
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. 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 **from the Reserved Sacrament** 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. 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 after the Epiphany
A Service of Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
January 28, 2024

Sisters and brothers, we have come together in the presence of God to offer praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive the Word of God, to bring before God the needs of the world and to ask for the forgiveness of our sins. Today the bread and wine for our Communion was consecrated as part of a Eucharist celebrated in another time and place. For centuries the church has reserved consecrated elements in order to include those unable, because of infirmity or distance, to be present at Eucharist, and also to include worshiping communities on occasions when no priest is available to preside.

Please stand if comfortably able to do so for all hymns

Prelude: Little Prelude and Fugue in g minor

attributed to JS Bach

ANNUAL MEETING
AGENDA

9AM

Open meeting
Appointment of Clerk
Appointment of Tellers
Nominating Committee Report
Recess until after service

Processional Hymn: **380** From all that dwell below the skies

Leader: 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.*

Leader: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and Prophets.

Gloria (yellow card in pew)

Carol Stack

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson – **Deuteronomy 18: 15-20**

Reader: The First lesson is the reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 111

BCP pg. 754

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;

The Second Lesson: **1 Corinthians 8: 1-13**

Reader: The Second lesson is a reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Reader:
People:

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Third Lesson- **Mark 1: 21-28**

Reader: The Third lesson is a reading from the Book of Mark

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

Homily

The Apostles’ Creed

Leader 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.*

Prayers of the People Form III, BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world and for all people serving in our military at home and abroad.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

As we remember [\[our prayer list for those in need\]](#), have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

Brett McDonell

Shirley Reali

Ann & Katherine Gambier

Richard DeProspero

Bobby DeProspero

Kelly Lubek

David Wiggins

David Dutcher

Ryan Pope

Donald Wilson

Ann Staple

The Gulla Family

Rick Wiggins

Cindy DeProspero-Outwater

Lilla Weeks

Christine O'Connor

Jim Hoffman

Christine Vecchio-Flaim

Leslie & Linley Beckbridge

Marion Sweet

Janine Waller

Joanne Waller

The June Family

Craig Williamson

The Grow Family

Lucille Cook

That they may be delivered from their distress.

[We remember especially], Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us give thanks for any blessings and for those who celebrate Anniversaries and Birthday's especially:

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer Today: In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Thabo Makgoba.

And in the Episcopal Church: We pray for the people of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutierrez.

In our Diocese of Central New York: We continue to pray for all essential workers, first responders, and health care professionals. We also pray for the people of The Church of the Saviour & Grace Episcopal Church, Syracuse, and their priest, the Rev. Steven Moore.

All joining saying together:

Prayer for Next Presiding Bishop-Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for our new Rector and Organist: Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: look graciously upon us, the people of Zion, and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new Rector and a new Organist for this parish. Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing. Grace us with continuous direction and inspire us toward genuine self-reflection. All this we ask as we walk in your ways to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Prayer to End Gun Violence: God of mercy and compassion, who wept with Rachel as she lamented over her children—be with us, who lament the plague of gun violence that lies heavy over our land. Open our eyes to see the ways we might transform the shadow of strife and death into the way of love and peace. Strengthen us to tirelessly care for one another, that we may truly find our security in the boundless love you call us to, and lead us all to your promised future, where no sword will be drawn against another, and no power known but the power of love. All this we ask through the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Leader: 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.*

Leader: 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 Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offertory

Please stand as you are able

Leader: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn: **447** The Christ who died but rose again

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

Eucharistic Preparation Prayers

Leader: Gracious and most merciful God, we remember before you those who celebrated the Holy Eucharist at Zion on January 14th with whom we now share Communion through the reception of this sacrament.

People: **Though many, we are one body, because we all share in the one bread and one cup.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord our God, for this world which you have given us; you never cease to make it new, and you call us to work with you; you accept the work of our hands.

People: **Glory to you for ever**

Leader: You have made humankind in your image; each one of us is fashioned in your likeness, and we are able to recognize your face in the faces of our brothers and sisters.

People: **Glory to you for ever**

Leader: You have never desired to live apart from us, and you have taught us to know you through the Law and Prophets, the Apostles and Evangelists, who told us the marvelous story of your love.

People: **Glory to you for ever**

Leader: And you have come to us in your Son, Jesus Christ. In him you have walked along our roads, looked at us with human eyes, done the kind of things that we do, and shared with us the joy that can never be lost.

People: **Glory to you for ever**

Leader: Now you give us his Body and Blood, and we give ourselves to you. Through the death and resurrection of your Son, through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us, we can make you our eternal home.

People: **Glory to you for ever**

Leader: So, with all Christians who are gathered together today everywhere, throughout the world, and with the great procession of your Saints, as brothers and sisters we pray to you, as our Savior has taught us.

The Lord's Prayer (Kneel or stand)

Leader 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

Administration of Communion

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God. All are invited to God's table.

Post-Communion Prayer

Leader and People:

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: **530** Spread, o spread, thy mighty word

Leader: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Adjourned to Clarke Hall for Annual Meeting

Postlude: Voluntary on “Old Hundredth”

JC Bach

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Leader: Annette Clark-Hani
Andrea Radesi Supply Organist

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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: Don Washburn

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**M-F: 9-10 AM & 12-1 PM
District ~1st Sat. of the month**

NA

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

Bible study being lead by Aaron Mejias and Rachel Green. It meets Tuesdays at 6:30 in the parlor. We are discussing the book of Matthew. Please join us.

Pantry- The first and third Sundays are dedicated to our food drives for Zion and the Vets. We divide among the 2 all that is brought in for the month. Thank You!!!!

THIS SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
ANNUAL MEETING

January 28, 2024-9 AM- *Reserved Sacrament in the Sanctuary & on Zoom*

Leader	Annette Clark-Hani
Reader	Sandie Latimer
Ushers	Willie Talmadge
Altar Guild	Jennifer Swinney/Nancy Troutman
Church Opener	Tina Rescigno-Month of January

NEXT SUNDAY: The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 4, 2024-9 AM- *Reserved Sacrament in the Sanctuary & on Zoom*

Leader	Wayne Osborne
Reader	Mike Rescigno
Ushers	Willie Talmadge
Altar Guild	Bernda Outwater
Church Opener	Wayne Osborne-Month of February