
MISSION STATEMENT

Zion Episcopal Church is a Christian community called to bear witness and celebrate the love of Christ in our parish family and throughout the world.

Welcome to historic

Zion Episcopal Church, Rome, New York

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TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The lunch program still runs from 11:30 – 1pm Mon and Tue for take out only.

Due to the coronavirus health emergency, and the Bishop's Pastoral Directives, Zion will not have in-person worship or gathering until further notice.

We DO celebrate the Holy Eucharist online at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, but no longer via Facebook to allow greater participation. Thanks to the generosity of the Rome Chapter of the NAACP, we will use ZOOM for our on-line, streaming service ... without cost for you to view and without any need to subscribe to any online service. Click the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84447872857?pwd=LzIGUFNGbGpJejB6dHI6dXUrYVUrdz09>

Each Sunday's service bulletin will be mailed by Wednesday. The parish office remains open, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Call Annette at church (315-336-5170) or email (zionchurch@twcny.rr.com) by Monday for next week's bulletin. Thanks to Tina Rescigno's efforts, the sermon and bulletin are also on the parish website: www.zionrome.org

Consecrated wafers for the Holy Eucharist (regular wheat or gluten free) are available for you to take home, six per each sealed plastic bag for pick up from the office. Please call Annette to coordinate a pick up time at the church.

By decision of the Bishop, Zion's essential ministries and services remain active ... such as the Monday and Tuesday take-out lunch program, as well as the meeting site for various community organizations with their own ministries.

We invite your attention to the parish newsletter for more information as the continuing activities and ministries at Zion, notwithstanding our suspension of in-person worship.

The Baptism of our Lord
First Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday Jan 10, 2021
9 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Live Streaming

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

Prelude:

Hymn: 119 As with gladness of old did the guiding star behold

– Erick Kroll, organist

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people standing, the Celebrant says

S 76 - The Holy Eucharist Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

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

The Gloria

Celebrant and people:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the

Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

BCP 214

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The People Sit.

The Lessons

The First Lesson – Genesis 1:1-5

Reader: The first lesson is a reading from the Book of Genesis

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 29

BCP 620

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Lesson – **Acts 19:1-7**

Reader: The Second lesson is a Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Gospel: **Mark 1:4-11**

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

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Reverend Dr. James K. Heidt, Rector & Priest

First Sunday after the Epiphany, Year B January 10, 2021 (Mark 1: 4 - 11)

In the Name of the Living God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

It is helpful to look at the big picture. The whole enchilada, so to speak...laid before us in the roadmap of Scripture known to us as the lectionary. And here we are, newly in Year B of our readings, where gospel focus is primarily in the Gospel according to St. Mark. This gospel is recognized as the oldest of the four in its written context, and it is a different breed altogether....starting with a different beginning for the story of Jesus.

Luke and Matthew start by offering familiar but different birth accounts. Luke tells about the annunciation to Mary, the birth at Bethlehem, and the visit by the shepherds. Matthew tells about Joseph's dream, the gifts of the Magi, and the flight into Egypt. John is different from them both, but only in terms of space and time as he announces that God's Word was before anything was made, and then makes the great proclamation: the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

But Mark? There is nothing about the birth of Jesus or his early years. Nothing about the Word made flesh. Nada. Instead, Mark's story begins with the baptism of Jesus at the hands of John. In this gospel, Jesus walks on to the stage as a grown man.

The other three gospels reveal their entire plots with those grand openings. The highest points. The grand opening arias. The overriding theme that gets filled in with the detail throughout the continuing story.

In Matthew: the visit and gifts of the Magi, recognizing right off the very manifestation of God's own, right before them....and how that affirmation echoes throughout that story.

In Luke: over the manger, the angel is joined by the heavenly host, heard to sing praises to God over the birth of this child, "Glory to God in the highest!"... also

consistently reaffirmed throughout that gospel story with the life and message of Jesus continually glorifying God.

And in John: proclaiming the indescribable and almost completely incomprehensible gift of God to all creation, intended from even before the initial creation, of having God's Word become flesh like us in every respect, so that solely by God's grace, we might have a chance of being who we...you and I...were born to be.

But, what about Mark? If each of the other three have their separate equivalents of a Christmas story, the story that announces the birth of God's new plan of salvation for us, then what is the singular, huge, opening number in Mark? Where is the big punch line here?

