

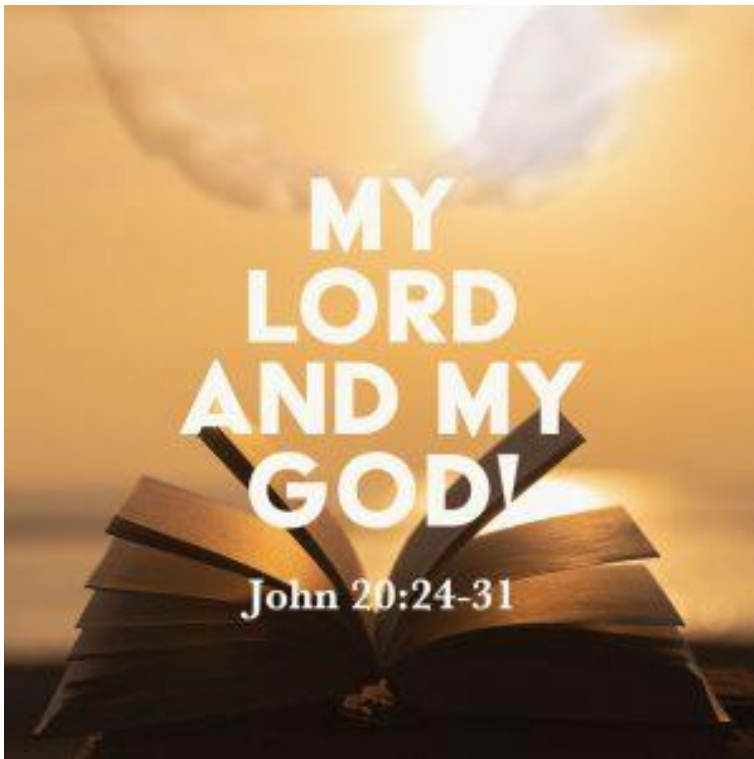
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## MISSION STATEMENT

*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 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 Second Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 7, 2024  
Reserved Sacrament

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All the Baptized People of God may receive the sacrament.

***All hymns can be sung by congregation and please stand.***

*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 worshipping communities on occasions when no priest is available to preside.*

**Prelude:** Come Christians Join to Sing

*Spanish Melody*

**Processional Hymn: 193** That Easter Day with Joy was bright

*Leader:* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 for Zion

*Carol Stack*

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit,**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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

### The First Lesson-Acts 4: 32-35

*Reader:* The First lesson is a reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

### **Psalm 133**

**BCP pg. 787**

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

## The Second Lesson-1 **John 1: 1- 2: 2**

*Reader:* The Second lesson is a Reading from the First Letter of John

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

## The Third Lesson- **John 20: 19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So, the other

disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

## **Homily**

### **The Nicene Creed**

*All together:*

**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.***

# The Prayers of the People for the Season of Easter

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially those  
from our prayer list...

Brett McDonell  
Shirley Reali  
Ann & Katherine Gambier  
Richard DeProspero  
Bobby DeProspero  
Kelly Lubek  
Terri Waters  
David Dutcher  
Ryan Pope  
Donald Wilson  
Ann Staple & Family  
The Gulla Family  
Rick Wiggins  
Sylvia Smith  
Andrew Staple & Family  
Baby Jones  
Linda Osborne  
Karen Stepanick  
Kimberly Richmond  
Jack Kelly  
Samuel

Cindy DeProspero-Outwater  
Lilla Weeks  
Christine O'Connor  
Jim Hoffman  
Christine Vecchio-Flaim  
Leslie & Linley Beckbridge  
Marion Sweet  
Lucille Cook  
Joanne Waller  
The June Family  
Craig Williamson  
The Grow Family  
Ezra, Adelaide, and Alice Jenkins  
Presiding Bishop Michael Curry  
Baby Evans  
Bill & Sylvia Smith  
Theresa Coppola  
Daneika Russell  
Justin Pope  
Lynn Anderson

give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your  
salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**



We commend to your mercy all who have died, **especially...** that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer Today:** In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the church of the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria and their archbishop, the Rt. Rev. Samy Fawzy. We also join the worldwide Anglican Communion in praying for the Peace of Jerusalem on this Easter Sunday.

**In The Episcopal Church,** we pray for the people of the Diocese of Southeast Florida and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Peter Eaton.

**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 in our parishes, we pray for the people of Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church in Binghamton and their priest, the Rev. Glenn Mahaffey, and the people of St. John's Episcopal Church in Black River.

**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:** Dear God, we ask that you touch our hearts with your love, heal our brokenness, and turn us toward peace. Help us transform our hearts to seek peaceful ways to resolve our differences. We ask this in the name of the God who desires that we live together in peace. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* 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: **178** Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

**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 March 31st 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.

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*If you are participating in our service from home; we invite you to take a few minutes during the distribution of communion to say the prayer for spiritual communion:*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of the Altar, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me in your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

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

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.**

Recessional: **205** Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

*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.**

### **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.** Alleluia, Alleluia

**Postlude:** Postlude in D Major

*Haydn*

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Leader: Rick Wertz  
Supply Pianist: Peg Corbett  
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**The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon**

**ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**For all those who celebrate Birthdays & Anniversaries:** especially: Charles O’Neill, Diane Sroka

**Altar Flowers:** Given By: **Linda Wilson & Doreen Kiedrowski;** In Memory of: **Morley & Mona Overrocker**

**AA**

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

**NA**

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

**Bible study** being held 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!!!!

**200<sup>th</sup> Celebration Meeting-**A meeting for the 200<sup>th</sup> celebration will be held right after Sunday service in the parlor. Please join us!

**THIS SUNDAY:** The Second Sunday of easter  
**April 7, 2024-9 AM-Reserved Sacrament in Sanctuary & On Zoom**

<b>Leader</b>	Rick Weltz
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Tina Rescigno
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jennifer Swinney/Nancy Troutman
<b>Church Opener</b>	Tina Rescigno-Month of April



**NEXT SUNDAY:** The Third Sunday of Easter  
**April 14, 2024-9 AM Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & On Zoom**

<b>Priest:</b>	Rev. Naomi Sorrwar-Randall
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jane Padrón
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Jennifer Swinney
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Brenda Outwater/Jane McDonnell
<b>Church Opener</b>	Tina Rescigno-Month of April