

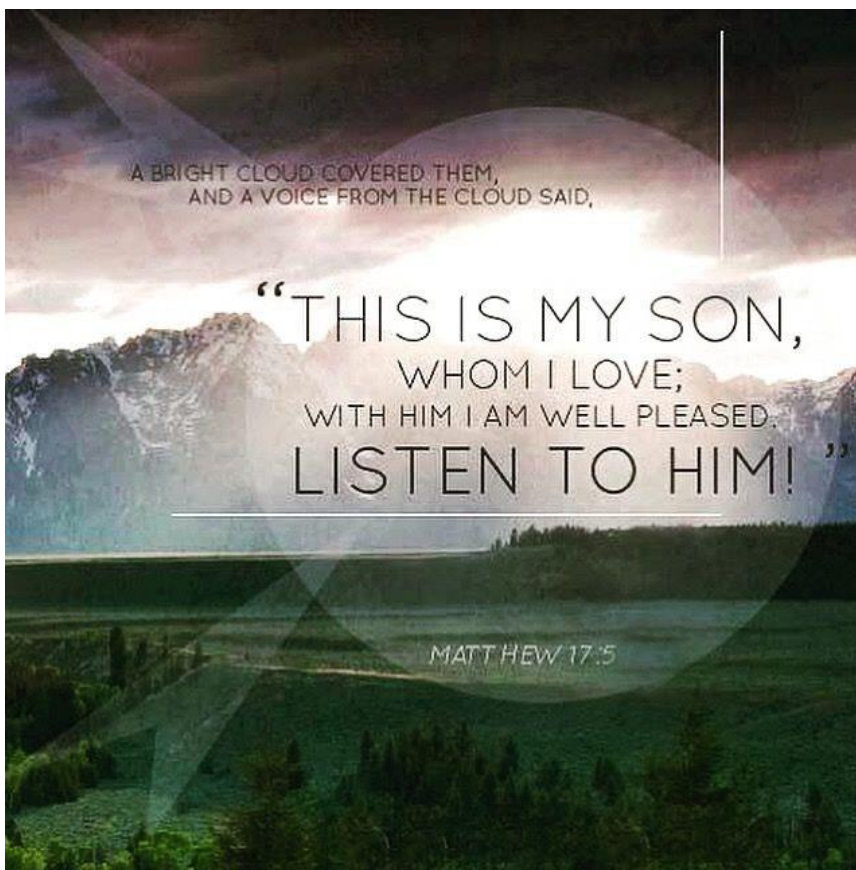
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## MISSION STATEMENT

*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  
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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 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 no longer have placed a "Please Disinfect" slip into your bulletin; but we do reserve the right to start this practice again if needed. Thank You.

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany  
Morning Prayer  
February 19, 2023

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

**Prelude:** Fairest Lord Jesus

*arr. Melody Boder*

**HYMN: 618** Ye watchers and ye holy ones

*Officiant:* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Confession of Sin**

**BCP 79**

*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

**BCP 80**

*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.**

*Officiant:* Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

*VENITE*

*All read together*

**BCP 82**

**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!**

**PSALM 99**

**BCP pg. 728**

1 The Lord is King;  
let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; \*  
he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

*Please be seated for the lessons*

## THE LESSONS

The First Lesson – **Exodus 24: 12-18**

*Reader:* The first lesson is a reading from the Book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **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-2 **Peter 1: 16-21**

*Reader:* The Second lesson is a reading from the Second Letter of Peter

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So, we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader:           The Word of the Lord  
People:           **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- **Matthew 17: 1-9**

The Third lesson is a reading from the Book of Matthew

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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



## The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

*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

BCP 97

*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, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Officiant:*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Announcements**

### **The Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn:** 135 Songs of thankfulness and praise

*Officiant and People together, all standing.*

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

## **Prayers of the People for the Season of the Epiphany**

Leader: In the silences throughout these prayers, we are invited to hold up to God, either silently or aloud, the names of those we remember especially today. Bathed in starlight, we pray together to the One who created all things, saying, Show us your child, O God,

People: *For we observed a new star at its rising and have traveled far, bearing gifts.*

Leader: Make your wisdom in its rich variety known through all faithful people, especially to Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding bishop, DeDe our diocesan bishop, Give all branches of your holy church grace to bear the gifts of truth and love to all your children on earth.

[silence, for all faithful people and ministers]

Show us your child, O God,

People: *For we walk together in faith.*

Leader: Give your justice to the nations and their leaders, and give your mercy to all whose decisions affect the peace and well-being of the world. Where we have power ourselves, open our ears to the cries of the weak, the poor, and the needy, and open our hearts to answer their call.

[silence, for leaders and decision-makers]

Show us your child, O God,

People: *For we walk together in hope.*

Leader: Bless this community, that in your light we may each become a servant, one to the other. Bring us together in story, song, joy, and sorrow; and let every daughter and son who comes among us find kinship in this place.

