
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.

Welcome to historic
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Please silent all devices for worship service. Thank You.

We are delighted that you chose Zion as your place of worship today.

Small children are most welcome during the service. Really! That's right. We believe their voices and natural motion are gifts of life from God to be celebrated by all. However, should you choose, there is a small play area in the middle pew section of the church, and a big rocking chair located in the vestibule if you need some quiet time.

All Baptized persons are invited to pick up the communion wafer with their bulletin. At this time, we will be receiving communion at our pews at Fr. Heidt's direction.

The hymns and service music, during this period of gradual re-gathering will **not be sung by the congregation until future notice.** **This service bulletin** contains the readings of the day, as well as listed announcements and activities happening at Zion as we continue to re-gather. Please take this bulletin home with you. **Coffee Hour is temporarily suspended and, for everyone's safety, we ask that you please leave the church immediately after the service.**

If you would like to know more about us or would like to become a member, please request a **welcome sheet** from any usher before you leave and you can place it in the collection plate. Also regular parishioners: please use the welcome sheet to update your own information with the church.

Please Disinfect Slip-You will notice in your bulletin we have placed a "Please Disinfect" slip; please place this slip in the pew in which you are sitting. This lets our sexton Chris Klara know where to concentrate his cleaning duties.

The Sunday of the passion:
PALM SUNDAY
Sunday March 28, 2021
9 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Live Streaming

Prelude: Fanfare and March on "St. Theodulph" (All Glory, Laud, and Honor)
arr. John S. Dixon (b. 1957)

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

The Celebrant: Let us pray.

Assist us merciful with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mark 11: 1-11a

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven! "Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple.

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Opening Hymn: **154** All glory, laud, and honor

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with thy spirit,**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People Sit.

The Lessons

The First Lesson – **Isaiah 50: 4-9a**

Reader: The first lesson is a reading from the Book of Isaiah

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

Psalm 22: 1-11

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
but night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
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- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorn by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

The Second Lesson- **Philippians 2: 5-11**

Reader: The Second lesson is a Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

The Gospel: Mark 15: 1-47

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

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

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for

whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the

curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" [There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.]

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. Amen.

Passion Sunday...also known as Palm Sunday...is a tough day to preach about because there is no single theme for the day.

We normally begin today's service in the parish hall or undercroft but, with Zoom, we will need to stay in place and use our imagination instead. So, imaginary short walk to the sanctuary echoes the triumphant entry by Jesus into the sacred and holy city of Jerusalem. And why not?

It is the holy Jewish feast days of the Passover, and thousands of Jewish visitors to Jerusalem jam into the city. By our symbolic walk, we become like those many thousands there that day...and the millions in the ages thereafter...who either were, or by imagination became, part of the great story of the Passion of our

Lord.

We become like them....witnesses to almost unbelievable swings of mood within one short week.

First, the triumphant entry, amid the joyous festival celebrated by thousands. Then later, a quiet meal among friends who hear, to their surprise, that “this is my body that is for you”, and “this cup is the new Covenant sealed in my blood”. And, also hearing that we will deny him, and one will betray him. And finally, we become like them...hiding in the shadows, stunned, in shock...through trial, conviction, torture and death.

Use your imagination again...and put yourself in the place of a minor character in today’s story. He only appears in one verse, but he is the one closest to Jesus on the walk to crucifixion. The verse? “They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.”

A passer-by, minding his own business, visiting Jerusalem. Cyrene was an important Greek city in North Africa, containing a large population of Greek-speaking Jews, so we can imagine Simon having just arrived for the Passover. Suddenly, in front of him in the crowd, Roman soldiers drag a beaten prisoner through the streets, taking a long route so many will see him. The prisoner drops the cross and, from being whipped and beaten, he is too weak to take it further. The soldiers will not help, but can legally force someone else to do it. Simon is the closest able-bodied man, so he is chosen..clearly at the wrong place at the wrong time.

He takes up the cross. Gets blood on his robe. People spitting on him, the dust and dirt...his good clothes are ruined. He struggles and sweats with the weight, through the huge menacing crowd. Frightened. Getting lost in the detours. Walking beside a pathetic prisoner he has never seen before. Far from home, in a strange city, forced to do humiliating grunt work against his will.

Finally, they arrive, and he drops the cross. The soldiers get on with their business of crucifixion, but what happens to Simon? What festival? Talk about a wrecked experience! What does he do? Does he stay to watch? Is he one of the witnesses at this criminal’s end?

We do not know. The gospels do not say.

