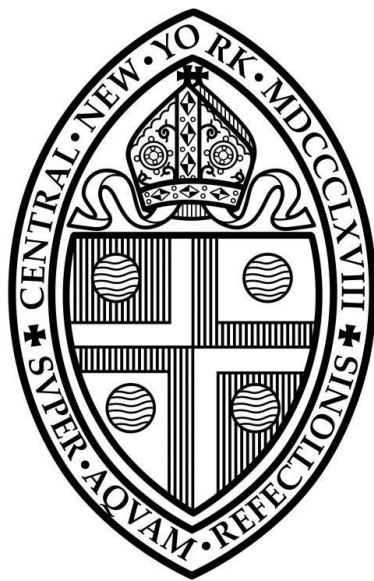


Commemoration of Harriet Tubman and Renewal of Vows

with Blessing of the Oil for Chrismation

Lent 2023



Today's Worship:

The 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church set aside the date of March 10 for a commemoration of the life of Harriet Tubman. Given her historic connection to Central New York, the 2022 Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of Central New York passed a resolution calling for a diocesan-wide commemoration. We are holding this Commemoration on March 22 to allow for us to combine it with a Renewal of Baptismal Vows for all of God's people, and with the Renewal of Ordination of vows by the clergy, as a recommitment to living as the Body of Christ.

Sometimes in the Episcopal Church we say, "Our liturgy has concluded; our service begins." This reflects our understanding that we are called to live out our vocation as disciples of Jesus not just on Sunday mornings, but every day. Harriet Tubman lived a lifetime commitment to action, social justice, education and service. As part of our commemoration, we ask you to consider exploring more deeply some of these themes. The Diocese of Central New York is committed to Becoming Beloved Community and addressing issues of racism. As a diocese, we took part in a Sacred Ground Pilgrimage to Alabama at the end of February and this December, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will join us for a diocesan-wide event, both of which will build on our commitment to racial justice.

We have compiled a number of opportunities to explore Central New York's history with the Underground Railroad, slavery, and the African American experience. A number of these opportunities can be found near one of our gathering sites, and there are also fully online opportunities as well. You can find this list at the end of the worship bulletin.

In addition to commemorating Harriet Tubman, we are also renewing and committing ourselves to the ministries to which we are called. This Lent, the people of Central New York come together as a diocesan community preparing to follow Jesus Christ into new life at Easter. At this service, throughout the Diocese, we share Holy Communion, celebrate our ordained and lay ministers, and renew our Christian vows.

For the first part of our worship service, Bishop DeDe will preside from Sts. Peter and John in Auburn. After the Passing of the Peace, those in Rome, Binghamton, and Watertown will have their local celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. With the Postcommunion prayer, we will all return to the livestream from Auburn.

Prelude “My Lord, What a Morning” arr. Raymond Haan

Gathering Hymn “When Israel was in Egypt’s land” *Lift Every Voice & Sing #228* Please stand as you are able.

1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple go;
 2. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;
 3. They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo-ple go;
 4. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo-ple go;

1. op - pressed so hard they — could not stand, let my peo-ple go.
 2. to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.
 3. and come at length to — Ca - naan's land, let my peo-ple go.
 4. and let us all in — Christ be free, let my peo-ple go.

Go down, — Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land; —

tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo-ple go.

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Please remain standing as you are able.

Bishop Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures forever.**

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.**

Kyrie

Hymnal S-86

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e
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The Collect of the Day

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Let us pray.

