

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 15 S 4th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101
Church Website: www.zionharrisburg.org
12:10pm WOW (Worship On Wednesday) Service – March 27, 2024
Lunch afterwards in the Fellowship Hall

HOLY WEDNESDAY

THE OIL OF JOY AND GLADNESS

AS WE GATHER

In the Early Church, when new Christians were baptized, fragrant oil was often placed upon them to remind them of their new life of joy in Christ Jesus, who Himself rose from His spiced tomb as the Anointed One of God. This oil set them apart as ones who had been chosen by God, sanctified by His Spirit, and called to spread the sweet aroma of Jesus' love in the world He died to save.

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 Having borne our sins in Your body on Calvary's tree, You were buried in the tomb as You rested on the Sabbath Day.
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, who bathes us in Baptism and clothes us with the joy and gladness of new life in Him. 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

Romans 6:3–5

P In Holy Baptism, we have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all our sin. Paul says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

C **"We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His."**

SPECIAL MUSIC "It Is Finished"

Soloist Doug Long

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, we look forward to the celebration of the glory of our Lord's resurrection.

C **Preserve in us the spirit of our adoption as Your children**

P so that, anointed with the oil of joy and gladness,

C **we may rejoice in the new life we have been given;**

P through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 2:12–17

P The Epistle is from Second Corinthians, the second chapter.

¹²When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, ¹³my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia.

¹⁴But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere. ¹⁵For we are the

aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, ¹⁶to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? ¹⁷For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Mark 6:7–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

⁷And He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And He said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILY

PRAYER

P Almighty God, through Your Word and Spirit You most wonderfully created all things, and through the Word made flesh You brought new life to fallen humanity.

C **Grant that in Your mercy we may be conformed to the image of Him who shares fully in our humanity, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

P O Lord, You kill and You raise to life; You brought the flood upon a wicked and perverse generation, and yet You saved faithful Noah and his family in the ark.

C **Keep us in safety in the ark of Christ's Body, the Church, that Your mercy may come to its fullness and Your salvation be preached to the ends of the earth.**

- P O God, You once delivered Your people Israel from bondage under Pharaoh and led them by a pillar of cloud and fire through the sea to safety.
- C **Grant that we may so follow Christ that through the waters of Baptism we may daily die and rise with Him and walk in safety through the wilderness of this life until we see Your salvation.**
- P Almighty God, by Your Word You created and sustain all things, and by Your Spirit You renew Your creation.
- C **Grant now the water of life to all who thirst for You that they may bring forth abundant fruit in Your glorious kingdom.**
- P Healing Savior, by the oil of joy and gladness You anoint those who are baptized into Your holy name and grant them healing in both body and soul.
- C **Keep us in everlasting communion with You that by Your Word and Spirit our hearts may be prepared for our resurrection to eternal life.**

Additional petitions offered ...

- P For You, Lord Jesus Christ, reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

- 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 Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

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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 st Wednesday after Easter:	Welcome to the Promised Land of Milk & Honey

Weekly Schedule

Sunday (Communion & Healing Prayer on 1st and 3rd 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 1st 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

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