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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

Zion Episcopal Church, Rome, New York

- A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York -  
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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 from the tables at 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. 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 Last Sunday after the Epiphany  
Sunday, February 11, 2024  
9 AM

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All the Baptized People of God may receive the sacrament.  
*Please stand if comfortably able to do so for all hymns*

Prelude: Chapel Windows

*Sewell*

Processional Hymn: **137** O wonderful type! O vision fair

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** *Red Book of Common Prayer Page 355*

*The people standing*

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

**Gloria** (yellow card in pew)

*Carol Stack*

**The Collect**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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.**

*The People Sit.*

## The Lessons

From the Old Testament - **2 Kings 2: 1-12**

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

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.

From the New Testament: **2 Corinthians 4: 3-6**

*Reader:* The Second lesson is a Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

**The Gospel: Mark 9: 2-9**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*Officiant:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**The Sermon**

*Rev. Naomi Sorrwar-Randall*

**The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant and people:*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the**

**right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

Cindy DeProspero-Outwater

Lilla Weeks

Christine O'Connor

Jim Hoffman

Christine Vecchio-Flaim

Kelly Lubek	Leslie & Linley Beckbridge
David Wiggins	Marion Sweet
David Dutcher	Justin Pope
Ryan Pope	Joanne Waller
Donald Wilson	The June Family
Ann Staple & Family	Craig Williamson
The Gulla Family	The Grow Family
Rick Wiggins	Shelley Land
Presiding Bishop Michael Curry	Andrew Staple & Family

*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 Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Justin Badi Arama.

**And in the Episcopal Church:** We pray for the people of the Diocese of Puerto Rico and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Rafael L. Morales Maldonado.

**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 Epiphany in Trumansburg and their priest, the Rev. April Stace, and the people of Grace Episcopal Church in Utica and their priest, the Rev. Christine Williams-Belt.

*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.*

### **The Confession of Sin and Absolution**

*The Celebrant uses this Invitation to Confession or other suitable words*

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**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **Announcements**

### **The Offertory**

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

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

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

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Invitation**

*ALL persons, baptized at any place and of any age, are encouraged and welcomed to receive and share in the communion of Christ's sacramental Body and Blood from God's holy table in this place.*

*The Bread and Wine will now be served from the Altar rail; so, when invited, please come up to the Altar (if you are physically and comfortably able to do so) and take a plastic cup from the tables at the Altar. Then the priest will give you the wafer (**gluten-free available**). Then the Acolyte will pour some wine into the plastic cup. 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 Celebrant will review the above in addition to offering the Words of Invitation prior to the celebration.*

#### **The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer for the Season of Epiphany**

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and together sing the **Sursum Corda***

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

*Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.*

*People: We lift them to the Lord.*

*Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lifegiving God, your Word speaks in the void, calling into being things that are not, inviting us to share your work of creation.

We thank you for the ages long of gathering stars and cooling earth, of life evolving and waking eyes of wonder. We thank you for the creatures with whom we share this world, for their lives so different from our own and the richness they reveal. We thank you for the Son of Man, your child now shown to us, formed from Mary's flesh and nurtured by her faith; he walked the growing earth and proclaimed a fearless kingdom of bird and lily, child and stranger, the beggar and the deaf and the blind.

On the cross, he joined the labor of all creation's yearning; in his rising, he hallowed all flesh to bear the glory of you, loving and eternal God; he gives the brooding Spirit to bring to birth a living hope.

Therefore, with all that live through him and all who hope for a new creation, we share the song of love which sounds from all eternity:

***Sanctus S-130***

*(Celebrant and people sing together)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, (X2)**

**heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts, that this bread and this wine as these fragile, earthly things from your creation may be to us the Body and Blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and said; "Take. Eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new Covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all that words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith:

*(Celebrant and People together)*

**Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

*(Celebrant continues)*

Therefore, we come to him in whom all is created in heaven and on earth, whose cross and resurrection makes all things new. We offer this to you, O God, asking you to honor the gift we bring, for you, alone, are the Giver and Christ the Gift through which we live, once and for all. Through him who was emptied to bear your fullness, we make our prayer with all created life to the glory of you, Eternal God, who fills all in all, now and forever. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

*Celebrant 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**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast; Alleluia**

## **Invitation to Communion:**

This altar is not ours; it is the Lord's. So, come to this altar you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more. You who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

*Celebrant:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God; take them in remembrance that Christ died for us, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **The Post-communion Prayer** (Kneel or stand)

*Celebrant and People together:*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen**

## **The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn: 7** Christ, whose glory fills the skies

## **The Dismissal**

*Leader:* Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**Postlude:** Siyahamba (We Are Marching in the Light of God)

*Behnke*

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

**For all those who celebrate Birthdays & Anniversaries:** especially: Ashleigh Nelson, Kirk Ringdahl, Cathy Zbiegien, Susan Colmey

**Altar Flowers:** Given By: **Grace Millington, Margaret, & Jennifer;** In Memory of: **Wynyard “Kirk” Millington**

**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!!!!

**Narcan Training-**Zion Episcopal Church will sponsor a Narcan training on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. Anyone interested just needs to show up Saturday at 11 AM.

**A Message from our Treasurer:** Annual donor contribution statements were mailed out to all who pledged to Zion in 2023. Please check your statement over for accuracy, and note any corrections that are needed. The best means for communicating any issues is via email to [finance@twcny.rr.com](mailto:finance@twcny.rr.com) or by calling the parish office and leaving a message for Mike. If you did not pledge to Zion last year but would like a donor contribution statement (i.e., for documenting charitable contributions on your income tax forms), please leave a message and we will create a statement for you.

## **COMMUNITY DINNER SCHEDULE**

*\*Sign-Up Sheet in Clarke Hall\**

February 24-Spaghetti & Meatballs

March 23-Irish Stew

April 27-Shepherd's Pie

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**February 14-Ash Wednesday Service at Noon**

**February 17-Narcan Training Clarke Hall 11 AM**

**February 24-Community Dinner from 4-5 PM**

**February 26-Vestry Meeting 6 PM Vestry Room**

**THIS SUNDAY: The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**February 11, 2024 9AM-Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary and on Zoom**

<b>Priest:</b>	Rev. Naomi Sorrwar-Randall
<b>Acolyte</b>	Wayne Osborne
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Jennifer Swinney
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Brenda Outwater/Jane McDonnell
<b>Church Opener</b>	Wayne Osborne-Month of February

**NEXT SUNDAY: The First Sunday in Lent**  
**February 18, 2024 9AM-Reserved Sacrament in Sanctuary and on Zoom**

<b>Leader</b>	Rick Weltz
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Tina Rescigno
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Hariet Brennan/Grace Millington
<b>Church Opener</b>	Wayne Osborne-Month of February

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day