

The Sunday of the Passion ~ Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Palm Sunday Celebration ~

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.

Hosanna in the highest.

* The Processional Gospel Luke 19:28-40

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

* The Blessing of the Palms

THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

And also with you.

LET US PRAY: WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD, FOR REDEEMING THE WORLD THROUGH OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. TODAY HE ENTERED THE HOLY CITY IN TRIUMPH AND WAS PROCLAIMED MESSIAH AND KING BY THOSE WHO SPREAD GARMENTS AND BRANCHES ALONG HIS WAY. BLESS THESE BRANCHES AND THOSE WHO CARRY THEM. GRANT US GRACE TO FOLLOW OUR LORD IN THE WAY OF THE CROSS, SO THAT, JOINED TO HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION, WE ENTER INTO LIFE WITH YOU; THROUGH THE SAME JESUS CHRIST, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER.

Amen.

LET US GO FORTH IN PEACE,

in the name of Christ. Amen.

*** The Procession**

“The Palms”

O'er all the way, green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festal preparation
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away.
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

(Refrain) Join all and sing, His name declare.
Let every voice resound with acclamation.
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord.
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

His word goes forth, and people by its might
Once more regain freedom from degradation.
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness find restored the light. *(Refrain)*

Sing and rejoice, O Blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation.
Thru boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith and hope to Thee forevermore. *(Refrain)*



*** The Greeting**

BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.
Hosanna in the highest.

*** The Kyrie Eleison** *(Now the Feast)*

IN PEACE, IN PEACE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

FOR THE REIGN OF GOD, AND FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, FOR THE UNITY OF ALL, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

FOR YOUR PEOPLE HERE, WHO HAVE COME TO GIVE YOU PRAISE, FOR THE STRENGTH TO LIVE YOUR WORD, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

HELP, SAVE, AND DEFEND US, O GOD.

Amen.

*** The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(Sung) **And also with you.**

LET US PRAY:

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Anthem

“The Donkey’s Dilemma” – Sleeth

Sunday School Children

~The Word~

The First Lesson Isaiah 50:4-9a

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 31:9-16

Tune "All People That on Earth do Dwell" No. 245

IN YOU, O LORD, I TAKE REFUGE; LET ME NEVER BE PUT TO SHAME; IN YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS DELIVER ME. INCLINE YOUR EAR TO ME; MAKE HASTE TO DELIVER ME.

Lord, be my rock, my refuge sure, My mighty fortress, safe, secure.

FOR YOUR NAME'S SAKE LEAD ME AND GUIDE ME. TAKE ME OUT OF THE NET THAT IS HIDDEN FOR ME, FOR YOU ARE MY SHELTER FROM DANGER.

I place my spirit in your care; You, God, will keep me safely there.

MY TIMES ARE IN YOUR HAND. RESCUE ME FROM THE HAND OF MY ENEMIES, FROM THOSE WHO PERSECUTE ME.

Lord, be my rock, my refuge sure, My mighty fortress, safe, secure.

LET YOUR FACE SHINE UPON YOUR SERVANT; SAVE ME IN YOUR STEADFAST LOVE.

I place my spirit in your care; You, God, will keep me safely there.

The Second Lesson Philippians 2:5-11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

* The Gospel Acclamation *(Lenten Verse Now the Feast)*

**Return to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mercy;
Come, seek the tender faithfulness of God.**

* The Holy Gospel St. John 12:12-18

Entrance into the final days.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN THE 12TH CHAPTER:

(spoken) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(After the Gospel)

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

(spoken) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Pastor Cindy White

* The Hymn

"My Song is Love Unknown"

No. 94 Stanzas 1,3,4,5

**My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.**

Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise;
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save, the prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes, that he his foes from thence might free;
that he his foes from thence might free.

* The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* The Prayers of Intercession

DRAWN CLOSE TO THE HEART OF GOD, WE OFFER THESE PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL WHO ARE IN NEED.

A brief silence.

WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS IN THE WAY OF THE CROSS. MAKE US UNFLINCHING SERVANTS OF THE GOSPEL. DELIVER US FROM HARDSHIP AS WE CONFRONT THE FORCES OF INJUSTICE AND PRACTICE RADICAL COMPASSION. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

FOR THE EARTH AND ALL ITS INHABITANTS, CREATED IN LOVE: TRAIN US TO RECOGNIZE YOUR DIVINE GOODNESS IN THE WORLD AROUND US. ROUSE IN US A REVERENCE FOR CREATION, THAT WE TAKE GREATER CARE OF ITS RESOURCES. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY CALLED TO LEAD WITH INTEGRITY AND COMPASSION: SUPPLY THEM WITH COURAGE AND VULNERABILITY WHEN CHALLENGED WITH NEW IDEAS. DELIVER THEM FROM FEAR THAT LIMITS IMAGINATION AND IMPEDES JUSTICE. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER, WAITING EXPECTANTLY FOR MERCY AND CONSOLATION: ACCOMPANY THOSE WHO FEEL ABANDONED OR BETRAYED, DEFEND THOSE WHO ARE WRONGLY ACCUSED, AND EMBRACE THOSE WHO ARE INCARCERATED OR DETAINED. HEAL THOSE WHO ARE ILL. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

