
MISSION STATEMENT

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

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 First Sunday in Lent
Morning Prayer
February 26, 2023

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

Prelude: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days *arr. Unknown*

HYMN: 142 Lord, who throughout these forty days

Officiant: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all righteousness.

Confession of Sin

BCP 41

Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All kneeling and saying together:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, o Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a goodly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy 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.**

Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O Come, let us adore him.

VENITE

All read together

BCP 44

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, * and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, * and a great King above all gods. In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *and the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his and he made it, *and his hands prepared the dry land. O come, let us worship and fall down *and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is the Lord our God, *and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *let the whole earth stand in awe of him. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples with his truth.

PSALM 32

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1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
 and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
 and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
 because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
 my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

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.

Please be seated for the lessons

THE LESSONS

First Lesson – **Genesis 2: 15-17: 3: 1-7**

The Reader says: A reading from the Book of the Genesis

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall

not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Song of Mary-*All read in unison*

BCP 50

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded *the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth * all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, * and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him *throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; *he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, * and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. 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.*

Second Lesson – Romans 5: 12-19

The Reader says: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet

death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore, just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

The Song of Simeon-*All read in unison*

BCP 51

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to
lighten the Gentiles, *and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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 Third Lesson- **Matthew 4: 1-11**

The Third lesson is a reading from the Book of Matthew

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,'

and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Apostles’ Creed

BCP 53

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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 54

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

V. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;

R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.

V. Day by day we magnify thee;

R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;

R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

R. As our trust is in thee.

V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;

R. Let me never be confounded.

Officiant:

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Officiant:

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Announcements

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: 150 Forty days and forty nights

Officiant and People together, all standing.

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

The Prayers of the People for the Season of Lent

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, DeDe our Diocesan Bishop and, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor 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
Carmine Franco	Christine Vecchio-Flaim	Lisa Newman
Ann & Katherine Gambier	Beth Robinson-Cain	Arlo Bird
Sandie Latimer	Lucretia Reed	The Alles Family
Jim Hoffman	Ryan Pope	AnnMarie Hunter
Angela Markel	Elena	Donald Early
Mark Maginn		

all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [**especially _____**], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*

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 Diocese of East Tennessee and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Brian Lee Cole.

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. John’s Episcopal Church in Oneida and their priest, the Rev. Arthur N. Smith, and for the people of The Church of the Resurrection in Oswego and their priest, the Rev. Jeffrey Knox. 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.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom
Officiant and People

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Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them; Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: 559 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

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: Forty Days and Forty Nights *arr. James Mansfield (1927-2018)*

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Leader for this Service: Annette Clark-Hani
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: Tammy DeVries, Linda Hunter, John Hunter

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

District ~1st Sat. of every Month

AA Breakfast Meeting 2nd Sat. of every Month

NA

Mon: 7 PM

Fri: 7 PM

Sat. 11:30 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS

2/27/23 Vestry Meeting

2/28/23 Ultreya 7 PM

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

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



NEXT SUNDAY: The Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023-9 AM-Morning Prayer in Sanctuary & On Zoom

Leader	Wayne Osborne
Lay Readers	Annette Clark-Hani
Altar Guild	Jane Padrón/Michelle Luvisi
Church Opener	Annette Clark-Hani-Month of March