
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

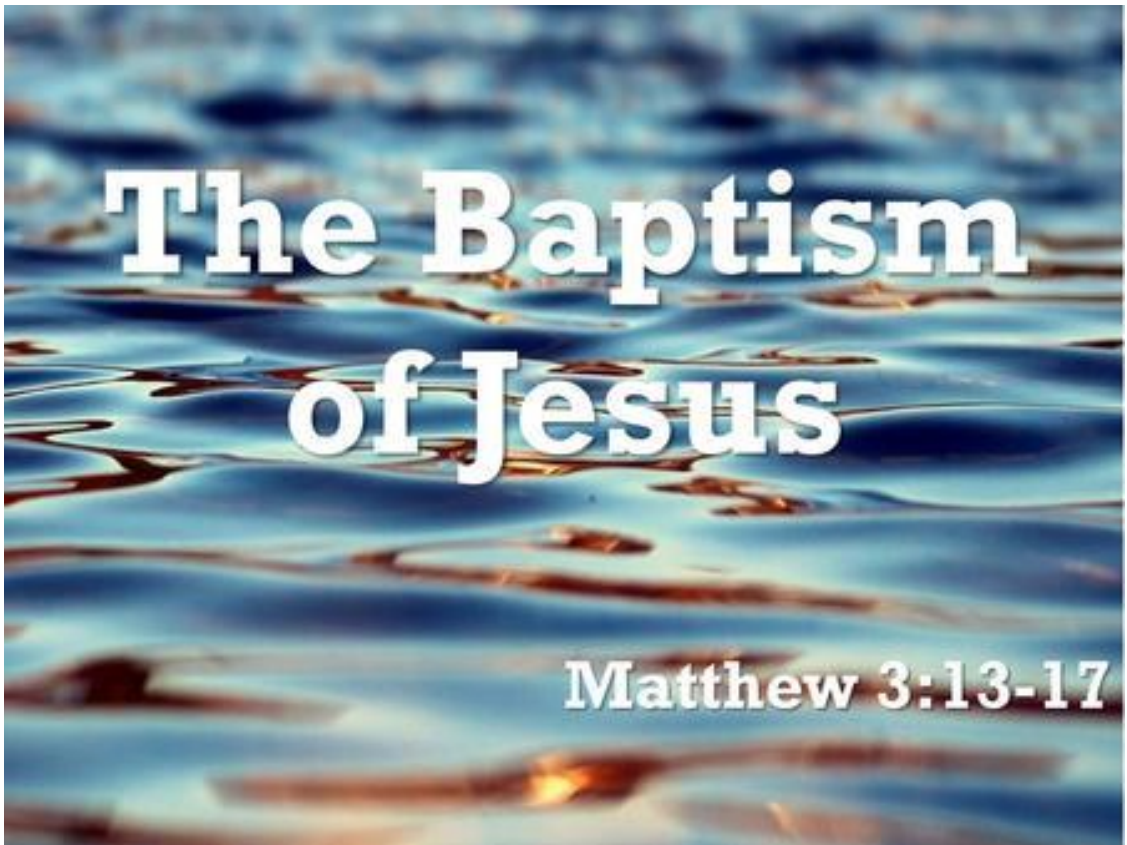
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Please silence all cell phones and other personal devices during worship

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 from Fr. Heidt 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 First Sunday after the Epiphany
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Sunday, January 8, 2023

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

Prelude: La Marche des Rois (The March of the Kings) *arr. Carl Simone*

Processional Hymn: **119** As with gladness men of old

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
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.**

The Celebrant may say:

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 for Zion *(yellow card in pew)* *Carol Stack*

The Collect

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 Lessons

The First Lesson – **Isaiah 42: 1-9**

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

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

Psalm 29

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 10: 34-43

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

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing

good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

The Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Reverend Naomi Sorrwar-Randall

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.

Prayers of the People for the Season of the 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, 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]

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]

Show us your child, O God,

People: *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 (.....)**,

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

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...**) in the hope of your coming kingdom.

