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## MISSION STATEMENT

*Zion is a Christian family called to provide fellowship and joy through our service with and to the community.*

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Welcome to historic

Zion Episcopal Church, Rome, New York

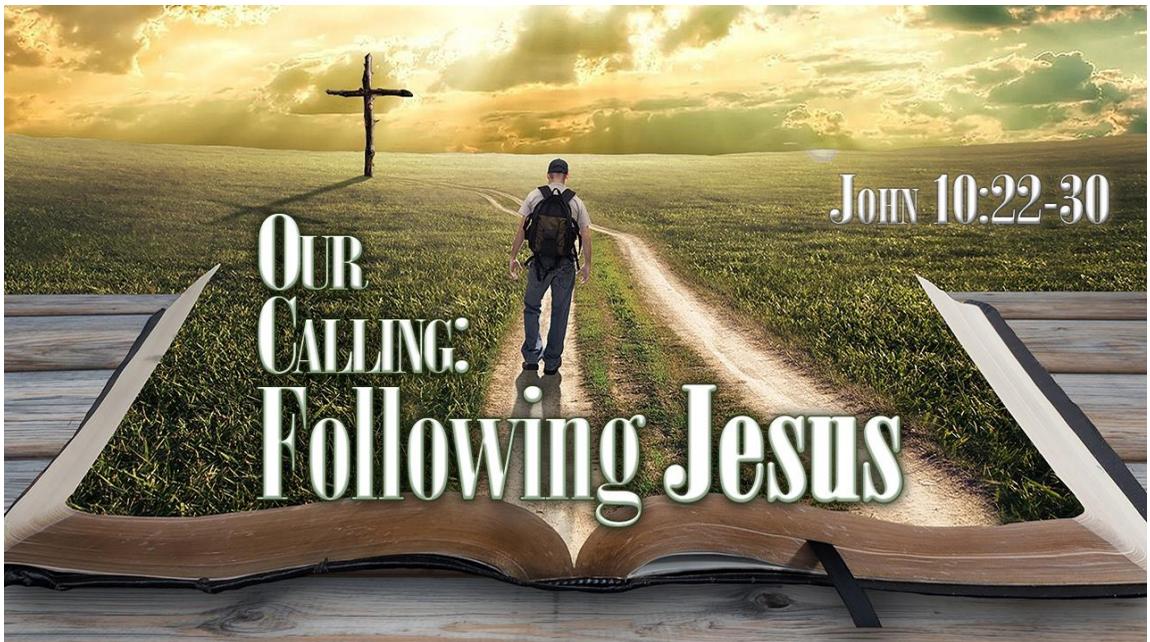
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**Please silence all cell phones and other personal devices during worship**

**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 come to the Altar and please pick up a cup at either side of the Altar; then all will be given instructions from Fr. Heidt on how to receive the Bread & Wine.

The hymns and service music for the service is in the 1982 hymnal provided in each pew. **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 held in Clarke Hall** after the service which you enter through the double doors on your right at the front of the church. Please stop by to have a cup of coffee or tea, something to eat and a chance to meet the people of Zion.

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  
EASTER CHORAL FESTAL EUCHARIST  
Sunday, May 8, 2022

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All the Baptized People of God may receive the sacrament.  
*Please stand if comfortably able to do so for all hymns.*

Processional Hymn: **199** Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

**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 for Zion *(yellow card in pew)*

*Carol Stack*

**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 9: 36-43

*Reader:* The first lesson is a reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord  
*People:* **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: **Revelation 7: 9-17**

*Reader:* The Second lesson is a reading from the Book of Revelation

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

## **The Gospel: John 10: 22-30**

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

*Celebrant:*           The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

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

**4th Sunday of Easter, Year C**

May 8, 2022

(John 10: 22 - 30)

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

In the musical, *Jesus Christ, Superstar*, King Herod sings, asking Jesus the question in a mocking way: "Who are you, Jesus Christ?"

For two thousand years, the same question has been asked. Who is this Jesus? Is he a great teacher or a fraud? Is he a sage or revolutionary or miracle worker? Is he "just a man," as Mary Magdalene sings in the same musical play while she confronts the same question...or is he something more?

We often imagine that had we lived at the time of Jesus...if we had seen him and heard him, it would have been easier to believe in him. Maybe so, and yet....maybe not.

One of the stunning parts of this gospel reading is its location. It is December, and Jesus is in the Great Second Temple in Jerusalem, walking on the porch or the

portico of Solomon on the east side of the Temple. It was called the “Porch of Judgment.” From this location, the King would make his judgments and exercise justice for those who were brought before him. So here is Jesus strolling through this historic location, physically embodying justice in this place of justice...something his life and teachings were all about.

