
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 Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 2, 2021

All the Baptized People of God may receive the sacrament.

Prelude: In Christ There is No East or West

arr. David P. Dahl (b.1937)

Processional Hymn: **529** In Christ there is no East or West

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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The First Lesson - **Acts 8: 26-40**

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

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader:

The Word of the Lord

People:

Thanks be to God

Psalm 22:24-30

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Lesson: **1 John 4: 7-21**

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

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives

in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

The Gospel: John 15: 1-8

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 to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Reverend Dr. James K. Heidt, Rector & Priest

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 then says:

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
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	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
Dave Allen	Cathy Nelson	Shelley Land
Mark Trifeletti		

(.....), 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 The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East and their bishop, The Most Revd Michael Augustine Owen Lewis.

And in the Episcopal Church: The people of the Diocese of Kansas and their bishop, The Rt. Rev. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom.

For our companion Diocese El Salvador, The people of Cristo Rey, Bajo Lempa, Usulután, and their priest, The Rev. Antonio López.

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. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chittenango and their priest The Rev. Dr. Leon Mozeliak. The people of Christ Episcopal Church, Clayton, and their priest The Rev. Lisa Buby.

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: **296** We know that Christ is raised

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:

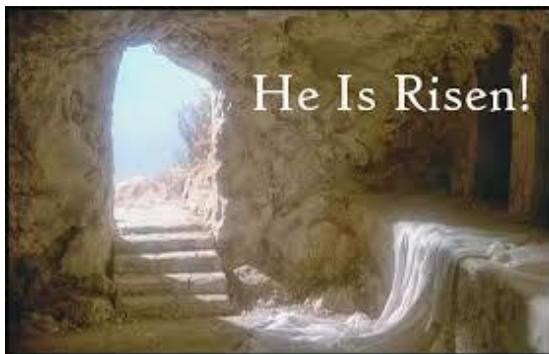
Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Gavotte in A Minor

Matthew Camidge (1758-1844)



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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; Jonathon Jones, Eileen Jones

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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

AA: AA Room

M-F 7 am

M-F:12-1pm

Wed: 7pm

Thurs: 8pm

Fri: 8pm

Sat: 12pm; District - 1st Sat. of the month: 6pm

Sun: 12pm

NA: NA Room

Mon. 7pm

Wed. 7 pm

Fri. 7pm

Sat. 11:30 am

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 Bicentennial Planning

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. **The first meeting to form the planning committee will be held on June 16th at 6 PM in Clarke Hall.** Please contact Annette at the parish office 315 336-5170 or e-mail office at zionchurch@twcnj.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 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

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

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