[silence, for those who have passed]

Your star goes before them. Show them your child, O God,

People: 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.

Show us your child, O God,

People: 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, for and your world, including those blessings we now name aloud (**such as...**), or hold joyfully in our hearts.

Show us your child, O God,

People - For we journey with you in faith, 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.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer Today: In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Kenya and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Jackson Ole Sapit.

And in the Episcopal Church: We pray for the people of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey Scanlan.

In our 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 in Elmira and their priest, the Rev. Jenny Scott-Jones, and the people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Endicott and their priest, the Rev. John Martinichio. We also 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, and our loved ones, our communities and your church.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant and People together:

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

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: **339** Deck thy self, my soul, with gladness

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 Epiphany

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and together sing 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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lifegiving God, your Word speaks in the void, calling into being things that are not, inviting us to share your work of creation.

We thank you for the ages long of gathering stars and cooling earth, of life evolving and waking eyes of wonder. We thank you for the creatures with whom we share this world, for their lives so different from our own and the richness they reveal.

We thank you for the Son of Man, your child now shown to us, formed from Mary's flesh and nurtured by her faith; he walked the growing earth and proclaimed a fearless kingdom of bird and lily, child and stranger, the beggar and the deaf and the blind.

On the cross, he joined the labor of all creation's yearning; in his rising, he hallowed all flesh to bear the glory of you, loving and eternal God; he gives the brooding Spirit to bring to birth a living hope.

Therefore, with all that live through him and all who hope for a new creation, we share the song of love which sounds from all eternity:

***Sanctus* S-125**

(Celebrant and people sing 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.

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts, that this bread and this wine as these fragile, earthly things from your creation may be to us the Body and Blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and said; "Take. Eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new Covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all that words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith:

(Celebrant and People together)

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

(Celebrant continues)

Therefore, we come to him in whom all is created in heaven and on earth, whose cross and resurrection makes all things new. We offer this to you, O God, asking you to honor the gift we bring, for you, alone, are the Giver and Christ the Gift through which we live, once and for all. Through him who was emptied to bear your fullness, we make our prayer with all created life to the glory of you, Eternal God, who fills all in all, now and forever. **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.**

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: 296 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude: Postlude in the Mixolydian Mode

David Lasky

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Supply Priest: Rev. Naomi Sorrwar-Randall
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

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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

**1/16/23-MLK Breakfast & Service
1/22/23-Annual Meeting**

Note from Treasurer-Thank you to all who have turned in your pledge card for 2023. As of 12/28/22, we have received 32 pledge cards totaling \$51,165 in pledge commitments. Our 2023 parish budget assumes we will have \$52,125 in pledge income, so we are around \$1,000 short. If you have not turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible so we have sufficient pledges to back up the budget. If you have already turned in your pledge card but feel like you maybe can give an extra dollar or two each week, it would help. If each of us who have pledged gave an additional \$30 in 2023, we would meet the budgeted target. Please prayerfully consider if this is something you will commit to. Thank you!!!

De-Greening-We have enjoyed the sanctuary looking so beautiful, but it is time to take down the greens before they end up in a pile of needles on the floor. So “ALL HANDS ON DECK” on Saturday, January 14th at 9 AM. Thank You!!!

THIS SUNDAY: The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
January 8, 2023-9 AM-Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & On Zoom

Priest:	Rev. Naomi Sorrwar-Randall
Lay Readers	Annette Clark-Hani
Acolyte	Wayne Osborne
Altar Guild	Jane Padrón/Michelle Luvisi
Church Opener	Annette Clark-Hani-Month of January



NEXT SUNDAY: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 15, 2023-9 AM-Morning Prayer in Sanctuary & On Zoom

Leader	Jane Padrón
Lay Readers	Jennifer Swinney
Altar Guild	Jane Padrón/Michelle Luvisi
Church Opener	Annette Clark-Hani-Month of January