O God, whose Spirit guides us into all truth and makes us free: Strengthen and sustain us as you did your servant Harriet. Give us vision and courage to stand

against oppression and injustice and all that works against the glorious liberty to which you call all your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Book of Judges

Judges 9: 50-55

Next Abimelek went to Thebez and besieged it and captured it. Inside the city, however, was a strong tower, to which all the men and women—all the people of the city—had fled. They had locked themselves in and climbed up on the tower roof. Abimelek went to the tower and attacked it. But as he approached the entrance to the tower to set it on fire, a woman dropped an upper millstone on his head and cracked his skull. Hurriedly he called to his armor-bearer, “Draw your sword and kill me, so that they can’t say, ‘A woman killed him.’” So his servant ran him through, and he died. When the Israelites saw that Abimelek was dead, they went home.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146

St. Helena Psalter

Alleluia! Praise God, O my soul! * I will praise God as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, * for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, * and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, * whose hope is in their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; * whose promise abides forever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed * and food to those who hunger.

God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind; * God lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Most High loves the righteous; the Most High cares for the stranger; * God sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

God shall reign for ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn “There’s a sweet sweet spirit in this place”
Praise #752

Wonder, Love &

1. There’s a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, _____ and I
 (2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive _____ till you
 (3. If you) say he saved you from your sin, _____ now you’re

know that it’s the Spir - it of the Lord. _____ There are
 know him in his full - ness, and be - lieve. _____ You’re the
 weak, you’re bound, and can - not en - ter in, _____ you can

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, _____ and I
 one to pro - fit when you say, _____ "I am
 make it right if you will yield; _____ you'll en -

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord. _____
 going to walk with Je - sus all the way." _____
 joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel. _____

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, fill-ing us with your love.

And for these bless-ings we lift our hearts in

praise; with-out a doubt we'll know that we have

1. 2. 3.
 been re - vived when we shall leave this place. 2. There are
 3. If you place.

The Holy Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Please stand as you are able.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Renewal of Ordination Vows

Clergy, please remain standing as you are able.

Bishop Dear friends, the ministry we share is none other than the sacrificial ministry of Christ, who gave himself up to death on the cross for the salvation of the world. By his glorious resurrection he has opened for us the way of everlasting life. By the gift of the Holy Spirit he shares with us the riches of his grace.

We are called to proclaim his death and resurrection, to administer the Sacraments of the New Covenant which he sealed with his blood on the cross, and to care for his people in the power of the Spirit.

Bishop Do you here, in the presence of Christ and his Church, renew your commitment to your ministry, under the pastoral direction of your bishop?

Clergy **I do.**

Bishop Do you reaffirm your promise to give yourself to prayer and study?

Clergy **I do.**

Bishop Do you reaffirm your promise to minister the Word of God and the Sacraments of the New Covenant that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

Clergy **I do.**

Bishop Do you reaffirm your promise to be a faithful servant of all those committed to your care, patterning your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

Clergy **I do.**

The Bishop then stands and makes this affirmation.

And now, as your bishop, I, too, before God and you, re-dedicate myself and reaffirm the promises that I made when I was ordained. I ask for your prayers.

The Bishop and clergy then say together

May the Lord who has given us the will to do these things, give us also the grace and power to perform them.

Prayers of the People

Deacon: God of all, we bring before you our prayers and concerns, saying *Hear our prayer*

Gracious God, throughout time, you called people from every class, race, nation and language to walk in your ways, and to spread your message of love in this world. Help us, gathered as the Church, to continue to be faithful to that call, to see your glory reflected in every human face, and to persevere in your dream of a world where life abundant is available for each human soul.

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

We hold before You this nation, remembering in sorrow the ways in which we have failed to live out what we professed. Help us to reckon fully with the sins of our past, and lead us to make true repentance so we may be called repairers of the breach, and builders of streets to live in. Guide the leaders of this land to the pursuit of justice and peace for all people, and into a wider vision of your freedom.

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

We name before you the world in which we live: its beauty, its brokenness, its struggle. We ask you to fill our hearts with the love you have for this world, to enliven us with the hope that comes from being intent on your vision, and guide us to tirelessly work with you to renew the face of creation.

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

We bring before you the concerns we carry this day: for the victims of our systemic sin and institutional violence, for those asked to pay the price for our prosperity and comfort, for those who, through their love of comfort, are prevented from living an authentic life in You. Give us the courage and vision to confront fearlessly the institutions and structures our ancestors built and to lay aside our unseen privileges, that all your children may participate in the true freedom you intend.

