

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 15 S 4th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Church Website: www.zionharrisburg.org

12:10pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service – April 2, 2026

HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray: Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: *1 Corinthians 11 :23-26*

P 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

John 13:1–17

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ Jesus,

knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

PRAYERS

P Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

A brief silence for prayer

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

P 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.**

P 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 in remembrance of me.

P 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.

P Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

C Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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 fasting 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 PRAYER

P Let us pray: Grant, almighty God, that, just as we are renewed by the Supper
of your Son in this present age, so we may enjoy his banquet for all eternity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
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 + give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Karin Pejack
Assisting Minister: Linda Shipman
Minister of Technology: Catherine Germann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

April 3 at 12:10pm

April 5 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)

10:15am Worship Service of Word & Sacrament

Regular Schedule and Information for Sunday Worship Service

WEEKLY SCHEDULE (Online information for YouTube & Zoom at www.zionharrisburg.org)

Sunday (Communion 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

TABLE TALK: 2nd Tuesdays, 5:30 – 7:00pm

Martin Luther enjoyed faithful and fun conversation over food and drinks. Join Pastor Karin, Todd, and Sam for informal conversation relating Christian faith to everyday topics. Participants are responsible for purchasing their food and drinks. [in-person only]

April 14 Topic: Jesus—The Resurrection & The Life

Yankee Doodle Restaurant, 860 N. Front Street, Wormleysburg, PA 17043