
MISSION STATEMENT

*Zion is a Christian family called to provide fellowship and joy
through our service with and to the community.*

Welcome to historic

Zion Episcopal Church, Rome, New York

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HYMN SING @ 7 PM

79 O Little Town of Bethlehem
82 Of the Father's love begotten
89 It Came upon the Midnight Clear
99 Go tell it on the mountain
102 Once in royal David's city



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. Really! That's right. We believe their voices and natural motion are gifts of life from God to be celebrated by all. However, should you choose, 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 and please pick up a cup at either side of the Altar; then all will be given instructions on how to receive the Bread & Wine.

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 as we continue to re-gather. 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.

Please Disinfect Slip-You will notice in your bulletin we have placed a "Please Disinfect" slip; please place this slip in the pew in which you are sitting. This lets our sexton Chris Klara know where to concentrate his cleaning duties.

The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
Saturday, December 24, 2022
7 PM- **Christmas Eve Festal Eucharist**

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

Processional Hymn: **83** O come all ye Faithful

Prayer while lighting Advent candles:

Leader: When Mary was engaged to Joseph, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

People: An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Leader: She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

People: All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us." We light the first candle of Hope to remind us to keep awake and be ready. (Pause while the first candle is lit.) The second Advent candle of Peace reminds us to change our ways. (Pause while the second candle is lit.) The third Advent candle of Joy reminds us of the good news that the blind can see and the lame can walk. (Pause while the third candle is lit.) We light the fourth Advent candle, the candle of Love, to remind us that God is with us!

LEADER: Jesus Christ is the true reason for Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love in this season and forever. As we light the Christ candle, celebrating the end of Advent and the arrival of Christ and Christmas, let us remember how our savior came once as a lowly baby, that the world through him might be saved, and how he will return one day in glory.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Red Book of Common Prayer Page 355*
The people standing, the Celebrant sings

S 76 - The Holy Eucharist Opening Acclamation

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

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

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria Hymn #96 v. 1 & 3

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The People Sit.

The Lessons

From the Old Testament - **Isaiah 9: 2-7**

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

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 96

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

From the New Testament: **Titus 2: 11-14**

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

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

Sequence Hymn: **115** What child is this, who, laid to rest

The Gospel: Luke 2: 1-14, (15-20)

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there



was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" [When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the

Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Mother Kathlyn

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and people:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People in the Season of Christmas

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord Father, [*in this holy night*] your Son our Savior was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Holy God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: [*In this holy night*] there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home, all who live in poverty, and all throughout the world who only know want. Holy God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: [*In this holy night*] Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand those on our prayer list, namely [...],

Art Baker
Brett McDonell
Shirley Reali
Charles O'Neill

Catherine Zbiegien
Cindy DeProspero-Outwater
David Dutcher
Georgia Northup

Anne Staple
Marion Sweet
The Jones Family
Velma Kirsch

Stephen Abbott
Fr. Jim Heidt
Meribeth Seaman
Carmine Franco
Ann & Katherine Gambier
Joe Burgher
Jim Hoffman
Johnna Rockenstyre & Family
Dominick Patierno
Georgianna Robinson

Jess Sojka
Cathy Ziemba
Vincent Rescigno
Christine Vecchio-Flaim
Beth Robinson Cain
Angela Markel
Jerry Smith
The Carrier Family
Chrissy O'Connor

Erick Kroll
Brenda Outwater
The Kousouros Family
Lisa Newman
Arlo Bird
Susan Bogart
The Allesì Family
The Parsons Family
Ryan Pope

as well as those unnamed who are known to you alone in pain or distress.
Holy God,

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

Leader: [In this holy night] your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world. Holy God,

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

Leader: [In this holy night] the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.' Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world. Holy God,

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

Leader: [In this holy night] shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption. Holy God,

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

Leader: [In this holy night] strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. Holy God,

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

Leader: [In this holy night] heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death... in the hope of your coming kingdom. Holy God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: [In this holy night] Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. Holy God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Father, [in this holy night] angels and shepherds worshiped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: Amen .