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

We offer up to you those in our own lives who struggle with illness of body, mind, heart, or soul; those suffering in silence and shame; and those whose names arise in our hearts (*people may name their own petitions*).

Lord in your mercy ***People*** ***Hear our prayer***

We remember before you all who have died, who left an imprint upon our world in ways known and unknown. On this day, we remember especially Harriet Tubman and her legacy in our region and in our nation. May her memory be to us an inspiration and a guiding light that leads your people to a greater freedom.

Lord in your mercy ***People*** ***Hear our prayer***

The Peace

Bishop The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem: “Give Me Jesus” arr. Joe Utterback

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able. Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

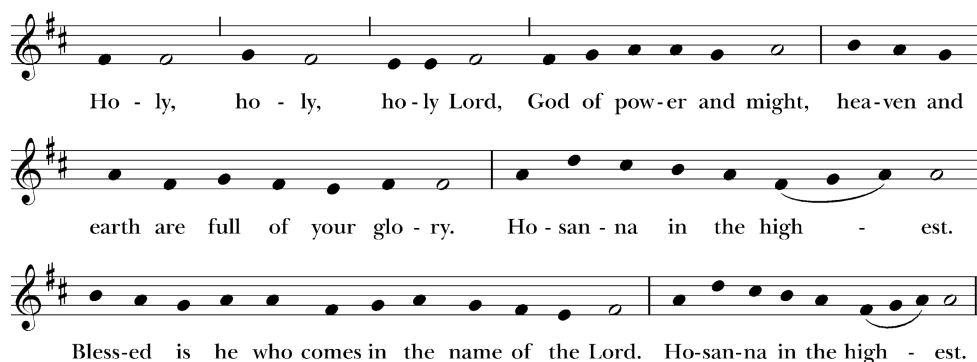
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God..
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy.

Sanctus

Hymnal S-124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death; Rising, you restored our life; Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

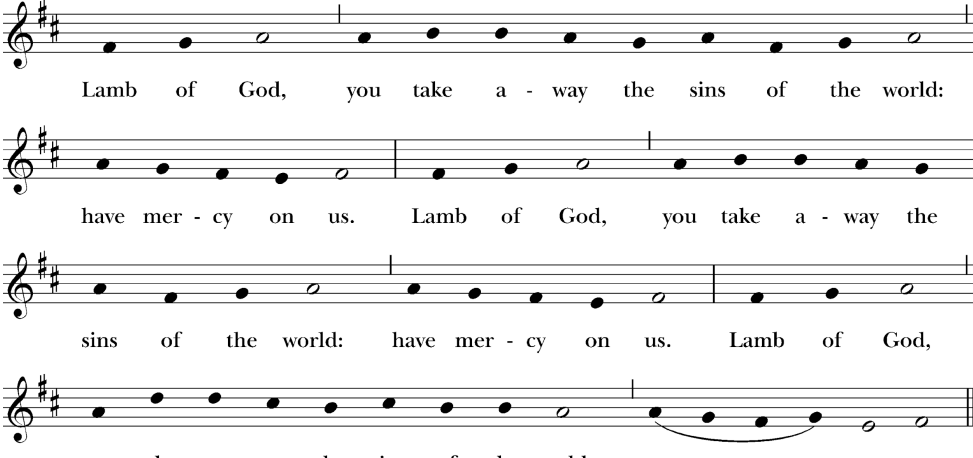
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
 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,
 forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the peace.**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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

The Gifts of God for the people of God

Communion Hymn “Let us break bread together”
Sing #152

Lift Every Voice &

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our
 2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees); Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our
 2. knees); Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees). When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
 2. knees). When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, Oh— Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me). me). me).

Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees); Let us

praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees). When I

fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, Oh___

Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me).

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Postcommunion Prayer

Bishop Let us pray.

