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## MISSION STATEMENT

Zion Episcopal Church is a Christian community called to bear witness and celebrate the love of Christ in our parish family and throughout the world.

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Welcome to historic  
Zion Episcopal Church, Rome, New York  
- A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York -  
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We celebrate the Holy Eucharist **in person** and online at 9:00 a.m. Sunday by Zoom for our on-line, streaming service ... without cost for you to view and without any need to subscribe to any online service.

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Each Sunday's service bulletin will be mailed timely for estimated postal delivery. The parish office remains open, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Call Annette at church (315-336-5170) or email ([zionchurch@twcny.rr.com](mailto:zionchurch@twcny.rr.com)) by Monday for next week's bulletin., The sermon and bulletin are also on the parish website: [www.zionrome.org](http://www.zionrome.org)

Consecrated wafers for the Holy Eucharist (regular wheat or gluten free) are available for you to take home, six per each sealed plastic bag for pick up from the office. Please call Annette to coordinate a pick up time at the church.

By decision of the Bishop, Zion's essential ministries and services remain active ... such as the Monday and Tuesday take-out lunch program, as well as the meeting site for various community organizations with their own ministries.

We invite your attention to the parish newsletter for more information as the continuing activities and ministries at Zion.

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Sunday March 21, 2021  
9 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Live Streaming

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**Prelude:** The Old Rugged Cross  
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*arr. Robert J. Hughes*  
*arr. James Mansfield (1927-2018)*

Opening Hymn: **439** What wondrous love is this

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite One**

**BCP 323**

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.  
*People:* **His mercy endureth for ever.**

*The Celebrant may say:*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Here what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the prophets.

**(Said X3)** Holy God  
Holy and Mighty  
Holy Immortal One,  
***Have mercy upon us.***

*Celebrant and people:*

**Glory be to God on high, And on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day**

**BCP 325**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit,**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

The Collect of the day:

**BCP 167**

Almighty God, you alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The People Sit.*

## **The Lessons**

The First Lesson – **Jeremiah 31: 31-34**

*Reader:* The first lesson is a reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant

that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 119:9-16**

**BCP 764**

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? \*

By keeping to your words.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; \*

let me not stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your promise in my heart, \*

that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O LORD; \*

instruct me in your statutes.

13 With my lips will I recite \*

all the judgments of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees \*

than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments \*

and give attention to your ways.

16 My delight is in your statutes; \*  
I will not forget your word.

## The Second Lesson- **Hebrews 5: 5-10**

*Reader:* The Second lesson is a Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord  
*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## **The Gospel: John 12: 20-33**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
*People:* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will

keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise be to thee, O Christ**

## **The Sermon**

*Reverend Dr. James K. Heidt, Rector & Priest*

In the Name of the Living God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The last sentences of our gospel reading for today: “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself. He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.”

We are coming to the end of the season of Lent. It is coming into view with next Sunday being the Sunday of the Passion, or Palm Sunday.

I love the Rev. Sally Heiligman, who had served in this diocese and was my personal mentor and champion toward my ordination. Some years ago, at the funeral service for her husband, Ed., The Rt. Rev. Daniel Herzog, the retired bishop of the Diocese of Albany, gave a sermon....telling us right away, as a reminder, that in these last two weeks of Lent, we will hear a lot about death. In our sermons, in our readings, as we climb the hill to Calvary and the cross with Jesus. And, true enough, we hear this theme today from the very lips of Jesus. Getting us ready for the days to come.

For this reason, as well as the focus on personal repentance, the greatest Christian celebration of baptism is not sanctioned in this season of Lent by the greater church. Baptism should be celebrated anytime, but not in this season of Lent.

And that makes sense, when you think about it. But, having prayed on it and listening for the echo in my heart, I hear and see a great preaching opportunity...all centered by the deepest, most loving, most intimate and passionate, sacramental rite known to the Church. The gifting of our greatest possible gift to God...the lifting up...the greatest heartfelt yearning in asking for God's blessing and help in the receipt of our children...those we hold most dearly in our hearts.