FOR CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD, PREPARING THIS WEEK TO JOURNEY WITH JESUS TO THE CROSS: REVEAL TO US ONCE AGAIN THE EARTHSHAKING POWER OF HUMBLE SERVICE, UNMERITED FORGIVENESS, AND SACRIFICIAL LOVE. LEAD US ALL FROM DEATH TO LIFE. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, WHO WERE COMMENDED INTO YOUR HANDS. REMEMBER US WHEN YOU COME INTO YOUR KINGDOM, AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR EACH OF US WITH YOU IN PARADISE. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

GOD OF GRACE AND MERCY, (PLEASE SHARE ANY PERSONAL PRAYER PETITIONS) HEAR OUR PETITIONS THAT WE SPEAK OUT LOUD AND THE ONES THAT WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

ACCEPT THE PRAYERS WE BRING, O GOD, ON BEHALF OF A WORLD IN NEED, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST.

Amen.

*** The Peace of Christ**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

And also with you.

~The Meal~

The Offering and Offertory

Zion members, please use your envelopes for contributions so that your offering may be officially recorded. Please mail your envelopes to Zion Lutheran Church 101 N. Greenwood Street Tamaqua, PA 18252 or visit ziontamaqua.com for our myEoffering option.

*** The Offertory Procession “As the Grains of Wheat”**

(Refrain) **As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the
ends of earth be gathered into one in you.**

**As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *(Refrain)***

*** The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: MERCIFUL GOD,

everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole live returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Anthem

“Hosanna! Sing Praises!” – Moody

*** The Great Thanksgiving**

*** The Preface and Sanctus**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(Sung) **And also with you.**

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS.

We lift them to the Lord.

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

IT IS OUR DUTY.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: *(Now the Feast)*

(Sung) **Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

*** The Eucharistic Prayer**

YOU ARE INDEED HOLY, ... WE PRAY FOR HIS COMING AGAIN EVEN AS WE CRY.

AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS.

(Sung) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

THIS WE PRAY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND OUR FRIEND.

(Sung) **Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever. Amen.**

*** The Lord's Prayer**

MAKE US BOLD, O MERCIFUL GOD, TO ADDRESS YOU AS OUR ABBA AS WE PRAY:

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 Agnus Dei “Lamb of God”** *(Now the Feast)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Distribution

All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Sacrament are welcome to commune when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Zion members, please complete a Communion card once a year for our records.

*** The Post-Communion Blessing**

MAY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THE GIFTS OF HIS BODY AND BLOOD STRENGTHEN, KEEP AND UNITE, NOW AND FOREVER.

Amen.

* **The Post Communion Canticle** (*music on page 72 of LBW*)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

* **The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY, WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD, FOR THE BLESSING OF THIS TABLE. MAY OUR LIVES BE MADE NEW BY THESE GIFTS OF GRACE AND MAY YOUR LOVE BE MADE KNOWN THROUGH US.

Amen.

~The Sending~

* **The Blessing**

MAY GOD BLESS US AND KEEP US. MAY GOD'S FACE SHINE ON US AND BE GRACIOUS TO US. MAY GOD LOOK ON US WITH FAVOR AND GIVE US PEACE.

(Sung) Amen.

* **The Sending**

GO IN PEACE. SERVE THE LORD.

Thanks be to God.

* **The Sending Hymn**

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

No. 108

(Refrain) All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *(Refrain)*

The company of angels is praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *(Refrain)*

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went.
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *(Refrain)*

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt

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April 17, 2022 readings are:

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

John 20:1-18

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 9-10, 2022

**If you need assistance, please see one of the ushers in the back of the church; Large Print Bulletins are available. Grape juice is available in the tray for those who wish not to partake of the wine. Please Silence your cell phones during service. A Family Room is available for use during or after services, located across from the office. A changing station is available for your convenience in the restroom across the hall from the Family Room. We respectfully ask that you refrain from taking photos during the service. Opportunities are always available after the service. Welcome visitors please sign our guest book. Thank you.*

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

THE CANDLES are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of my husband, John Haldeman by Sharon Haldeman

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of the April 14th birthday of her mother, Doris Huegel by Fern Rudenko

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of son, Stephen Smolar and granddaughter, Sabrina Hill by Denise Smolar

THE PALMS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of our son, Brian and all our family and friends who are no longer here with us by
Dave and Darlene Fetterman

THE PALM CROSSES are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of her son, John Carl Casler Jr. by Dave & Melody Gensure, sisters, Ashly, Alesia,
and Alyssa, nieces, Aubry, Adalynn, and Ava and nephews, Bradlee and Camdyn

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In loving memory of family and friends by John & Carol Dietrich & family

Please remember the following in your prayers: Robert Dolbin, George Bozosi, Pat Brown, Derek Hill, Elizabeth Zimmerman, Mary Richards, Mrs. Chris Miller, Nancy Betz, Ralph Derr, Joseph Harvilla, Eva (Mitzi) Koomar, John Lattanzi, and all our members who are homebound.