People **Loving God,**
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing of the Oil for Chrismation

Bishop Dear Friends in Christ:

In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the creation; and, throughout history, God, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, has empowered his people to serve him. As a sign of that gift, the priests and kings of Israel were anointed with oil; and our Lord Jesus was himself anointed with the Holy Spirit at his Baptism as the Christ, God's own Messiah. At Baptism, Christians are likewise anointed by that same Spirit to empower them for God's service. Let us now set apart this oil to be the sign of that anointing.

Let us pray.

Silence.

The Bishop then consecrates the oil of Chrism, saying:

Eternal Father, whose blessed son was anointed by the Holy Spirit to be the Savior and servant of all, we pray you to consecrate this oil, that those who are

sealed with it may share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Clergy may receive the chrism after the service.

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
People **From this time forth for evermore.**

Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

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

Closing Hymn

“Lift every voice and sing”

Hymnal #599

Introduction

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the
2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast

har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise
days when hope un - born had died; yet, with a stead - y beat,
brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might

high as the lis - ening skies; let it re - sound loud as the
have not our wea - ry feet come to the place for which our
led us in - to the light; keep us for ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
 par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we

taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new
 slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we
 get thee; sha-dowed be - neath thy hand may we for

day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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Additional Opportunities:

1. **Harriet Tubman National Historical Park, Auburn, NY:** This consists of three historical sites connected to Harriet Tubman’s time in Auburn: the Harriet Tubman Home for the Aged, the Harriet Tubman Residence (located just over the town line in Fleming, NY); and Thompson A.M.E. Zion Church in Auburn, where Tubman attended and where she was buried.

<https://www.nps.gov/hart/index.htm>

2. Fully online opportunities:

Watch the 2019 film, Harriet, which tells the story of her life.

Explore the history of the African American experience through the online digital exhibit at the Episcopal Church Archives: “The Church Awakens: African Americans and the Struggle for Justice.” This immersive exhibit tells the history of the Episcopal Church’s engagement with Africans Americans, from slavery to the present: <https://www.episcopalarchives.org/church-awakens/>

3. **Sites in and around Peterboro, NY.** Peterboro, New York. Peterboro was a major center of anti-slavery efforts, and prior to the Civil War had a number of free African Americans and fugitive slaves in the region.

National Abolition Hall of Fame

(<https://www.nationalabolitionhalloffameandmuseum.org/>) and **Gerrit Smith National Historical Landmark** (<https://www.gerritsmith.org/>): Gerrit Smith was the wealthiest person in New York state in the pre-Civil War period, and was active in anti-slavery and abolitionist causes. He purchased land to resettle freed slaves, helped fund abolitionist John Brown’s activities, bought enslaved

persons their freedom, and made Peterboro a key stop on the Underground Railroad.

4. The John Jones Museum, Elmira, New York:

<https://www.johnwjonesmuseum.org/> . John Jones escaped from slavery in Virginia in 1844 and arrived in Elmira. Elmira became a central hub for the Underground Railroad, with Jones one of its most important organizers. He also became a prosperous landowner.

5. Oswego: The Fort Ontario Historical Site

(<https://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/fortontario/details.aspx>). As part of its long history, Fort Ontario was home to training for all-African American military regiments, especially from 1908-1911 and during World War II. It would also later serve as a site for housing Jewish refugees admitted under special humanitarian conditions.

6. Syracuse: William “Jerry” Henry Rescue Monument

(<https://library.syracuse.edu/digital/exhibits/u/undergroundrr/case3.htm>) : located in Clinton Square in Syracuse, this monument commemorates the rescue of escaped enslaved person William “Jerry” Henry. After the passage of the Fugitive Slave Act, private bounty hunters and even U.S. Marshalls would hunt down and detain real or suspected escaped enslaved people. In 1851, an anti-slavery crowd in Syracuse freed William “Jerry” Henry from detainment and helped him continue his escape from slavery, and is considered one of the first organized acts of resistance to the Fugitive Slave Act.