



Ray Of Hope

Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ

“My House shall be a house of prayer for All People.”
(Isaiah 56:7)

Founded: 10/31/1983. Now in our Thirty-sixth year of Ministry.

MISSION: Love God, Love your neighbor,
make disciples of every person everywhere.

(Matthew 22:37-39; Matthew 28:19)

“This is the time we need to shine.”

“We are standing in Faith and Expecting Victory in 2017.”
Veronica Floyd, Moderator

Rev. Br. Shawn F. Benedict, O.S.B, Appointed Pastor

A very special welcome to our visitors.

You are as welcome here as Jesus Christ Himself.

Scripture exhorts us: “**Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God**” Romans 15:7 (NABRE – 2011)

Guests are invited to participate in all parts of the worship service as you feel comfortable. We are building a wonderful Christ-centered Community here, and we invite you to share in our joy! After the Worship Service, please join us for a time of refreshments and sharing.

April 14, 2019 Palm Sunday Year C

Ray Of Hope Church teaches the same Christian faith of ancient ecumenical consensus. St. Vincent of Lerins, a fifth century monk and theologian, described it as

“what has been believed always, everywhere, and by all.”

Scripture Readings for this worship event:

First Reading: Zechariah Chapter 9:9-10 pg. 884

Psalm: Responsorial Psalm / Hymn

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:1-10 NRSV 2nd Test.
Pg. 224

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40 NRSV 2ND Test. page 83
(We suggest you find these Scripture readings in your Bible and place a marker in them before the Worship begins. The readings are also printed in this bulletin for your convenience.)

****We use the term 1st for the “Old” Testament and 2nd for the “New” Testament. The NRSV Bible 1st Testament numbers are found in the front portion of the Bible and the 2nd Testament numbers are found in the later portion. If this confuses you just ask someone around you to assist you. Thank you.***

First Reading: Zechariah Chapter 9:9-10 pg. 884

The Coming King

9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your King is coming to you;

He is just and having salvation,

Lowly and riding on a donkey,

A colt, the foal of a donkey.

10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

And the horse from Jerusalem;

The battle bow shall be cut off.

He shall speak peace to the nations;

His dominion shall be 'from sea to sea,

And from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm / Hymn loosely based on Psalm 24:7-

10 by Br. Benedict

R: Lord Jesus, You are the King of Glory.

We acknowledge you and give you Praise.

O ancient gates be lifted up,

let the ancient doors be raised,

Announce and welcome the King of Glory.

R: Lord Jesus, You are the King of Glory.

We acknowledge you and give you Praise.

You may ask, Who is the king of glory?

How should we welcome Him?

It is the Lord, the mighty, the valiant,

He is the King of Glory and He will win

the final victory over sin and death.

R: Lord Jesus, You are the King of Glory.

We acknowledge you and give you Praise.

Raise high the ancient gates.
 Let all the ancient doors be opened
 so that the King of Glory may enter
 to take His throne of Salvation.

**R: Lord Jesus, You are the King of Glory.
 We acknowledge you and give you Praise.**

Now you know Him and now you understand;
 It is the Lord of heavenly armies.
 He is the King of Glory and He will come
 to rule upon the earth. His kingdom will fill the Earth.
 He is the King of Glory.

**R: Lord Jesus, You are the King of Glory.
 We acknowledge you and give you Praise.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:1-10 NRSV 2nd Test. Pg. 224
 Christ's Sacrifice Once for All

10 Since the law has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered year after year, make perfect those who approach. 2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased being offered, since the worshipers, cleansed once for all, would no longer have any consciousness of sin? 3 But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sin year after year. 4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. 5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
 but a body you have prepared for me;
 6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings
 you have taken no pleasure. (see Psalm 40:6-8)

7 Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
 (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

8 When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin

offerings” (these are offered according to the law), 9 then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. 10 And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40 NRSV 2ND Test. page 83

Jesus’ Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” 32 So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” 34 They said, “The Lord needs it.” 35 Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 37 As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, 38 saying,

“Blessed is the king
 who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Peace in heaven,
 and glory in the highest heaven!”

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” 40 He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon: Rev. Benedict

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But by the grace of God I am what I am, and God's grace toward me has not been in vain. 1 Cor 5:10

Theme for Holy Week 2019: Who do you say Jesus is?

