

Zion Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, PA
WOW (Worship On Wednesday) 12:10pm
Lent 2021 Service of the Word & Sacrament (First Wednesday of the Month)

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

L: We are gathered together for worship in the name of the one God: Father, and of the Son, + and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: In this season of Lent, let us draw near to the Lord and examine our hearts and minds for the ways in which we have fallen short of the glory of God.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

L: Holy God,

C: You sent your Son, Jesus, into the world to save us from the power of sin, death, and the devil. We confess that we have failed in many ways to follow him in our lives. We have forsaken the poor and hungry, we have neglected the sick and sorrowful, and we have looked out for our own needs rather than the needs of others. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to a new and right relationship with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone; all those who believe in Christ are living stones in his holy house. Hear his Word of forgiveness and be comforted by his love. You are made new again by the blood of Christ who gave himself for us so that we might be holy and precious in his sight. (Luke 20:17)

C: Amen.

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who saves us through faith, the love of the Father who gifts us with every good gift, and the communion of the Holy Spirit who fills us with all wisdom, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, you have gathered us together to observe the Lenten journey. Encourage us in our disciplines of prayer, study, worship, giving, and serving so that Christ who humbled himself taking on the form of a servant, might look upon us in mercy. May our lives be governed by the Holy Spirit that we may be kept steadfast in the faith, and at the last be exalted with you in eternity. For you live and reign with the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading(s)

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Homily

The Prayers

L: Show us your mercy, O Lord,

C: and grant us your salvation.

L: Clothe your ministers with righteousness.

C: Let your people sing with joy.

L: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world,

C: for only in you can we live in safety.

L: Lord, keep this nation under your care.

C: and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

L: Let your way be known upon the earth;

C: your saving health among all nations.

L: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,

C: nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

L: Create in us clean hearts, O God,

C: and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

L: *Additional petitions offered, followed by silent prayer*

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, through our Savior
Jesus Christ.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

L: Blessed are you,

Lord of Heaven and earth.

In your mercy for our fallen world

you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him

should not perish,

but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation

you have prepared

for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit

into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord

with a living faith

as he comes to us

in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

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.

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 Prayer

L: Heavenly Father, you sent the one who knew no sin to be sin for our sake.

Nourish us with the bread and wine of this meal, and build us up through Christ's body and blood, that we may live and serve in your holy name. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

C: Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal

P: As you go into the world to serve in Christ's name, be of the mind that whatever gain you have received is counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Cling to the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus as Lord, having been found in him and having a righteousness that is not your own, but that comes from God through faith. Forget what lies behind and press on toward the goal for the upward call of God in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. (Philippians 3:8-9)

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.