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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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Please silence all cell phones and other personal devices during worship

The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Morning Prayer  
May 22, 2022

*Please stand if comfortably able to do so for all hymns.*

*Officiant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**HYMN: 187** Through the Red Sea brought at last

**Confession of Sin**

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All say together:*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word, and deed, by what we have done, and 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.**

*Officiant:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All say together:*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Venite all read together (Psalm 95:1-7)*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

*The people sit.*

## **Psalm 67**

**BCP 675**

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## THE LESSONS

### The First Lesson – Acts 16: 9-15

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

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 16-*All read in unison***

***BCP 92***

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.**

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.**

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

**To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Second Lesson-Revelation 21: 10, 22; 22: 5

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

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day--and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month;

and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Canticle 21 - *All read in unison***

***BCP 95***

**You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;**

**You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.**

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.**

**The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you;  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

**You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.**

**You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.**

**Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.**

The Third Lesson- **John 14: 23-29**

The Third lesson is a reading from the Book of John

Jesus said, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

*Officiant* : The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* : Let us pray.

**The Lord's Prayer** (Kneel or stand)

*Officiant 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**

### *Suffrages A*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**R. Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

**R. Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*Officiant*:

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our

enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Officiant:*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn: 513** Like the murmur of the dove's song

*Officiant and People together, all standing.*

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

## **Announcements**

**Leader: The prayers of the people for the service today will be a modification of Form VI, found on page 392 in the red Book of Common Prayer.**

*The Leader and People pray responsively  
Congregation responses are in bold italics*

**In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.**

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community of Rome and surrounding towns, the nation, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the parishes in our Diocese, this week especially for the people of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in New Hartford and their priest, the Rev. Kathlyn Schofield, and the people of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Norwich and their priest, the Rev. Steve White.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Oxford and their priest, the Very Rev. David Hanselman, and the people of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Port Leyden and their priest, the Rev. Heather Benson.

In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador, we pray for the people of San Juan Evangelista, San Salvador, and their priests, the Very Rev. Luis Serrano and the Rev. Irma Alvarado;

And for the peace and unity of the Church of God.

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; DeDe, our Diocesan bishop; James, our rector & priest;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Church of the Province of South East Asia and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Melter Jiki Tais; and in The Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Daniel P. Richards; and for all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For those on our parish prayer list:

Willie Talmadge

Brett McDonell

Ann Gambier

Shirley Reali

Charles O'Neill

Barbara

Charlotte Rice

Chrissy O'Connor

Fusco Family

Kurt, Ronna, & Ron

Cindy DeProspero-Outwater

Richard DeProspero

David Wiggins

Grace Pirillo

Blaze

Shelly Land

Pangborne Family

Doris McLallen

Anne Staple

Jim Hoffman

Outwater Family

John & Linda Hunter

Georgia Northup

Lee Northup

David Land

Dave Pangborne

Marion Sweet

Reali Family  
Charles Wellmon  
Grace

McNaughton Family  
Fr. Jim  
Vaughter Family

Renzi Family  
Toby Werner

and for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We give thanks to you, Lord, and for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence.*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for those who died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

*The Officiant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

***The General Thanksgiving***

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the**

redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

HYMN: 409 The spacious firmament on high

**The Dismissal**

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

*Officiant:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us evermore. **Amen.**

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Officiant for this Service: Jane Padrón  
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: Jennifer Jones, Brenda Outwater & Cindy DeProspero-Outwater

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

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**AA: AA Room**

M-F 9 am

M-F:12-1pm

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

Sat. Convention AA-Every 3rd Sat. of the month 5:30 PM

**NA: NA Room**

Mon. 7pm

Fri. 7pm

Sat. 11:30 am

**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 ClOarke 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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **July 30<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Shortcake Festival**
- **August 28<sup>th</sup> Parish Picnic**

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

<b>Leader</b>	Jane Padrón
<b>Reader</b>	Sandie Latimer
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Annie Deacon/Annette Clark-Hani
<b>Church Opener</b>	Jane Padrón– Month of May

**NEXT SUNDAY: The Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
*May 29, 2022-9 AM-Morning Prayer in Sanctuary & on Zoom*

<b>Leader</b>	Wayne Osborne
<b>Reader</b>	Annette Clark-Hani
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jane Padrón/Michelle Luvisi
<b>Church Opener</b>	Jane Padrón– Month of May