
MISSION STATEMENT

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

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter
EASTER CHORAL FESTAL EUCHARIST
Sunday, May 15, 2022

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

Prelude: Prelude (from the Te Deum) *Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704)*

Processional Hymn: **182** Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

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.

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 11: 1-18

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

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

PSALM 148

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; *

praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *

princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson: **Revelation 21: 1-6**

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

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

The Gospel: John 13: 31-35

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 the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

The Sermon

Reverend Dr. James K. Heidt, Rector & Priest

5th Sunday of Easter, Year C

May 15, 2022

(John 13: 31- 35)

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

Almost all of us are familiar with the newspaper comic strip, "Peanuts". Listen to this dialogue between Lucy and Charlie Brown:

Lucy: **"You know what I do not understand? I do not understand love!"**

Charlie Brown: **"Who does?"**

Lucy: **"Explain love to me, Charlie Brown."**

Charlie Brown: **"You cannot explain love. I can recommend a book or a poem or a painting, but I cannot explain love."**

Lucy: **"Well....try, Charlie Brown. Try."**

Charlie Brown: **"Well, let's say I see this beautiful, cute little girl walk by."**

Lucy: **"Why does she have to be cute? Huh? Why can't someone fall in love with someone with freckles and a big nose? Explain that!"**

Charlie Brown: **“Well, maybe you are right. Let’s just say I see this girl walk by with this great big nose.... “**

Lucy: **“I didn’t say GREAT BIG NOSE.”**

Charlie Brown: **“Not only can you not explain love — you cannot even talk about it.”**

Thank you. Does not that kind of illustrate the problem that we have?

Love is not optional for the followers of Jesus. Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment ...". Not a suggestion. Not a recommendation. A commandment! Not just a command to love like our mother or father, but to love in the same way that Jesus loves us. Jesus said, "As I have loved you, so you must love one another." Notice the little word "must".

Just as there was no getting around the command of our mothers, "You must wash your hands before eating".

Jesus does not say they have to like one another...which is good because, as we all know, some people are simply more likeable than others. That is true in this church, as well as in your family and mine, and it was certainly so in the ranks of his disciples. The John who wrote our fourth gospel hardly fond of Judas Iscariot, calling him a liar and a thief, leaving us with little doubt that he did not care one bit for the betrayer. And he may not have gotten along with some of the others as well, with the evidence from other stories about their adventures with Jesus to leave us with the idea that the disciples ad their share of squabbles.

So, why does Jesus command us to love? It seems virtually impossible. A command from God that sets us up to fail?

Every Sunday, at the beginning of the service, we hear about God, to whom “all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid.” Certainly God knows that there is a part of every one of us that rebels against the idea of pure, unconditional love. Despite the example that we have in the undeserved and unconditional love for us by Jesus, there is a part of us that says such love is out of place in the world in which we live. There is a part of us that says, "Sure, loving others is great...up to a point...."

Is not that what we do all the time?

We draw a line and say, "That’s how much we are prepared to love the next

person".

We draw a line and say, "That's how far we are prepared to do a kind deed for someone else".

We draw a line and say, "Those are the people we are prepared to love".

We are happy to love in this selective kind of way. We are comfortable with the kind of love that does not make us feel uncomfortable. And, of course, we might be happy with this kind of love, but it is not what Jesus was talking about here when he said, "As I have loved you, so you must love one another". What Jesus says is quite plain...that we should love others in the same way that Jesus loves us. A love that is sacrificial and self-giving. We see that on the cross.

It is easier to be selfish, to ignore the person who needs our love, to offer up any kind of excuse as to why we should not get involved in the lives of other people. It would seem that to love as Jesus has loved us is humanly impossible. We might manage it on the odd occasions, but loving others unconditionally and sacrificially all the time is a bit of a tall order.

But scripture states that our ability to love comes from our relationship with Jesus Christ, and understanding this is critical to our ability to live out the Christian life of love. The more the love of Jesus fills our lives, the more we will be able to love other with the same kind of love that he shows to us. It does not happen in a vacuum. Love is something that is passed from one person to another.

Child psychologists tell us that a child who does not receive love will not be able to give love. Yet, on the other hand, a child who has received the proper amount of nurturing as an infant and as a toddler will have a sense of security and trust that will last them all their lives. We see how the love that children show is dependent of the love they receive from their parents. In order to show Christlike love, we need to receive that love from Christ.

