forsaken by His Father so that we might never be forsaken, and that He died so that we may live.**

- P Lord Jesus, grant that especially during this sacred season the treasured story of Your wondrous love for us would draw us closer to You.
- C **Inspire us by the palm-waving pilgrims who sang Your praises as You entered Jerusalem. Enter our lives that we may have victory in You amid the pain and adversity of this world.**
- P Holy Spirit, lift up troubled souls everywhere. Grant wholeness to those hurting in heart, body, and mind. Work Your healing power in the lives of those in need, [*especially . . .*], and in the lives of all we name before You in our hearts.
- C **All glory, honor, and praise be to You, with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.**

#### BENEDICTION

- P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C **Amen.**

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Karin Pejack  
**Minister of Technology:** Catherine Germann

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#### **WOW (Worship On Wednesday) 12:10pm**

#### **SPECIAL LENT – HOLY WEEK Worship & Prayer Series: “Promised Treasures”**

February 21, Lent 1:	Salt: The Gift that Sweetens & Preserves
February 28, Lent 2:	Water Gives You Life
March 6, Lent 3:	Light Shining in the Darkness
March 13, Lent 4:	Bread of Life
March 20, Lent 5:	Palms & Victory
March 27, Holy Wednesday:	Oil of Joy & Gladness

March 28, Maundy Thursday: Water & Blood  
March 29, Good Friday: The Old Rugged, Wooden Cross  
April 4, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday after Easter: Welcome to the Promised Land of Milk & Honey

### Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday (Communion & Healing Prayer on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and Festivals)

9:00am **Sunday School** (in-person only)  
9:45am **Fellowship** (in-person only)  
10:15am **Worship Service** (in-person & online)

#### Wednesday (Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday)

12:10pm **WOW, Worship On Wednesday** (in-person & online)  
12:35pm **Lunch Fellowship** (in-person only)

### 2024 HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

#### March 24 Palm Sunday 10:15am Service of Word & Sacrament

Regular Schedule and Information for Sunday School & Worship Service

#### March 27 WOW on Holy Wednesday 12:10pm – Special Music by Doug Long

Regular Schedule and Information for WOW Worship Service & Lunch Fellowship

#### March 28 Maundy Thursday 12:10pm 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: 815 7257 7542

Passcode: 888575

#### March 29 Good Friday 12:10pm Traditional Tenebrae Worship Service

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

Zoom Information: Meeting ID: 893 4527 5070

Passcode: 246855

#### March 31 Easter Sunday

**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)**

*\*\*\*To help us plan for this event, please call or email the church office to sign-up*

**10:15am Worship Service of Word & Sacrament**

Regular Schedule and Information for Sunday Worship Service

**Journey with Jesus in Mark's Gospel During Holy Week**

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>03/24</b>	Mark 11:1-11
<b>Holy Monday</b>	<b>03/25</b>	Mark 11:12-33
<b>Holy Tuesday</b>	<b>03/26</b>	Mark 12
<b>Holy Wednesday</b>	<b>03/27</b>	Mark 13
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>03/28</b>	Mark 14:1-31
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>03/29</b>	Mark 14:32-15:41
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>03/30</b>	Mark 15:42-47
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>03/31</b>	Mark 16:1-20

[Some of the earliest manuscripts do not include 16:9-20]

***LOOKING AHEAD:***

**April 10 – May 29 (Wednesdays) 12:10pm WOW Series: “Organic Discipleship”**

**May 5 (Sunday): 4:00pm Wednesday Club Concert featuring Organ Music at Zion**

**May 9 (Thursday): 7:15pm Himmelfahrt/Ascension German Service with English translation  
6:15pm Coffee & Cake**

**May 19 (Sunday): 3:00pm Hummelstown Community Singers Spring Concert  
At Hummelstown United Church of Christ, 104 E Main St, Hummelstown, PA 17036**