
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 no longer have placed a "Please Disinfect" slip into your bulletin; but we do reserve the right to start this practice again if needed. Thank You.

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, February 12, 2023
Holy Eucharist

All the Baptized People of God may receive the sacrament.
All hymns can be sung by congregation and please stand.

Prelude: Gracious (quoting hymn tunes Moody and Cwm Rhondda)
Ruth Elaine Schram

Processional: **470** There's a wideness in God's mercy

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.**

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 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.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers;
and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help
of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will
and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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-**Deuteronomy 30: 15-20**

Reader: The First lesson is a reading from the Book of Deuteronomy Moses said, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 119: 1-8

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1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the Lord!

2 Happy are they who observe his decrees *
and seek him with all their hearts!

3 Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.

4 You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.

The Gospel: Matthew 5: 21-37

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 said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So, when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. “Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Rev. 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.*

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. 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 Franco	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	Lucretia Reed	Sandie Latimer
Anthony Roscoe Jr.	Elena	

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 Papua New Guinea and their acting archbishop, The Right Rev. Nathan Ingen.

In The Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Delaware and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Kevin S. Brown.

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 in our parishes, we pray for the people of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Moravia, and the people of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New Berlin, and their priest, the Rev. Steve White. 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.

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 Celebrant uses this or another authorized 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

The Offertory

Offertory: **635** If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Officiant and People together, all standing.

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: **594** God of grace and God of glory

Postlude: God of Grace and God of Glory *arr. Jason Krug (b.1978)*

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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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

For all those who celebrate Birthdays & Anniversaries: especially: Cathy Zbiegien (McMinn), Susan Colmery (Grow), Colleen Foder (Corbett)

AA

M-F: 9-10 AM & 12-1 PM
District ~1st Sat. of the month
AA Bkfst. Meeting 2nd Sat. of every moth 1 PM

NA

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

2/18/23 Community Dinner Gumbo

2/21/23 Shrove Pancake Supper 5:30-6:30 PM

2/22/23 Ash Wednesday Service 4 PM

2/27/23 Vestry Meeting

2/28/23 Ultreya 7 PM by Zoom



Shrove Pancake Supper/ Ash Wednesday Service- The Shrove pancake supper will be Tuesday February 21st from 5:30-6:30 PM; we have sign-up sheets in Clarke Hall from food to helpers. Also, Ash Wednesday service will be at 4 PM on February 22, we do need a reader and an acolyte for this service. Please see sign-up in Clarke Hall.

Vets Collection-This is just a friendly reminder that food collection for the vets is every 3rd Sunday of the month which is next week. Please bring the non-perishable items to church next week. Thank You.

THIS SUNDAY: The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany:
February 12, 2023-9 AM-Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & On Zoom

Priest:	Rev. Naomi Sorrwar-Randall
Lay Readers	Wayne Osborne
Acolyte	Jennifer Swinney
Altar Guild	Harriet Brennan/Grace Millington
Church Opener	Jane Padrón-Month of February



NEXT SUNDAY: The Last Sunday after the Epiphany:
February 19, 2023-9 AM Morning Prayer in Sanctuary & On Zoom

Leader	Rick Weltz
Reader	Tina Rescigno
Altar Guild	Annie Deacon/Annette Clark-Hani
Church Opener	Jane Padrón-Month of February

Ash Wednesday
February 22, 2023-4 PM-Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & On Zoom

Priest:	Rev. Leon Mozeliak
Lay Readers	
Acolyte	
Altar Guild	Annie Deacon/Annette Clark-Hani
Church Opener	Jane Padrón-Month of February