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Celebrant uses this Invitation to Confession or other suitable words

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins. *Silence is kept.*

Celebrant: God our Father, you sent your Son full of grace and truth: forgive our failure to receive him. Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Jesus our Savior, you were born in poverty and laid in a manger: forgive our greed and rejection of your ways. Christ, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Spirit of love, your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call: forgive the hardness of our hearts. Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

The Celebrant uses this or another authorized absolution

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be cleansed from all your sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: 87 Hark! The herald angels sing

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

The Holy Communion

The Invitation

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

*The Bread and Wine will now be served from the Altar rail; so, when invited, please come up to the Altar (if you are physically and comfortably able to do so) and take a plastic cup from either side. Then proceed to the Altar where the priest will give you the wafer (**gluten-free available**).*

Then the Acolyte will pour some wine into the plastic cup. You take both wafer and cup back to the pew when we will All consume together. If unable to come to the Altar rail, let an usher know and you will be served while seated in the pew.

In place of Communion, you may receive a blessing at the altar rail. The Celebrant will review the above in addition to offering the Words of Invitation prior to the celebration.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer for the Season of Christmas

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

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

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

The Celebrant proceeds

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

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

SANCTUS (Celebrant and People together)

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.

You may stand, kneel, or sit.

Worship and praise belong to you, Holy God, our Source and Ending, Alpha and Omega, You, have called all creation into being, setting the earth on its foundations. You have spread out the heavens like a curtain, filling the earth with goodness.

As a mother gathers her children, so you gather your people, to teach us the way of compassion and love. You sent Christ your son to dwell among us, by the message of an angel, to be born of the Virgin Mary.

You send your Holy Spirit to draw us into deeper faith, to inspire us to greater works, and to sustain us in our calling.

In these latter days, God leaned toward the earth and spoke to us by Jesus the Beloved. Born of our sister Mary and the Holy Spirit, guarded by our brother Joseph with fatherly care, Jesus came among us as a helpless babe, cradled beside the beasts and warmed by their breath – human, as we are, in need of human love.

Kings bowed down before him, bringing gifts and emperors were troubled by his reign – this Child in whom all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. This Word of God was made flesh and dwelt among us, and his flesh and blood were given to us, in his final gift of grace.

As a servant, Jesus emptied himself of might upon the cross, and as the risen Anointed One is enthroned at God's right hand to bring mercy and justice to all the earth at the end of days.

At supper with his disciples, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, Take, eat. This is my Body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: 'Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.'

So, as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful God, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, we who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body, to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage, in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer (Kneel or stand)

Celebrant and People together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Celebrant:

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

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *Amen.*
The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *Amen.*

**At this time the lights will be dimmed and you may light your candles given to you prior to the service. THANK YOU!!!*

Post-Communion Hymn: 111 Silent Night

The Post-communion Prayer (Kneel or stand)
Celebrant and People together:

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

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 100 Joy to the world! The lord is come
The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude: Postlude on “Good Christian Men Rejoice” *Gilbert Martin*

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Supply Priest-Rev. Kathlyn Schofield
Music Director Erick Kroll
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The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON DECEMBER 26 & JANUARY 2ND

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M-F: 9-10 AM & 12-1 PM
District ~1st Sat. of the month

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/27/22-Ultreya 7 PM on Zoom

Thank you to all who have turned in your pledge card for 2023. Thank you to all who have turned in your pledge card for 2023. As of 11/27/22, we have received 31 pledge cards totaling \$50,420 in pledge commitments. For 2022, we had 33 pledges totaling \$52,150. Pledge envelopes for 2023 have arrived and are available in Clark Hall. If you requested pledge envelopes, please pick them up after Sunday's service. If you do not see pledge envelopes with your name but would like to have them, please let Mike know by leaving a message with Annette in the church office. Thank you!!!



**Rev. Mother Kathlyn Schofield & The Rev. Deacon Lynne
Walton**

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 2022-7PM-Holy Eucharist

Priest:	Rev. Mother Kathlyn Schofield
Deacon:	The Rev. Deacon Lynne Walton
Lay Readers	Jane Padrón
Acolyte	Wayne Osborne

Altar Guild
Church Opener

Annie Deacon/Annette Clark-Hani
Tina Rescigno-Month of December

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25-9 AM-Morning Prayer in Sanctuary & on Zoom

Leader
Reader
Acolyte

Jane Padrón
Tina Rescigno

Altar Guild
Church Opener

Annie Deacon/Annette Clark-Hani
Tina Rescigno-Month of December

THE HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
January 1, 2023-9 AM-Morning Prayer in Sanctuary & on Zoom

Leader
Reader
Acolyte

Annette Clark-Hani
Sandie Latimer
Tina Rescigno

Altar Guild
Church Opener

Annie Deacon/Annette Clark-Hani
-Month of January