Look at it this way. Say you want to get fit, so you take up jogging. You buy a pair of top quality running shoes and a track suit and sprint down the street. Not far down the road your muscles begin to cramp, you get the stitch in your side, you can hardly get your breath. You slowly walk home gasping, "I'll never do that again".

That is called anaerobic running, or running without oxygen...caused by the body using up more oxygen than it takes in. Many people try to run that way, and many people try to love that way. They love with great fervor and self-sacrifice, but

only lasts a while. No one can keep it up. Like the joggers, we find ourselves down the road in pain, gasping and cramped, saying, "I'll never do that again."

Love, like running, must be aerobic. Our output must be matched by our intake. Running requires oxygen....and an enduring love requires God's word, God's presence, the Holy Spirit, God's love and forgiveness. As we love aerobically, we will love not in our own strength and ability but the strength and ability that we receive from Jesus. We will love because he has first loved us.

To love as Jesus commands us means that we need to immerse ourselves, with the sacrifice of our hearts and lives, in his Word and Sacraments, and to let the love of Christ enter our lives and empower us to love, serve and work together. We will come to realize more and more our place in the family of God, and cast off everything that is opposed to love....things like impatience, selfishness, greed, an uncaring attitude, an unforgiving spirit...so we can be led by the Spirit and be more Christ-like in everything we say and do.

There is a story about a man who had a huge boulder in his front yard. He grew tired of this big, unattractive stone in the center of his lawn, so he decided to turn it into an object of art. He went to work on it with hammer and chisel, and chipped away at the huge boulder until the ugly stone became a beautiful running deer. When he finished, it was gorgeous, breath-taking.

A neighbor asked, "How did you ever carve such a marvelous likeness of a deer?" The man answered, "I just chipped away everything that didn't look like a deer!"

If you have anything in your life right now that doesn't look like love, then, with the help of God, chip it away! If it does not look like compassion or mercy or empathy, then, with the help of God, chip it away!

Is it obvious that there is something different about you that make people wonder, "What is it that makes that person so likeable and so easy to get on with"? Jesus said, "If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples."

This command of Jesus is one that we take too lightly, because it seems way out of our reach. Seems almost impossible because we fail at it, again and again. That is not to say that because we are such poor lovers that we should give up. But it does

mean that we need the love of Christ more than ever before...his unconditional, never-failing love to forgive us for our lack of love.

Thanks be to God that Jesus does not love us to the extent that we love others, but rather creates the potential for us to love unconditionally and sacrificially....in the ways that we can envision exists in the heart of the Father, and the Son, and 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	Chris	David Dutcher
Willie Talmadge	Kurt, Ronna, & Ron	Anne Staple
Brett McDonell	Cindy DeProspero-Outwater	Jim Hoffman
Ann Gambier	Richard DeProspero	Outwater Family
Shirley Reali	David Wiggins	John & Linda Hunter
Charles O'Neill	Grace Pirillo	Georgia Northup
Barbara	Blaze	Lee Northup
Charlotte Rice	Shelly Land	David Land
Chrissy O'Connor	Julie Pangborne	Dave Pangborne
Fusco Family	Doris McLallen	Marion Sweet
Reali Family	McNaughton Family	Renzi Family
Charles Wellmon	Fr. Jim	Toby Werner

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 the Scottish Episcopal Church and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Mark Strange.

And in the Episcopal Church: We pray for the people of the Diocese of Texas, their Diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, their Bishops Suffragan, the Rt. Rev. Jeff W. Fisher and the Rt. Rev. Kathryn M. Ryan, and their Bishop Assistant, the Rt. Rev. Hector F. Monterroso.

For our companion Diocese El Salvador, We pray for the people of Misión San Esteban and their priest, the Rev. Alfredo López.

In our Diocese of Central New York; we continue to pray for all essential workers, first responders, and health care professionals and we pray the people of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Moravia, and the people of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New Berlin and their priest, the Rev. Steve White. 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: **341** For the bread which you have broken

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: 213 Come away to the skies, my beloved

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: Lucy & Meltiades Kousouros

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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Tues.** 05/17/22-Genealogy 2 PM Clarke Hall

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 28th 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.

Vestry Meeting-Our regular vestry meeting will be held earlier due to vacations and holidays; the meeting will take place on **Wednesday, May 18th at 6 PM.**

THIS 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
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NEXT SUNDAY: The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022-9 AM-Morning Prayer in Sanctuary & on Zoom

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Reader

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