But, in the naming of his sons, Alexander and Rufus, the gospel may...in our

imagination...give us a hint. As Mark's gospel was generated about a generation after these events, we might presume that Alexander and Rufus were known to the hearers of this gospel, and perhaps they themselves were Christians.

We do not know if Simon himself became a "Follower of the Way", but maybe he saw something. Maybe something happened to him in that experience, enough to tell his sons to change their lives.

Is he really in the wrong place at the wrong time? Is it simply the Roman soldier who pulls him out of the crowd, or does a power greater than Rome call him forth? Is it an accident that he ends up in this nightmare situation, dirty, humiliated, exhausted, or is it more than an accident?

Simon's first encounter is not religious in any conventional sense..instead, it is the calculated, brutal, agonizing death of a man. Still, it demonstrates the wisdom of God, waiting to be recognized...because the wisdom of God is not common sense, practical advice, moral uplift, or good feelings. Divine wisdom does not adhere to the rules of prudence. It is radical emptying of self. Sacrificial giving, in living and dying. Extravagant spending on the prisoner's part of blood and breath, of life and hope, knowing that God is greater than any darkness, and the world aches to be redeemed. Simon came to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover of his people: how once, long ago, the Lord heard

them cry out in their agony as Egyptian slaves, and they marched out to deliverance. What he sees in the killing place just outside Jerusalem is like the start of a different march with a new Passover lamb, going to the cross. And that the promise extends to both Gentile and Jew...deliverance from themselves.

He was compelled to go to the place of execution, carrying a cross. We are gathered here today for a variety of reasons...maybe out of habit, duty, commitment, curiosity, or spiritual thirst. It does not matter how we got here, but rather what we recognize. What we see. Is this a heartless execution, or something more? In the bread broken and shared at his command, and in the cross as our symbol, we can recognize the depths of foolish wisdom and answer a call for us to live... not by achievement, but by sacrifice of all gifts we have which manifests the power of God. May we be always ready to give up what we cannot keep in order to gain what we cannot lose, in the name of God, as the Father, and as the Son and as the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Nicene Creed

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

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	Erik and Tory Backenstrauss	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	Kevin & Alice Wilson	Sara White
Lois Wiggins	Lauren & James Ziegler	Sharon Dyball
Richard Stratton	Michael Potter	Sharon Parsons
Shirley Reali	Rachel Dyball	Siobhan Gurski
The Gambier Family	Renee Resendez	Susan Bogart
The Seymour Family	The Seamen Family	Jane Padrón and Family

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,] Ernie Lamont 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: In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and their Bishop, The Most Rev. Dr. Paul Kwong. **And in the Episcopal Church:** We pray for the people of the Diocese of Hawaii and their bishop, The Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick.

For our companion Diocese El Salvador, The people of San Rafael Arcángel, Santa Ana and their priest, The Rev. German López.

In our Diocese of Central New York, we continue to pray for all essential workers, first responders, and health care professionals We also pray for the people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brownville, and their priest-in-charge, The Very Rev. Ninon Hutchinson, as well as for the people of Trinity Episcopal Church, Camden, 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

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: **171** Go to dark Gethsemane

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer I

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,

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**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)

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)

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 – Ah, Holy Jesus *arr. Gregory Hamilton (b. 1959)*

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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: Betty Crouch, Janet Renzi, Tina Rescigno, Michael Potter-Urbaneck, Sam Todora, Jennifer Swinney, Willie Talmadge, James Mott, Brittany Cobble, Ed Pickett, Jr.

Bulletin & Candle Oil: Given by: Grace Millington; **In Memory of:** Kirk Millington

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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Tues.** 3/30/21-Ultreya 7 PM Zoom
- **Sat.** 4/3/21- District AA

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. **LAST CHANCE**-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 2nd.. Thank You.

THIS SUNDAY: The Sunday of the Passion:

PALM SUNDAY

March 28, 2021-9AM-Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & on Zoom

Priest: Fr. Jim Heidt
Lay Readers Tina Rescigno
Mike Rescigno

Acolyte Tina Rescigno
Altar Guild Annie Deacon/Annette Clark-Hani
Church Opener Annette Clark-Hani–Month of March

Next Sunday: The Sunday of the Resurrection:

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2021-9AM-Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & on Zoom

Priest: Fr. Jim Heidt
Lay Readers Sandie Latimer
Meribeth Seaman

Acolyte Sandie Latimer
Altar Guild Jane Padrón/Michelle Luvisi
Church Opener –Month of April