Welcome!!

Parish office phone and fax is 570-668-2180.

Parish office email address is zionlcof@verizon.net

Parish website is www.ziontamaqua.com

Parish Office Hours- Monday & Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Zion's 2022 Church Council officers: Chris Henritz, President, Michael Haspe, Vice-President, Tiffany Warden, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Judy Brennan, Sam Caley, Arlene Derr, Ernie Henritz, Glenn Fritzinger, Brian Lawfer, Bob Maue, Steve Ristila and Mary Ruth Taylor; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation.

This Week in Our Church

SUNDAY, April 10, 2022, Palm Sunday

8:00 Confirmation Class
9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
10:15 Christian Education
10:00 Breakfast

MONDAY

7:00 Outreach Meeting

TUESDAY

9:30 Work Session
7:00 Recovery Service

WEDNESDAY

6:00 NA Meeting
7:00 Holden Evening Prayer
8:00 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:30 Work Session
7:00 Maundy Thursday

FRIDAY

12:00 Good Friday Community Service/ Trinity UCC
5:30 Diaper Depot Prep
7:00 Good Friday Service

SATURDAY

9:00 Diaper Depot Distribution
7:00 Easter Vigil

NEXT SUNDAY, April 17, 2022, Easter Sunday

8:00 Confirmation Class
9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
10:15 Christian Education

Upcoming Events

April 10 – Sunday Breakfast

April 28 – Hoagie Sale

May 6 & 7 – Blessings Thrift Sale

May 12 – Pasta Dinner

Donations to Zion's Blessing Thrift - Effective Immediately - We are now accepting gently used or new spring/summer: Clothing, Accessories, Housewares, Media & Books, and Toys. Due to limited storage space, we are unable to accept the following items: Winter Clothes / Items, Furniture, and Major appliances. Please contact Judy prior to dropping off your items.

Hoagie sale - The Culinary Team is holding a hoagie sale. Regular Hoagies are \$7 each. Order by April 24th, at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Pick up is Thursday, April 28th from noon until 3:00 pm. Thank you for your support!!

Sunday Breakfast - April 10, 2022, 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon – No Charge. Menu: Scrambled eggs, sausage or bacon, and home fries. Everyone Welcome! Hope to see you there!

Trinity United Church of Christ will be hosting the Community Good Friday service, April 15th at 12:00 noon. The service is sponsored by the Tamaqua Ministerial Association. All are Welcome!

DEADLINE: All information for the **May 2022 issue of the “Herald”** is due at the church office no later than **Monday, April 18, 2022**. You may e-mail your information to zionlcof@verizon.net or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

Culinary would like to thank our congregation and our community for making our Haddock/Chicken Finger dinner a success. We took in \$1340.00, serving 94 fish dinners and approximately 29 chicken finger dinners. Please join us on April 10, following the Palm Sunday Service for a free breakfast and fellowship event. Also, don't forget to order a delicious hoagie for April 28. We really appreciate all of you support.

Zion Holy Week 2022, April 10 - 17

- ✠ **Palm Sunday**, April 10th, 9:00 am, Blessing of the Palms
- ✠ **Wednesday**, April 13th, 7:00 pm, Holden Evening Prayer
- ✠ **Maundy Thursday**, April 14th, 7:00 pm, Foot Washing, Communion, Stripping of the Altar
- ✠ **Good Friday**, April 15th, 7:00 pm, Good Friday Service
- ✠ **Holy Saturday**, April 16th, 7:00 pm Easter Vigil, Affirmation of Baptism, Holy Communion
- ✠ **Easter Sunday**, April 17th, 9:00 am, Celebration of Christ's Resurrection, Holy Communion

Easter Gifts - Easter is generally a time when gifts and memorials are presented. Forms are available in the Gathering room or in the newsletter. Please fill out the form and return it to the Church office **ASAP**. **The Form must accompany your contributions so that the office knows if your memorial is to be placed in the Easter Sunday handout.**



Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, May 6th from 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The sale features gently used clothing for all ages, toys, books and general household items. Clearance Prices – Come take a look! Limited Take-Out Menu. Shoppers must wear masks and maintain social distancing.

Pasta Dinner - May 12, 2022, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Cost is \$8.00. Menu: Pasta, Meatballs and sausage, salad, bread, dessert. Come enjoy some good food and fellowship! Hope to see you there!

Supporting Zion's Ministries

Contributions received for 4/3/22:	
Received to meet \$4,049.75 weekly budget:	\$3,508.50
Received from Thrift Store:	\$0.00
Received for Endowment:	\$60.00
Received for Capital Campaign:	\$789.00
Contributions YTD to meet operating budget expenses:	\$86,972.07
Received from offering/gifts/memorials:	\$38,058.26
Received from Thrift Store:	\$118.72
Received from Endowment:	\$44,000.00
Received from Culinary:	\$1,500.00
Received from Schlitzer Fund	\$3,295.09
Budget operating expenses YTD:	\$73,554.80
Budget status YTD:	\$13,417.27

Thank you for your gifts.

Your offerings allow us to share the word of God and the love of Jesus with our congregation and our community.