Well, for Mark, what is essential...what might be the summary of this gospel in a single phrase...is the message Jesus hears when he goes down under the river water in solidarity with the entire wretched human race, and jumps up out of the water again. The heavens are torn apart, like sheets being ripped up for rags, and he can see...imagine this....can see the Spirit descend on him, and a voice fills his ears and all the depths of his soul: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Here is the great mystery of this day, the day of our Lord's baptism, which makes it worthy of a feast. Jesus accepts baptism as an act of solidarity with the entire human race. On the banks of the Jordan, it is an enactment for all the world to see, of what it means for the Word to become flesh there in the womb of the Blessed Mother Mary.

We will renew our baptismal vows today instead of the Nicene Creed because his baptism story is also a Christmas story for us. Emmanuel. God with us. God among us. God for us all. Every last one, without regard for anything. God for us all, down to the last and worst and ugliest sinner among us. And that is what Christian baptism and living the baptismal life is all about. God comes to engage in a life of solidarity with us, and we can also do so in return.

Our baptism into Jesus means we hear the same voice he hears. It is the same for us as it was for him. Today is special feast day for us, all in white....the same message from heaven is aimed at us.

"You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased." We might think that to be an outrageous, unacceptable statement when directed to ourselves. But who asked for our opinion? That is why it is good news. It is God who says this about Jesus and about us. Who are you or I to disagree?

Each one of us has a calling. And that is to do whatever we have to do to remember this, and not forget that God says to each of us personally, "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."

Some people say that Christianity is a matter of believing. There is some truth in that. Some people say that Christianity is a matter of doing. There is some truth in that.

But there is another piece, without which all the rest will fall apart. Christianity is also a matter of listening.

Listening. For the message from heaven. For what Jesus heard at his baptism. For the same message spoken to us day by day in the cracks and crevices of our lives. We do not have to be up to our waist in muddy river water to hear it, coming like a bolt from heaven. By the grace of God, it will be heard...as a whisper, as a shout. Some days it might seem like a mumble, and often not discernable at all.

But the message is there. And it is ours, by the love and grace of God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a message to you and me, one that we hear again, renewed in our own baptismal covenant, by saying "yes" again to the God revealed in Jesus Christ.

It is the most basic calling of our lives, each of us. The real reason we are even born to live in the first place. We are, all of us, learning time and time again to listen, to listen to the right voice, to get in line with the constant message of God, longing to be one with us:

"You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."

It is with the fullest heart, and the deepest sense of thanksgiving to Almighty God, that I have shared this with you in the name of the God manifest at the baptism of our Lord, as the Father, and as the Son, and as the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant 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 Prayers of the People in the Season of Epiphany

Leader: In the silences throughout these prayers, we are invited to hold up to God, either silently or aloud, the names of those we remember especially today. Bathed in starlight, we pray

together to the One who created all things, saying, Show us your child, O God,

People: ***For we observed a new star at its rising and have traveled far, bearing gifts.***

Leader: Make your wisdom in its rich variety known through all faithful people, especially to Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding bishop, DeDe our diocesan bishop, James our rector and priest. Give all branches of your holy church grace to bear the gifts of truth and love to all your children on earth.

[silence, for all faithful people and ministers]

People: Show us your child, O God,
For we walk together in faith.

Leader: Give your justice to the nations and their leaders, and give your mercy to all whose decisions affect the peace and well-being of the world. Where we have power ourselves, open our ears to the cries of the weak, the poor, and the needy, and open our hearts to answer their call.

[silence, for leaders and decision-makers]

People: Show us your child, O God,
For we walk together in hope.

Leader: Bless this community, that in your light we may each become a servant, one to the other. Bring us together in story, song, joy, and sorrow; and let every daughter and son who comes among us find kinship in this place.

[silence, for this community]

People: Show us your child, O God,
For we walk together in love.

Leader: Have mercy on those who serve in the armed forces both here and abroad, as well as those of us who journey in sickness,

fear, or any kind of trouble and who we now name from our prayer list, **namely [...]**

Bernadette	Ann Northup	Susan Bogart
Patricia	Joann Bienvenue	Catherine Zbiegien
Joyce	Ginny Telego	Georgeanna Howanietz
Blaze	Lorelie Rice	Randy Jones Sr.
Lance	Michael Potter	Janice McNaughton
J. Daniel	Siegmund Urbanek	Jim & Pat Hoffman
Jill	David Dutcher	Sharon Dyball
Charles O'Neill	Janet Renzi	Anne Staple
John & Linda Hunter	Rachel Dyball	Bea Golden
The Seymour Family	Helen Seamen	Charlotte Rice
Brett McDonell	Cindy DeProspero-Outwater	Erica Young & Baby
Pasquale Mesagna	Kevin & Alice Wilson	Sharon Parsons
Georgia Northup	Bill McGee	Karen Chapman
Richard Stratton	Brenda Outwater	Al & Krissy Rozanski
Lois Wiggins	Wayne Towne	Willis Bienvenue
Zachary Thomason	Lauren Ziegler	Jim Perry
Joan Moore	James Ziegler	The Nobiling Family
The Gambier Family	The McDonough Family	Fr. Edward Caldwell
Shirley Reali		
AnnMarie Bronson Hunter		

as well as those unnamed by us yet so well known to you and loved by you.
Meet them on your road with rest, peace, and good cheer.