In the Gospel reading today, I see the people of this parish, moving toward the finish line of Lent, walking with Jesus, coming toward Jerusalem, and the apparent end of it all. And here we are, in the company of some visiting Greeks. We hear them say to Philip, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

Even though we do not celebrate baptisms in Lent, I ask you to open your prayer books for just a moment, and turn to Page 305. Look hard and long at those prayers at the bottom of the page. Now, turn to Page 308. "Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works."

How can I share with you, by my words, the intensity of my heart...the open vulnerability of my soul with the utterances of those prayers? How can I convey to your hearts the very core of existence, the very nature of our faith journey in these lives we are blessed with...by the power of those very words? In fact, the power of much of prayers within the baptismal rite itself?

For any chance of life with God, here and now in this lifetime when it really matters, we need to constantly pray for God's help to give us "an inquiring and discerning heart" because we cannot and will not do it on our own. It is THE original sin to think and believe that each one of us, individually, can make judgments on our own. That we, ourselves, can figure it all out. That we, ourselves, can make decisions based on our own values, our own leanings, our own preferences.

In praying for "an inquiring and discerning heart", we ask God's help to form us in order to move away from ourselves. "Save us, Jesus", from ourselves. From our Lord's prayer, "...lead us not into (the) temptation of thinking and believing that we are masters of anything, but deliver us from (the) evil of living apart from you..."

Each of us needs God's help to open up...all so that we can be like the visitors in today's gospel, saying to Philip, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Transformed in the heart by God, in order to have the desire, the passion, to "see Jesus".

See, it was no different then than it is now. Not everyone...in fact, almost no one, comparatively speaking is given...given by God...the heart to want to ask to

“see Jesus”. By way of comparison, let us look at these Greeks..and how we are, or are not, like them.

Jesus knew that these Greeks were probably Gentiles, Gentiles being the Jewish name for non-Jews, and they were fascinated by the antiquity of Judaism, and its profound ethical teaching. They were known as “God-fearers” and were numerous in the first century. Current scholarship concludes that they would have converted to Judaism had it not been for the requirement of circumcision. They were spiritual groupies, in a way. So it was in character for them, like the Jews, to travel to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover...and also to be curious about this person they had heard about.

And now, finally, in the gospel of John, Jesus proclaims that the hour for the Son of Man to be glorified has come. Up to this point in this gospel, he performs miracles that John refers to as signs, but says in various ways that his “hour” or “time” has not yet come...until now. And, as he does so, the Greeks....and others within hearing, including us...come to realize that his idea of glory is way different than ours. And further, in asserting the stamp of approval of what Jesus is saying, there is heard a voice from heaven...which some heard as thunder, or even as an angel speaking.

What is the big deal here?

Jesus knows the Judaic prophesies. And, through the maturity that comes by growing into his adulthood, he is transformed...as we also have seen....from a state of knowing and recognizing his ministry, into a state of totally embracing his ministry. Actually living into it, so that he...as Jesus, becomes transformed, changed by the Spirit...into the Christ.

He says, “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” Here, in the United States, which has the deserved reputation of being the bread basket of the world, it all started with an initial kernel of wheat that had to be planted, or it otherwise would die without further notice or comment. When it was planted, it eventually sprouted and bore more grain, which themselves spout and bore even more, and on and on, leading to the billions of bushels that helps feed the world.

Death is a natural part of life...we all know that, on one level or another. And each of us can deal with death in unique ways. But the point is this: For us, “Glory”...or let us call it the overwhelming focus of all presence around us or within us... is about, what? What is Glory to us? It is about having more. Having more attention upon us. Or having more money, more prestige, more power, more possessions....like more trains in the basement.

But, for Jesus, what we hear as Glory...again, what I will call the overwhelming focus of all presence...is all...ALL...about God. God the Father. And he lived...and lives it...NOT in having more, but in giving more. Focus outward...not inward. Even to the point of giving himself on the cross.

“Sir, we would see Jesus.”

I have read that the great temptation of preaching is to give our hearers something other than Jesus, to preach something other than the Gospel. “We would see Jesus,” our listeners plead, and we give them our learning, comments on the day’s news, a witty joke or two, but too often there is little of Jesus in our preaching. But it is not only preachers who do this. We all have that issue, and there are those around you who are looking for his presence.

