
MISSION STATEMENT

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

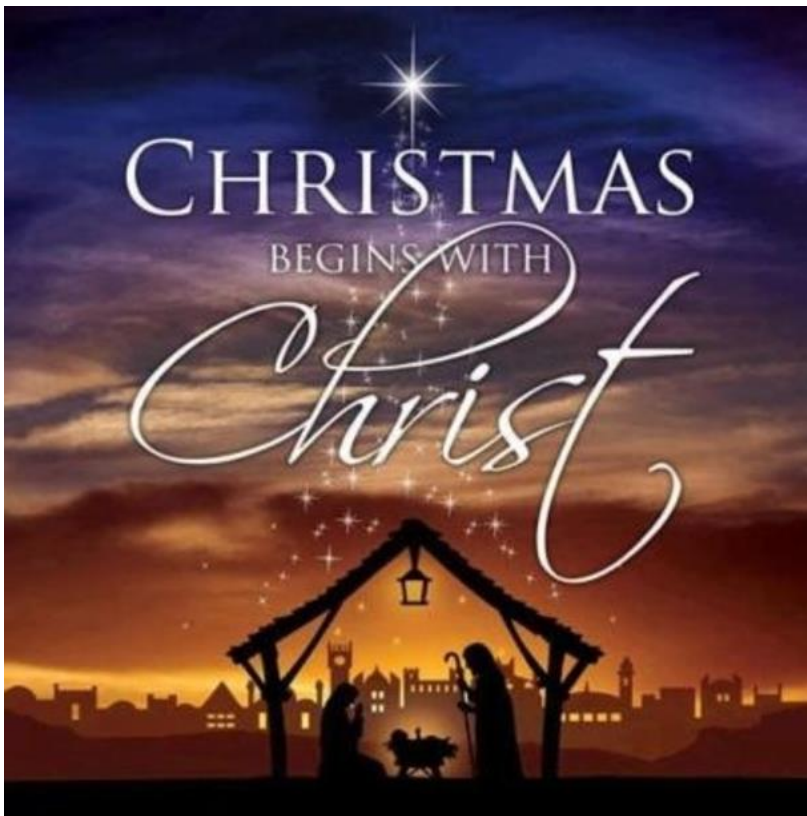
Welcome to historic

Zion Episcopal Church, Rome, New York

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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 NATIVITY OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25, 2022

9AM-Morning Prayer

Please stand for the singing of hymns if able to do so

Prelude: I Saw Three Ships Gustav Holst (1884-1934) *arr. Douglas Wagner*

Processional Hymn: **89** It came upon the Midnight Clear

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.

Officiant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All say together:

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

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

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All say together:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant: Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

VENITE

All read together

BCP 82

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

PSALM 98

BCP 727

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Please be seated for the lessons

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson – **Isaiah 52: 7-10**

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

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Canticle 16-All read in unison

BCP 92

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.**

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

**To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Second Lesson-**Hebrews 1: 1-4, (5-12)**

Reader: The Second lesson is a reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. [For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."]

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

**You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

The Third Lesson- John 1: 1-14

The Third lesson is a reading from the Book of John

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name

was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

Officiant and People together, all standing

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

THE PRAYERS

BCP 97

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

The Lord's Prayer (Kneel or stand)

Officiant 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

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V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Officiant:

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Officiant:

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Announcements

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: **79** O little town of Bethlehem

Officiant and People together, all standing.

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

The Prayers of the People in the Season of Christmas

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

People:: Hear our prayer.

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

Art Baker	Catherine Zbiegien	Anne Staple
Brett McDonell	Cindy DeProspero-Outwater	Marion Sweet
Shirley Reali	David Dutcher	The Jones Family
Charles O'Neill	Georgia Northup	Velma Kirsch
Stephen Abbott	Jess Sojka	Erick Kroll
Fr. Jim Heidt	Cathy Ziemba	Brenda Outwater
Meribeth Seaman	Vincent Rescigno	The Kousouros Family
Carmine Franco	Christine Vecchio-Flaim	Lisa Newman
Ann & Katherine Gambier	Beth Robinson Cain	Arlo Bird
Joe Burgher	Angela Markel	Susan Bogart
Jim Hoffman	Jerry Smith	The Allesì Family
Johnna Rockenstyre & Family	The Carrier Family	The Parsons Family
Dominick Patierno	Chrissy O'Connor	Ryan Pope
Georgianna Robinson		

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

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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, 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. ***Amen*** .

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer Today: We pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Melanesia and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Leonard Dawea.

And in the Episcopal Church: We pray for we pray for the people of the Diocese of Colombia and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Francisco José Duque Gómez.

For our companion Diocese El Salvador, We pray for the people of San Juan Evangelista in San Salvador and their priest, the Rev. Irma Alvarado.

In our Diocese of Central New York; we continue to pray for all essential workers, first responders, and health care professionals; we pray also for the people of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Fulton and their priest, the Rev. Dr. Leon Mozeliak, and the people of Zion Episcopal Church in Greene and their priest, the Very Rev. David Hanselman. We pray to you, Loving God, for all who are impacted, here and abroad, directly or indirectly, by the coronavirus pandemic, and we especially pray for our families, our friends, our loved ones, our communities, and your church.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

The General Thanksgiving
Officiant and People

BCP 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: **99** Go tell it on the Mountain

The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us evermore. **Amen.**

Postlude: Postlude on “Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

Gilbert Martin

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Officiant for this Service: Tina Rescigno
Erick Kroll, Organist and Music Director
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The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY DECEMBER 26TH
& MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND

For all those who celebrate Birthdays & Anniversaries: especially: Georgia Northup

Altar Flowers: Given By: **Tina & Mike Rescigno;** In Memory of: **Henry Schadel Jr., John Marks**

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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-Ultrya on Zoom 7 PM

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!!!

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

Leader	Jane Padrón
Reader	
Acolyte	Tina Rescigno
Altar Guild	Annie Deacon/Annette Clark-Hani
Church Opener	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	Annette Clark-Hani
Reader	Sandie Latimer
Acolyte	Tina Rescigno
Altar Guild	Annie Deacon/Annette Clark-Hani
Church Opener	-Month of January