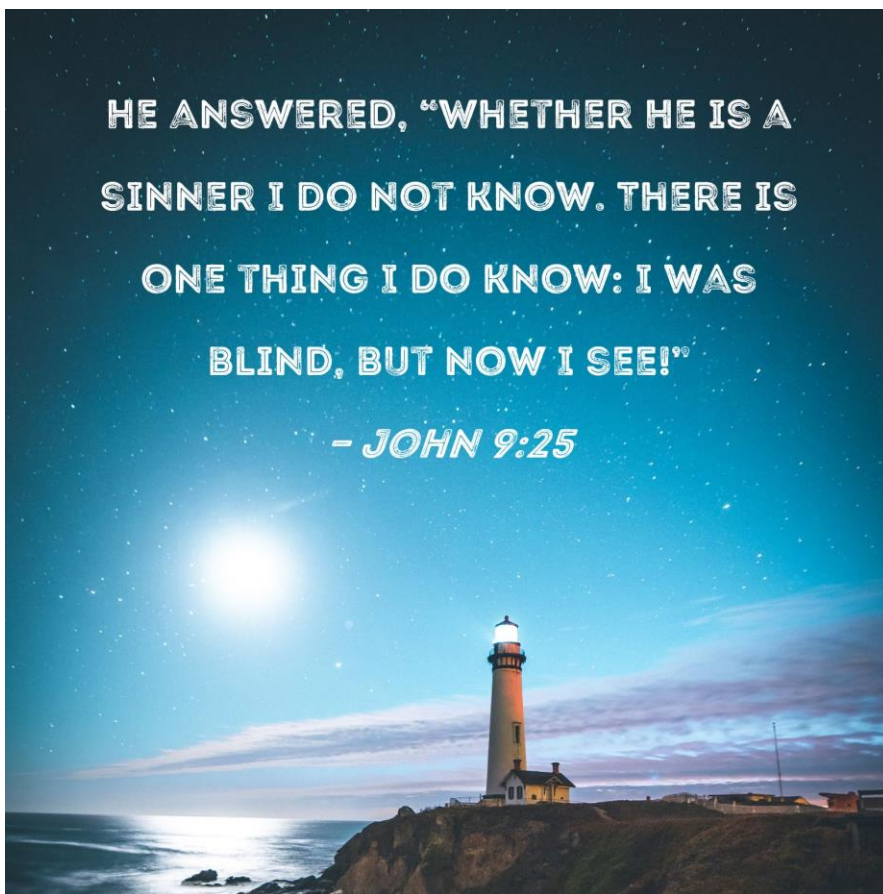

MISSION STATEMENT

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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HE ANSWERED, "WHETHER HE IS A
SINNER I DO NOT KNOW. THERE IS
ONE THING I DO KNOW: I WAS
BLIND, BUT NOW I SEE!"

- JOHN 9:25

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. Please pick up a cup at either side of the Altar. You will then receive and partake in the communion at the Altar. Please put cup into the little trash receptacle on your way down the stairs before going back to your pew. If you would like just a blessing; please fold your arms across your chest at the Altar.

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.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Morning Prayer
March 19, 2023

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

Prelude: A Plea For Mercy

Kevin Uppercue

HYMN: 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing

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 us absolution and remission of all our 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.**

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 23

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1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
 I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
 and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
 and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I shall fear no evil; *
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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 – 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

The Reader says: A reading from the First Book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent

and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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 – Ephesians 5: 8-14

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

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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

**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- John 9: 1-41

The Third lesson is a reading from the Book of John

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So, they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we

do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So, for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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

The Apostles' Creed

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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

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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:

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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: 474 When I survey the wonderous cross

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 those who we now name from our **prayer list (.....)**,

Brett McDonell	Cindy DeProspero-Outwater	Marion Sweet
Shirley Reali	David Dutcher	Elena
Charles O'Neill	Georgia Northup	Velma Kirsch
Mark Maginn	Jess Sojka	Erick Kroll
Fr. Jim Heidt	Donald Early	Brenda Outwater
Meribeth Seaman	Vincent Rescigno	Chrissy O'Connor
Shelley Land	Christine Vecchio-Flaim	Lisa Newman
Ann & Katherine Gambier	Beth Robinson-Cain	Arlo Bird
Sandie Latimer	Lucretia Reed	The Allesi Family
Jim Hoffman	Angela Markel	AnnMarie Hunter
Anne Staple	Deborah Grifa	

And 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 Anglican Church of Southern Africa and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Thabo Makgoba.

And in the Episcopal Church: We pray for the people of the Diocese of Easton, Maryland, and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray.

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 Zion Episcopal Church in Rome and the people of Trinity Episcopal Church in Seneca Falls and their priest, The Rev. J. Brad Benson. 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: 149 Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

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: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

arr. James Mansfield (1927-2018)

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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: Zachary Thomason, BettyAnn Bormann, Michael Corbett, Joshua Eychner

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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**

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**Mon: 7 PM
Fri: 7 PM
Sat. 11:30 AM**

Easter Flower Memorials-We have the flower envelopes for Easter out in various areas of the church. If you would like to make a donation and in memory of a loved one, please have the filled-out envelope to the office no later than April 6th. Thank You.

Palm Sunday-We have a sign-up sheet in Clarke Hall for the different parts to read on Palm Sunday

Community Dinner-Our next dinner is March 25th from 4-5 PM; these are new hours. The dinner is Irish Stew and sign-up sheet is in Clarke Hall.

THIS SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023-9 AM-Morning Prayer in Sanctuary & On Zoom

Leader	Rick Weltz
Lay Readers	Tina Rescigno
Altar Guild	Brenda Outwater/Jane McDonell
Church Opener	Annette Clark-Hani-Month of March



NEXT SUNDAY: The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023-9 AM-Morning Prayer in Sanctuary & On Zoom

Leader	Annette Clark-Hani
Lay Readers	Wayne Osborne
Altar Guild	Brenda Outwater/Jane McDonell
Church Opener	Annette Clark-Hani-Month of March