
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

Zion Episcopal Church, Rome, New York

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Please silence all cell phones and other personal devices during worship

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 25, 2021

All the Baptized People of God may receive the sacrament.

Prelude:

Processional Hymn: **518** Christ is made the sure foundation

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
The people standing, the Celebrant sings

S 76 - The Holy Eucharist Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen.
People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant may say :

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

Gloria

Celebrant and People together:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson - **Acts 4: 5-12**

Reader: The First lesson is the reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

<i>Reader:</i>	The Word of the Lord
<i>People:</i>	Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Second Lesson: **1 John 3: 16-24**

Reader: The Second lesson is a reading from the First Letter of John

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader:
People:

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Gospel: John 10: 11-18

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and people:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We 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 Easter

The People stand as they are comfortably able to do so.

Leader: Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered God's people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray,

Leader: Risen Lord,
People: **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings he showers upon us: For our lives and for those whom we love, For the beauty of this home God has created for us, For our families and our friendships, Let us give thanks to the God of Life.

Special intentions are offered silently or aloud.

Leader: Risen Lord,
People: **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for the Church, and especially for Zion of Rome, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God: For the many lay people who serve the church, especially the wardens and vestry of this parish, and all who serve the world through the church. For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding bishop, DeDe our diocesan bishop, James our rector & priest, and all other clergy and bishops that they may make your wisdom in its rich variety known through all faithful people. For those who gather here or in other places for worship and prayer.

Special intentions are offered silently or aloud.

Leader: Risen Lord,
People: **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for the all the baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith. That all

branches of your holy church be granted grace to bear the gifts of truth and love to all your children on earth.

Special intentions are offered silently or aloud.

Leader: Risen Lord,
People: **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray that God shall give justice to the nations and their leaders, and grant mercy to all whose decisions affect the peace and well-being of the world. Where we have power ourselves, pray that we open our ears to the cries of the weak, the poor, and the needy, and open our hearts to answer their call. Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, and that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Special intentions are offered silently or aloud.

Leader: Risen Lord,
People: **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for mercy upon those who serve in the armed forces both here and abroad, as well as those of us who journey in sickness, fear, or any kind of trouble and who we now name from our prayer list

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
Dave Allen	Christine O'Connor	David Land
Georgia Northup	Cindy DeProspero-Outwater	Janice McNaughton
J. Daniel	David Dutcher	Jim Hoffman & Family
Jill	Laurie LaForce	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	Pearl Bienvenue	Sara White
Lois Wiggins	Lauren & James Ziegler	Sal & Bill Smith
Susan Roberts & Family	Michael Potter	Sharon Parsons
The Gambier Family	Willie Talmadge	Shirley Reali

(.....), as well as those unnamed by us yet so well known to and loved by God. Pray that they may meet God on God's road with rest, peace, and good cheer.

Special intentions are offered silently or aloud.

Leader: Risen Lord,
People: **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Pray that God will hold all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom, including those loved ones who have passed on and who we now name, aloud or silently in our hearts (.....). Pray that the hope born of Easter give them peace and that they have communion with God who redeems, restores, and renews.

Special intentions are offered silently or aloud.

Leader: Risen Lord,
People: **Hear our Prayer.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer Today: In the Anglican Communion, The people of Nippon Sei Ko Kai and their bishop, The Most Revd Luke Kenichi Muto.

And in the Episcopal Church: The people of the Diocese of Iowa and their bishop, The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe.

For our companion Diocese El Salvador, The people of San Marcos, Izalco, Sonsonate, and their priest, The Rev. Mario Benítez.

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. George's Episcopal Church, Chadwicks and their deacon, The Rev. Deacon Jean Skinner. The people of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Chenango Bridge, and their deacon, The Rev. Deacon Dorothy Pierce.

We pray to you, Loving God, 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 your church.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant and People together:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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: **645** The King of love my shepherd is

Eucharistic Prayer for the Season of Easter

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

The Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-125

(Celebrant and people sing together)

**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 People stand, kneel or sit. Then the Celebrant continues

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life. Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise and thanksgiving, Lord of all, for by

the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever. Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command; We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and, with them ourselves, a single, holy living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of blessed mother Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer (Kneel or stand)

Celebrant and People together:

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; Alleluia

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

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 together:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*

The Blessing

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude:



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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: especially; Charlene Cole, Stacey Foley

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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mon.** 4/26/21-Vestry Meeting 6 PM Live & Zoom
- **Tues.** 4/27/21 Ultreya 7 PM on Zoom
- **Sat.** 5/1/21 District AA 6:30 PM Clarke Hall

STRAWBERRIES-Yes we will have our strawberry shortcake but to go this year. So, please be ready to pick some berries; we will keep you informed to when the farms are ready.

200th Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of Zion Episcopal Church

Well folks- The anniversary date is actually in August 2025, but if we want to make it a spectacular event, we need to start planning. Do we want a dinner, a concert,

weekly recitals for the month, a capitol campaign, a speaker? What would we like to see. A committee is being formed to start discussing what we might do, and where we might have it. If you have some event suggestions, or if you would like to serve on a planning committee, we need your assistance. Please contact Annette at the parish office 315 336-5170 or e-mail office at zionchurch@twcny.rr.com and give her your name if you will be a committee member, or some suggestions for events if you have any. All suggestions will be seriously considered. Thank you for your considerations.

THIS SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2021-9 AM-Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & on Zoom

Priest:	Fr. Jim Heidt
Lay Readers	Tina Rescigno Mike Rescigno
Acolyte	Tina Rescigno
Altar Guild	Brenda Outwater, Annette Clark-Hani
Church Opener	Jane Padrón– Month of April



NEXT SUNDAY: The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021-9 AM-Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & on Zoom

Priest:	Fr. Jim Heidt
Lay Readers	Sandie Latimer Jane Padrón
Acolyte	Sandie Latimer
Altar Guild	Harriet Brennan, Grace Millington
Church Opener	Tina Rescigno–Month of May