Where is the presence of God in your ministry? We have been continually reminded through the centuries of God’s word that we are the very people of God, indeed made in the very image of God. But, what do we do with it? Put it on the shelf, like our other trophies, all in order to shine that attention upon ourselves? Or, do we follow Jesus...like the disciples we say that we are...by...not “doing”, but living..outward?

Your ministry is whatever you do that makes your heart glad, and your spirit rejoice. Maybe music. Or helping in a lunch program. Assisting with the liturgy of the service as acolyte, usher, altar guild member, and so on. Or whatever. Well, who is it for? Is it for yourself, so that it is a hobby? Just something else to do? Yet another activity to crowd into your calendar of preferences?

Or, do we follow the lead of Jesus? Like him, are we driven...joyfully and gladly...to give. Not take. But give. In other words, how much do you give to God...and I am not talking money. In what each of us does in daily life, do we do it for self-promotion or gain, or have we allowed our hearts to be transformed so, like Jesus, we give instead...give it all for the glory of God?

A few years ago, a rabbi at a large Reform synagogue published an editorial in the local newspaper on Christmas Day. He said, “I like Christmas, and I like Christians. My only problem with both is that they need more Jesus.”

Sometimes those who are outside the circle of the church can see and name our problems far better than we can. We all need a lot more Jesus. It is not only a problem for preachers; it’s a problem for every one of us who are called by the name of Christian.

“Sir, we would see Jesus”. All around us are people who want to see Jesus. But, before we dare to try to be the persons who project Jesus to the rest of the world, we first need to do this: we need to empty our hearts and actually say to God,

“Sir, I first would see Jesus.” Only then, if we have the heart, the nerve, and the faith, to sit at his feet, let him heal us, feed upon his broken body, and follow him through the cross...will we be able to continue. May each one of us be touched by God, through our life journeys, to have the heart, the nerve and the faith.

Then we can say...not as a prayer of intercession, but as a prayer of joyful thanksgiving that we are living in the glory of the loving God, as the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 327**

*Celebrant and people:*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People for the Season of Lent**

**BCP 328**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the

Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers , especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, DeDe our Diocesan Bishop, and James our Rector and Priest, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor  
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AnnMarie Bronson Hunter	Ann Northup	AJ Renzi
Blaze	Bill McGee	Al & Krissy Rozanski
Brett McDonell	Brenda Outwater	Anne Staple
Buffy Olsen	Catherine Zbiegien	Bea Golden
Charles O'Neill	Charlotte Rice	Erica Young & Baby
David Kane	Christine O'Connor	Georgeanna Howanietz
Georgia Northup	Cindy DeProspero-Outwater	Janice McNaughton
J. Daniel	David Dutcher	Jim & Pat Hoffman
Jill	Sal Smith	Jim Grimmer
John and Linda Hunter	Ginny Telego	Karen Chapman
Joyce	Janet Renzi	Kathy Hawks
Julie Pangbourne	Joan Moore	Randy Jones Sr.
Justin & Ryan Pope	Joey Urbanek	Sara Steiner

Lance  
Lois Wiggins  
The Hewitt Family  
The Gambier Family  
Sylvia Smith

Jane Padrón and Family  
Lauren & James Ziegler  
Michael Potter  
The Seaman Family  
Laurie LaForce

Sara White  
Susan Bogart  
Sharon Parsons  
David Land

And all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially,] Douglas Hewitt beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer Today:** The people of The Church of England and their Bishop, The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby **And in the Episcopal Church:** The people of the Diocese of Haiti, The Rt. Rev. Jean Zache Duracin.

**For our companion Diocese El Salvador,** Archbishop Oscar Romero and the Martyrs of El Salvador

**In our Diocese of Central New York,** we continue to pray for all essential workers, first responders, and health care professionals The people of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, Black River, and their priest-in-charge, The Very Rev. Ninon Hutchinson. The people of Trinity Episcopal Church, Boonville, and their priest, The Rev. Linda Logan.