[silence, for those with pain or sickness in body or spirit]

Show us your child, O God,

People: ***For we walk together by your side.***

Leader: Heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven.
Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death
especially....

Elizabeth Szalach	Henry Schadel Jr.	Judy Brown
Donald & Irene Stratton	John Marks	Thomas J. Brennan
Jack Early		

in the hope of your coming kingdom.
[silence, for those who have passed]

People: Your star goes before them. Show them your child, O God,
For they have traveled far to be with you.

Leader: Dearest God, with longing and thanksgiving, knowing that you hold this world and each of all of its children dear in your heart, we pray this day for the grace to receive your gifts, to lift up our eyes and look around, and to offer back those same gifts to you and your world, with love.

People: Show us your child, O God,
For we observed a new star at its rising and have traveled far, bearing gifts.

Leader: Loving and Passionate God, receive from the depth of our hearts, the greatest thanksgivings for all of your mercies and for all the blessings given to all of us; for our loved ones, for this nation, and for your world, including those blessings we now name aloud (such as....), or hold joyfully in our hearts.

People - Show us your child, O God,
For we journey with you in faith, and hope, and love, with joyful hearts

Leader: To the One who is the road on which we travel, our companion along the way, and our journey's end, we pray in boldness and confidence through faith in Christ Jesus, **Amen.**

Leader: Eternal God, within the Anglican Cycle of prayer today, we pray for the people of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and their bishop, The Most Rev. William Brown Turei; and in the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of East Tennessee, and their bishop, The Rt. Rev. Brian Lee Cole.

For our companion Diocese El Salvador, we pray for the people of San Francisco de Asis, El Pital, Lourdes, Colon, and their priest, The Rev. Irma Alvarado.

And in our own 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 St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Syracuse, and their priest, The Rev. Philip Major, as well as for the people of St. Mark the Evangelist Episcopal Church, Syracuse, and their interim priest, The Rev. Nelson Gaetz.

We pray for all who are impacted, here and abroad, directly or indirectly, by the coronavirus pandemic, and we especially pray for our families, our friends, and our loved ones, our communities and our church.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by 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*

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Hymn: 121 Christ, when for us you were baptized, – Erick Kroll, organist

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 in the form of Bread from God's holy table in this place.

*The Bread will be available in individual, safely packaged parcels for each communicant to take upon entry into the sanctuary. Please take the Bread with you to your pew and wait for the invitation and consecration before you consume. We also have **gluten-free** Bread available as marked for you to take.*

The Celebrant will review the above in addition to offering the Words of Invitation prior to the celebration.

The Offertory

Celebrant and People together:

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

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

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.

Celebrant - It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (*Celebrant and People saying together*)

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are 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.**

Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father; In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body of your Son, the holy food of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive the holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and fore ever. **AMEN**

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

The Lord's Prayer

(Kneel or stand)

BCP 364

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**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Post-Communion Prayer (Kneel or stand)

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of you Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude – God Be With You

– (recorded)

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Reverend Dr. James K. Heidt, Rector & Priest
Erick Kroll, Organist and Music Director
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ACOLYTE SCHEDULE, CHALICE SCHEDULE, LAY READER SCHEDULE

January 10	9AM	Sandie Latimer	CHALICE & 2 ND LESSON
		Meribeth Seaman	1 ST LESSON & PSALM
		Sandie Latimer	ACOLYTE
January 17	9AM	Jane Padrón	CHALICE & 2 ND LESSON
		Jennifer Swinney	1 ST LESSON & PSALM
		Jane Padrón	ACOLYTE
January 24	9AM	Rick Weltz	CHALICE & 2 ND LESSON
		Annette Clark-Hani	1 ST LESSON & PSALM
		Rick Weltz	ACOLYTE
January 31	9AM	Tina Rescigno	CHALICE & 2 ND LESSON
		Mike Rescigno	1 ST LESSON & PSALM
		Tina Rescigno	ACOLYTE