
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. Zion now has our own Zoom account. 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. For computer access click the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/99551767853?pwd=Q09ET3VMRkVITVUwZzZ6aXhVSUR0QT09> Meeting ID: **995 5176 7853** Passcode: **b9700E**

For phone access dial up toll-free number is **1-929-205-6099** (alternate number: 1-312-626-6799) and the passcode number is **671803**.

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.

Third Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday Jan 24, 2021
Annual Meeting
9 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Live Streaming

Prelude:

Hymn: 652 Dear Lord and Father of mankind, – Erick Kroll, organist

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

9AM Opening Prayer
Appointment of Clerk
Appointment of Tellers
Nominating Committee Report
Recess

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.**

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 of the Day

BCP 357

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect:

BCP 215

Celebrant: Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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 – **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

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

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So

Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

Psalm 62

BCP 669

Nonne Deo?

- 1 For God alone my soul in silence waits;*
from him comes my salvation.
- 2 He alone is my rock and y salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.
- 3 How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together, *
as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?
- 4 They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; *
lies are their chief delight.
- 5 They bless with their lips, *
but in their hearts they curse.
- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

The Second Lesson- **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

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

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Reverend Dr. James K. Heidt, Rector & Priest

Third Sunday after the Epiphany, Year B

January 24, 2021

(Mark 1: 14 - 20)

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

Simon and brother Andrew are fishermen. Jesus says to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people”.

OK now...at some point in time, we have all heard the preaching...or at least have had the understanding...that this passage means that Jesus, today, calls us to go out into the world to evangelize. Bring those “fish” into the church. That it is God’s call to us to haul in those fishing nets and bring the lost, the misguided, the “unbelievers” into our fold. Right? Tell me you have not heard that sermon at some point. I have. It makes some sense.

Yet, it is the critical nature of Episcopalians to seek the living God among us by using the brains that God blesses us. So, we could...and should speculate with this

question: If Jesus was calling them to go out and gather more believers, where and what was the name of his church that would benefit from this? Do we think that Jesus even had an idea of having as nice a place as this building within which to focus his ministry?

Is this gospel message even about gathering? We have the centuries-old image of using big nets, pulled in by husky fishermen, gathering huge numbers of fish. As a result, we might be forgiven the leap of understanding that causes us to get all hung up on the gathering function. But, read this carefully. Does Jesus use the word “gather”? No. If he is not calling them for what we may have traditionally thought, then what is he doing? “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people”. What IS he doing?

On the surface of it, Jesus is seeing these men for the first time. On first impression, you or I might instantly generalize, from their fishy odor and sweaty work clothes, that Simon and Andrew might be simple, hard-working grunts with few “people skills”. Sure they know how to fish, but we might not know them to be charismatic. They do not appear as social professionals, or the type to engage excitement in crowds.

Look at that verse again. “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people”. “I will make you”, he says. Really, I ask you...is not it more like Jesus if, instead, we add just a couple more words to his quotation, and say, “Follow me, and I will make you want to fish for people.” Doesn’t that make more sense to us within our understanding of our lives through the Holy Spirit?

Jesus comes across these two fishermen and deems them to be the right people, in that first century, to go out into the world. He does that by enticing them. Challenging them. But he does it within the language of their lives. Their understanding. Within their comfort zones. And it is all for the purpose of increasing their confidence in the task ahead. And, what is that task?

It is the same as in the 21st century. The same task that we all have. All of us, baptized into the death and life of Jesus Christ, who have promised to be his disciples as we make our own journeys through this world and on to the next.

That task is to do one thing in life, and one thing only. And that is to engage the world around us to share the news and word that “it is right, and a good, and joyful thing. Always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.” We do that by word. By examples of deed. Through relationships with each other, and with total strangers.

We give our lives over to God to be transformed into the very people of God. The very children of God. And then God, by the Holy Spirit through us and in us, influences everyone we come into contact with, and touches everything we do.

The ancient Jews knew this far more keenly than we do, because it was literally hanging as reminders upon their foreheads. Everything about their speech, and literature, and song, and dance, and traditions...all of it, centered upon a cosmic understanding of a

more open and direct relationship with God. Although fishermen, Simon and Andrew certainly lived within this more intense spiritual environment. But they did not have the confidence to share their spiritual transformation with others. We are in the same boat...pun intended. Perhaps this is where that old expression comes from! We are in the same boat because we also just do not talk about how God is good to us. Because we often do not recognize how that is, and often do not have the courage to do so.

That is why Jesus used the phrase “fishers of men”...with them. Not for us directly because almost none of us are fishing professionals. It was the enticement THEY needed. Jesus made them curious, but also phrased it in a way that made them comfortable. Fishing they knew. Being called by God to fish?

That was worth checking out because, in hearts touched by God from before birth, Simon and Andrew knew that their hard, physical life was short, and that there had to be more meaning to it. So they run into a simple carpenter with a crowd of people, and what he REALLY says to them, and what he REALLY says to us is this....and I quote

“Follow me, and I will make you...transform you into a person who will have life. You, who will find satisfaction in your life’s journey. You, who will find spiritual peace. You, who will live it, and share it with others. I will transform you so that you will want to do all this.” Unquote.

On this day, we take pause to celebrate...but also to ponder: does your life have more meaning to it? All in the name of the loving God of grace, as the Father, and as the Son, and as the Holy Spirit.” Amen.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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.*

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]

Leader: Show us your child, O God,
People: *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]

Show us your child, O God,

People: ***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	Charlotte Rice	
Brett McDonell	Cindy DeProspero-Outwater	Erica Young & Baby
TJ McMenemy	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	Erik and Tory Backenstrauss	
AnnMarie Bronson Hunter	Renee Resendez	

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]

People: Show us your child, O God,
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....

Judy Brown, John Marks, Helen Seamen

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: In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Church of Bangladesh and their bishop, The Most Rev. Samuel Sunil Mankhin; and in the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon and their bishop, The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell.

For our companion Diocese El Salvador, we pray for the people of San Pablo San Juan de Letrán, Usulután, and their priest, The Rev. Antonio López.

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 Grace Episcopal Church, Utica, and their priest, The Rev. Christine Williams-Belt, as well as for the people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Waterloo, and their priest, The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haugaard.

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: 660 O Master let me walk with thee

– 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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.**

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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 17	9AM	Jane Padrón Jennifer Swinney Jane Padrón	CHALICE & 2 ND LESSON 1 ST LESSON & PSALM ACOLYTE
January 24	9AM	Rick Wertz Annette Clark-Hani Rick Wertz	CHALICE & 2 ND LESSON 1 ST LESSON & PSALM ACOLYTE
January 31	9AM	Tina Rescigno Mike Rescigno Tina Rescigno	CHALICE & 2 ND LESSON 1 ST LESSON & PSALM ACOLYTE
February 7	9AM	Sandie Latimer Meribeth Seaman Sandie Latimer	CHALICE & 2 ND LESSON 1 ST LESSON & PSALM ACOLYTE