We pray for all who are impacted, here and abroad, directly or indirectly, by the coronavirus pandemic, and we especially pray for our families, our friends, and our loved ones, our communities and our church.

**Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant:* Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.  
*Silence is kept.*

## **Confession**

**BCP 330**

*Celebrant and people:*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant uses this or another authorized absolution*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring to you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

## **Announcements**

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Invitation**

*ALL persons, baptized at any place and of any age, are encouraged and welcomed to receive and share in the communion of Christ's sacramental Body in the form of Bread from God's holy table in this place.*

*The Bread will be available in individual, safely packaged parcels for each communicant to take upon entry into the sanctuary. Please take the Bread with you to your pew and wait for the invitation and consecration before you consume. We also have **gluten-free** Bread available as marked for you to take.*

*The Celebrant will review the above in addition to offering the Words of Invitation prior to the celebration.*

## The Offertory

*Celebrant and People together:*

All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own, have we given thee. **Amen.**

Hymn after Offertory: **473** Lift high the cross

## The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer I

**BCP 333**

*Sursum corda*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People:* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

**S 125 -*Sanctus***

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest,  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he have given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and

all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

(Kneel or stand)

**BCP 336**

**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, for ever and ever. Amen**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* ***Therefore let us keep the feast***

***O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.***

***O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on upon us.***

***O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.***

*Celebrant and People:*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.***

*Celebrant:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God; take them in remembrance that Christ died for us, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen**

The Post-Communion Prayer (Kneel or stand)

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*Celebrant and People:* **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, thy blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.***

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude – What Wondrous Love**

*arr. Arthur Frackenhohl*

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Reverend Dr. James K. Heidt, Rector & Priest  
Erick Kroll, Organist and Music Director  
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**For all those who celebrate Birthdays & Anniversaries:** Zachary Thomason,  
BettyAnn Bormann, Michael Corbett, Joshua Eychner

**Bulletin & Candle Oil: Given by:** Pat & Peg Corbett; **In Celebration of:** Michael  
Corbett's Birthday

**The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon**

### **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Mon. 3/22/21-Vestry Meeting 6 PM** Is it live or is it Memorex (a.k.a Zoom)?

**Easter Lilies-**Now that we are back in the church it's time to think about Easter. As you may have noticed there are Easter Lily envelopes on the tables when you signed in this morning. If you would like to have the Easter Lily dedicated to a loved one this year just either drop the envelope in the collection plate or hand to Annette by April 2<sup>nd</sup>.. Thank You.

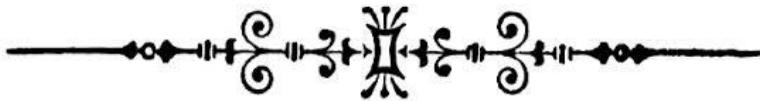
**From our Diocese-**Join Roger Speer, freelance illustrator, art educator, and minister for eight sessions of artistic exploration inspired by your life and the events of Holy Week.Daily (beginning Palm Sunday, March 28th) you'll receive an email with a video lesson that guides you

through the process of developing your unique artistic expression, responding to scripture and our diocesan Rule of Life, Vision Statement, and Mission Statement. Each evening (beginning Monday, March 29th) join Roger and others in a Zoom chat to share your art and your experience. For more information, please visit the Diocese website <https://cnyepiscopal.org/>

*\*\*Sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York and the Church of the Good Shepherd (Augusta, GA), this weeklong experience is free to you.*

**THIS SUNDAY: The Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 21, 2021-9AM-Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & on Zoom**

<b>Priest:</b>	Fr. Jim Heidt
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Rick Weltz Annette Clark-Hani
<b>Acolyte</b>	Rick Weltz
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Annie Deacon/Annette Clark-Hani
<b>Church Opener</b>	Annette Clark-Hani—Month of March



**Next Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion:**  
**PALM SUNDAY**  
**March 28, 2021-9AM-Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & on Zoom**

<b>Priest:</b>	Fr. Jim Heidt
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Tina Rescigno Mike Rescigno
<b>Acolyte</b>	Tina Rescigno
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Annie Deacon/Annette Clark-Hani
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