And, into this setting, again they ask the identity question: “Hey, Jesus, stop keeping us in the dark. If you are the Messiah, just tell us straight out”. My belief is that Jesus is getting pretty tired of these questions. They keep asking, "How long will you keep us in suspense?" Literally: "raise or take away our souls?" But these questioners still do not get it.

This kind of reminds me of children. Children naturally ask some fairly obnoxious questions of parents. Pretty typical kid questions. “Why?” “What does that mean?” “How do you know?” Questions that assert the need to question the reality around that child. It would be nice to say that this need to question authority and test the limits of one’s perceived reality stopped at an early age but, like many others, at times we continue to need proof for statements that are made to us.

This is what is happening in this text. Jesus has given the people around him numerous examples of his identity. He has performed miracles and has become the Word made flesh. He has had others question his identity repeatedly, which was normal at the time. Back then, people who taught or prophesied were often asked to give proof of their deeds and the power behind their gift.

But the questions in this passage go beyond that. They are questioning not only his identity but if his power is verifiably from God. As we hear that doubt creep into their questions, we are reminded that doubt is a constant companion to faith. You will notice that, up to this point, it is all about talk. Questions being asked...repeatedly and ad nauseum. “Tell us who you are.” “Are you the Messiah?"

His response? Essentially, it is, “I have told you but to no avail. Also, the work that I do in my Father’s name you also do not recognize because you are not one of my own.” They had heard his words and seen his works, but still did not understand this man before them. After two thousand years, we have the witness of many believers,

the stories of many, many wonderful things done in the name of Jesus by his followers. And yet, we also have our doubts and wonder whether these ancient stories have something to say to our post-modern world.

Our faith rests on what we believe but cannot prove....what we claim to confess but cannot explain very well. What is harder to explain than who and what Jesus is or even why we have come to believe in him? Why we would have a relationship with him? Those are the series of very hard questions that we are facing right now in this 21<sup>st</sup> century. Struggling with it. And why not..because you and I are not used to it. As individual Episcopalians, we are not used to looking hard in the mirror about personal spiritual identity and accountability. This parish, like almost all others, has been preoccupied with getting its feet under it. Maintaining stability. Raising interest and activity. But, as Christians, we are called to love God. The operative words are “love God”. There is no escape from it, if we are honest.

The answer from Jesus to the questions in this reading is that as Messiah, Jesus does the same kind of work that God does. In terms of sameness, Jesus is not equal to God in essence, as the later creeds will affirm. But, functionally, Jesus and God the Father function or work in the same way. They are united in the work they do. They both give life, they both judge, and so on. But, he is saying that only those who are attuned to him...his sheep, to use his metaphor...will understand and be able to hear him and understand him.

Eternal life is another theme we find here...a concept that appears at least 17 times in John but few times in other gospels. In John’s gospel, eternal life is always related to believing in Jesus, summarized in the well known verse at 3:16. However, now, as we know, eternal life in John’s gospel has more to do with quality of life in the present than with extension of life in the future. The one who believes “has” eternal life...present tense “has”. The point is: we do not have to wait to enjoy this kind of life, but can have it right now....in the unmistakable message of John’s gospel.

Thankfully, Jesus speaks to our dilemma. Jesus simply says that those who believe are those who hear his voice and follow him. They are his sheep...he knows them and he brings them through times of trouble to eternal life...again, not life in the hereafter, but quality of life now for the living. Those who do not love him, who do not

believe that he is the Messiah, the Son of God, are somehow not his sheep at all. “My sheep hear my voice,” he said, “I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.”

In our own time and place, we probably do not have the intimate, personal experiences of what it is like to be shepherd to sheep. Within that illustration, we probably do not understand the dynamic. So, let us move away from the shepherd and sheep image into those we ALL know in order to understand the dynamic here. “My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me”, he said.

Try to think of it in this way. Who do you know when you hear his or her voice? Well, by now, you have heard my voice long enough to recognize its sound...so perhaps by now you have become so accustomed to the sound of my voice that, if you close your eyes, you still know it is me speaking.

And yet, what I am really talking about is far more than that. Another, deeper question along the same line: Who do you REALLY know by the sound of his or her voice? The distinction is this. There are persons....like your spouse, or child, or other intimate family members who either are alive today or you remember in your heart...where you knew what was in the center of their heart by the sound of their voice. That you could just tell, just as naturally as the sun is shining in the sky today, as to what his or her mood was by the slightest variation of speech in regular conversation. Like trying to hide that she is simmering mad just under the surface. That he is fearful that you have caught him with his hand in the cookie jar. That bursting sense of joy and surprise in a celebratory moment that you will both remember forever. All of that...all...comes from first being in a loving relationship with that person. Coming to know him or her that well...better than anyone else...because of your love.

The parallel that I am trying to draw with these illustrations to the theme for today should be obvious. If as Christians we are in actual relationship with God through Jesus, we will begin to learn to “hear” him in the very same personal and individual way.

