

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 15 S 4th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101
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12:10pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service – March 28, 2024

HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY

WATER AND BLOOD

AS WE GATHER

On this night when our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed into the hands of sinful men, we receive the blessings of forgiveness and new life as we partake of the Lord's Supper. Looking ahead to the death of Jesus on Calvary's cross, we remember with the apostle John that both water and blood flowed from Jesus' side as He was pierced by the spear of a Roman soldier (see John 19:34). The flowing water reminds us of the mystery of our Baptism, as God the Father cleanses us of our sin and makes us His children. The flowing blood reminds us of the deep love of the Savior, who allowed Himself to die a horrific death so that we may experience a glorious resurrection, and it points to the Sacrament of our Lord's body and blood. May the blessings of Jesus flow into our lives as we gather to worship Him.

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 By the water and blood that flowed from Your pierced side, our redemption has been guaranteed and our salvation has been secured.

- 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 was betrayed, slandered, and sentenced to death on the cross. By the water and blood that flowed from His pierced side, Jesus pours out His cleansing forgiveness upon us all. 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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
 Lord Jesus, in Your wondrous Supper, You call us to remember Your sacrifice for our salvation.
- C As we receive the mystery of Your body and blood, help us to trust in the healing grace that flows from Your pierced side;**
P for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:1–7

- A** The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, the seventeenth chapter.

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 23

A The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

A He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

C **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,**

A for You are with me;

C **Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

A You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

C **You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

A Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C **and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**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.**

EPISTLE

1 John 5:5–12

A The Epistle is from First John, the fifth chapter.

⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that He has borne concerning His Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning His Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

A 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 14:12–26

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

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

¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, [Jesus'] disciples said to Him, "Where will You have us go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?" ¹³And He sent two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is My guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?' ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷And when it was evening, He came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me, one who is eating with Me." ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to Him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with Me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if He had not been born."

²²And as they were eating, He took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is My body." ²³And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILY

PRAYER

A Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You that You have gathered us together on this night when Your Son instituted the Supper we are privileged to receive.

C **Grant that the promised treasures of Your Word remind us of the mercy You give to us by the water and the blood.**

A 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.**

A 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 **Encourage our hearts and minds as we hold fast to Your Word, knowing that all You accomplished during Holy Week was done for our salvation.**

A Holy Spirit, make us one through this sacred Meal we now prepare our hearts to receive, that in the communion of saints we may be strengthened in our fellowship with Christ Jesus and with one another.

C All glory, honor, and praise be to You, with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Your Word declares that the wages for our sin is death. We have been spared this consequence by the substitution of Christ Jesus in our place upon the cross.

We give thanks for the water and blood that flowed from His pierced side, for in this cleansing flood we are given Your remission for all our transgressions. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of Christ's cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

THE 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.

Take an empty cup to receive wine from the assisting minister. Grape juice is available in pre-filled cups.

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*)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
C **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

A Let us pray.
O God the Father, in love and mercy You sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh. We thank You that You have given us pardon and peace in this Supper. Grant us faith always to trust that by the water and blood that flowed from Your pierced side
C **You have fully and freely poured out Your forgiveness upon us all;**
A through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **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.**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Karin Pejack
Assisting Minister: Linda Shipman
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)

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**