[silence, for this community]

Show us your child, O God,

People: *For we walk together in love.*

Leader: Have mercy on 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 (.....)**,

Art Baker	Catherine Zbiegien	Anne Staple
Brett McDonell	Cindy DeProspero-Outwater	Marion Sweet
Shirley Reali	David Dutcher	Dominick Patierno
Charles O'Neill	Georgia Northup	Velma Kirsch
Stephen Abbott	Jess Sojka	Erick Kroll
Fr. Jim Heidt	Cathy Ziemba	Brenda Outwater
Meribeth Seaman	Vincent Rescigno	Chrissy O'Connor
Ann & Katherine Gambier	Christine Vecchio-Flaim	Lisa Newman
Sandie Latimer	Beth Robinson-Cain	Arlo Bird
Jim Hoffman	Lucretia Reed	The Allesi Family
Angela Markel	Ryan Pope	The Parsons Family
Johnna Rockenstyre & Family	Susan Bogart	AnnMarie Hunter
	Elena	

as well as those unnamed by us yet so well known to you and loved by you. Meet them on your road with rest, peace, and good cheer.

[silence, for those with pain or sickness in body or spirit]

Show us your child, O God,

*People: For we walk together by your side.*

*Leader:* Heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death (**especially...**) in the hope of your coming kingdom.

[silence, for those who have passed]

Your star goes before them. Show them your child, O God,

*People: For they have traveled far to be with you.*

*Leader:* Dearest God, with longing and thanksgiving, knowing that you hold this world and each of all of its children dear in your heart, we pray this day for the grace to receive your gifts, to lift up our eyes and look around, and to offer back those same gifts to you and your world, with love.

Show us your child, O God,

*People: For we observed a new star at its rising and have traveled far, bearing gifts.*

*Leader:* Loving and Passionate God, receive from the depth of our hearts, the greatest thanksgivings for all of your mercies and for all the blessings given to all of us; for our loved ones, for this nation, for and your world, including those blessings we now name aloud (**such as...**), or hold joyfully in our hearts.  
Show us your child, O God,

*People - For we journey with you in faith, hope, and love, with joyful hearts*

*Leader:* To the One who is the road on which we travel, our companion along the way, and our journey's end, we pray in boldness and confidence through faith in Christ Jesus, *Amen.*

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer Today:** We pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Rwanda and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Laurent Mbanda.

**And in the Episcopal Church:** We pray for the people of the Diocese of East Carolina and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Robert Skirving.

**In our Diocese of Central New York;** we continue to pray for all essential workers, first responders, and health care professionals; we pray also 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. 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, our loved ones, our communities, and your church.

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.**

**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: 460** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

**The Dismissal**

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*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.**

**Postlude:** Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones *Gregg Sewell (b.1953)*

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Leader for this Service: Rick Weltz  
Erick Kroll, Organist and Music Director  
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**The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon**

**For all those who celebrate Birthdays & Anniversaries:** especially: Michelle Eychner, Muriel Boulerice, Brenda Outwater, Harold Potter, Michelle & David Eychner

**Altar Flowers: Given By: Tina & Mike Rescigno; In Thanksgiving & Celebration of: Vincent Rescigno's 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday**

**AA**

**M-F: 9-10 AM & 12-1 PM**

**District ~1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of every month**

**AA Breakfast meeting-2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of every month**

**NA**

**Mon: 7 PM**

**Fri: 7 PM**

**Sat. 11:30 AM**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**2/21/23 Shrove Pancake Supper 5:30-6:30 PM**

**2/22/23 Ash Wednesday Service 4 PM**

**2/27/23 Vestry Meeting**

**2/28/23 Ultreya 7 PM by Zoom**



**Shrove Pancake Supper/ Ash Wednesday Service-** The Shrove pancake supper will be Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-6:30 PM; we have sign-up sheets in Clarke Hall from food to helpers. Also, Ash Wednesday service will be at 4 PM on February 22, we do need a reader and an acolyte for this service. Please see sign-up in Clarke Hall.

**THIS SUNDAY: The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**February 19, 2023-9 AM-Morning Prayer in Sanctuary & on Zoom**

<b>Leader</b>	Rick Weltz
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Tina Rescigno
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Annie Deacon/Annette Clark-Hani
<b>Church Opener</b>	Jane Padrón-Month of February

**Ash Wednesday**

**February 22, 2023-4 PM-Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & On Zoom**

<b>Priest:</b>	The Rev. Dr. Leon Mozeliak,
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Annette Clark-Hani
<b>Acolyte</b>	Wayne Osborne
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Annie Deacon/Annette Clark-Hani
<b>Church Opener</b>	Jane Padrón-Month of February

**NEXT SUNDAY: The First Sunday in Lent**  
**February 26, 2023-9 AM-Morning Prayer in Sanctuary & on Zoom**

<b>Leader</b>	Annette Clark-Hani
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Wayne Osborne
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Annie Deacon/Annette Clark-Hani
<b>Church Opener</b>	Jane Padrón-Month of February