How did we come to recognize the Shepherd? How did we get to be the flock of Jesus? Most of us did not come to faith because we set out to deduce the meaning

for the universe, even though there are those three a.m. questions ....what is the meaning of life, what is my purpose for living, is there a God? We can never really give faith to someone else, but we can know the truth for ourselves.

We may not be able to answer all the theological answers. No one can. But we can be just like our children or grandchildren who can sing, "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know," even though they do not understand much of the theology or be able to argue with the cultured arguers of religion. We can know the love of Jesus in our own way and want to follow Jesus as we can.

All of the other scriptures assigned for today cycle around this truth. The Kingdom of God comes to those who know Jesus, little lambs of whatever age or station or condition who hear his voice and follow.

We cannot prove it, and often struggle mightily to even explain it, but we know it is true...in this continuation of the season of Easter, and living within the love of the eternal grace of God revealed in the loving Trinity of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **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 (.....),

Aileen & Wheeler  
Willie Talmadge  
Brett McDonell  
Ann Gambier  
Shirley Reali  
Charles O'Neill  
Barbara  
Charlotte Rice  
Chrissy O'Connor  
Fusco Family  
Reali Family  
Linda Osborne

Chris  
Kurt, Ronna, & Ron  
Cindy DeProspero-Outwater  
Richard DeProspero  
David Wiggins  
Grace Pirillo  
Blaze  
Shelly Land  
Julie Pangborne  
Doris McLallen  
McNaughton Family  
Charles Wellmon

David Dutcher  
Anne Staple  
Jim Hoffman  
Outwater Family  
John & Linda Hunter  
Georgia Northup  
Lee Northup  
David Land  
Dave Pangborne  
Marion Sweet  
Renzi Family

as well as all those, in every land, who are suffering immeasurable hardships from the bitter war in the Ukraine, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*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 (.....), as well as all of the civilians and soldiers who have died in the war in Ukraine. 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:** We pray for the people of L'Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Laurent Mbanda.

**And in the Episcopal Church:** We pray for the people of the Diocese of Tennessee and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt.

**For our companion Diocese El Salvador,** We pray for the people of San Andrés Apóstol, Amatepec, Soyapango, and their priest, the Rev. Guillermo Huezo, and their seminarian, Cruz Torres.

**In our Diocese of Central New York;** we continue to pray for all essential workers, first responders, and health care professionals and we pray for the people of St. John's Episcopal Church in Marcellus and their priest, the Rev. Dr. Steven Moore, and the people of Grace Episcopal Church in Mexico and their priest, the Rev. Holly Eden. 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.

### **The 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**

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

### **The Offertory**

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

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

### **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 and Blood from God's holy table in this place.*

*The Bread and Wine will now be served from the Altar rail; so, when invited, please come up to the Altar (if you are physically and comfortably able to do so) and take a plastic cup from either side. Then proceed to the Altar where the priest will give you the wafer (**gluten-free available**).*

*Then the Acolyte will pour some wine into the plastic cup. You take both wafer and cup back to the pew when we will All consume together. If unable to come to the Altar rail, let an usher know and you will be served while seated in the pew.*

*In place of Communion, you may receive a blessing at the altar rail. The Celebrant will review the above in addition to offering the Words of Invitation prior to the celebration.*

#### **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-130**   (*Celebrant & People Together*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. (X2)**

**Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (X2)**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (X2)**

*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."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:  
"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. 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 and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood 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 Blood 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**

**Recessional Hymn: 210** The day of resurrection!

**The Dismissal**

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

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

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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; Eileen Jones, Heather Deeley, Anne Staple

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

**Memorial Service:** Rudy Reali's memorial service will be held Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM.

**Coffee Hour-**As you all know our coffee hour has returned and the sign-up sheet is posted on the doors into the Clarke Hall kitchen. In lieu of, signing up you can always just bring in a treat to share. Thank You.

**Community Dinner-**Our next community dinner is scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup> with the serving of cheeseburger or hamburger and assorted sides. Sign-up sheet is in Clarke Hall with a choice of eating in or taking out. Take-outs from 4-6:30 PM; eat-in from 5-6:30 PM. Thank You.

**Flowers-**All our ladies today can take home flowers from the Altar to celebrate Mothers' Day. These flowers can be planted in a garden and will come back up every year.



**THIS SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 8, 2022-9 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** Jane Padrón– Month of May

**NEXT SUNDAY: The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 15, 2022-9 AM-Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & on Zoom**

**Priest:** Fr. Jim Heidt  
**Lay Readers** Rick Weltz  
Georgia Northup  
**Acolyte** Rick Weltz  
**Altar Guild** Annie Deacon/Annette Clark-Hani  
**Church Opener** Jane Padrón– Month of May