Matt. 16:13-16 ¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

¹⁴ So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Special Opportunities for Giving to Ray Of Hope Church

Candles: We use four candles per week in the chapel. They cost \$3.17 each, = \$12.75per week. We also burn 15 hour votive candles at the place of consecration on our Communion Table / Altar. \$12.75 main candles—4, \$5.00— votive candles at the place of consecration. Consider donating one or more weeks in memory of someone, in dedication, thanksgiving or for a private intention. The dedication will be printed in the bulletin and placed over at the kneelers. Please bring your donation to Br. Benedict, who will help you put together your intention/ dedication and will forward your donation to the treasurer.

Remember to use the resources provided on our web site and in these bulletins to strengthen your faith and to continue the encounter with God from Sunday to Sunday. Remember to re-read the Scripture readings and review all of the study notes provided each week. Remember to read the entire bulletin during week when you miss Sunday worship. These are important ways to take personal responsibility for the mature development of our faith as individuals. Our Congregation provides us with many opportunities and resources to be used to advance our journeys in faith. Also, are you ready to do service and step up to be a Council Member and help lead this Congregation. Service is faith put into actions. Read James 2:14-26.

BE DOERS OF THE WORD AND NOT HEARERS ONLY

Here is something else you can "DO" from home:

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Continue to keep Chad Stanbro in your prayers that his legs be restored to health and that he follow a good path in his life.

This begins the 34th week we are praying for Jay Brown. Let's keep praying for his eyes to completely heal. <https://www.gofundme.com/kck5ct-team-jay>

Update on August Faulk. August had more surgery for pain in March. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please pray for Marty Martin, age 59, who is fighting throat cancer. Let's pray for Marty and his partner Ron, for healing and the guidance of the Holy Spirit with his doctors.

Visit our new Robert C. Bacon Memorial Page. [Click Here.](#)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS

General Offering for the week of March 31, 2019 — \$1,260.00
Attendance— 7. We give God thanks and praise for all these gifts.

General Offering for the week of April 7, 2019 — \$150.00
Attendance— 6. We give God thanks and praise for all these gifts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are looking for DONATIONS FOR PRIDE GUIDE 2019
June 22, 2019 is the Central NY Pride

Holy Week, 2019 now to next Sunday 4/21/19

Holy Thursday April 18, Worship 7PM, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration until 9PM, Benediction 9PM

The Sacrifice of the Cross celebrated Friday April 19,
7:00PM

Resurrection Vigil Saturday April 20, 7:45 PM

Resurrection Sunday April 21 Brunch and Fellowship
10AM

Friday April 26 Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Ray Of Hope Church Weekly Schedule

Elmira Worship- Sunday 10:30 AM – 380 W. First St. Parsonage/Monastery. Join us live on SKYPE: rayofhope26 is our contact name. Sign on by 10:15 AM.

Syracuse Worship- looking for a host in Syracuse. For more information [Click Here](#).

Bible Enrichment- Tuesday 6:30-8 PM-380 W. First St. Parsonage /Monastery. Or Join us live on SKYPE: rayofhope26 is our contact name. Sign on by 6:15 PM. [Click Here](#).

**** to call the Pastor: Rev. Shawn Benedict: 607-280-0374***

Policy Concerning Minors at Events

Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes all youth and children to worship with us and participate in our activities. We endeavor to provide a safe and non-threatening environment for all children. To this end, we have a Policy Concerning Minors at Events, which is available from the Clerk upon request and is on our web site; http://www.rayofhopechurch.com/Minors_At_Events.htm. Please enjoy your visit with us, and we hope you will return.

NOTE: On June 15, 1996, as a part of the Ordination Ceremony and his profession of Benedictine Vows, Rev. Leo W. McDermott, II retired the use of his secular birth name and was given a new name in religion, Brother Shawn Francis Benedict.

The Chapel is open daily from about 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM most days of the year. When the door is unlocked the public is welcome to come in and pray, read a book, meditate, read Scriptures, and enjoy the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Visitors are invited to use the kneelers or sit in the chair or couch of their choice. Please maintain holy silence in the chapel.

Visitors: Please feel free to fill out the information slip below and place it in the collection plate. Please indicate any special needs you may have. All information will be used for church purposes *only*.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I would like to be included on the church Email list.

I would like to schedule an appointment with the Pastor.



Ray Of Hope Church Statement Of Purpose

In the Spirit of God, and in the footsteps of Christ Jesus, we the Faith Community at Ray Of Hope Church commit to:

- **guide** and welcome all people to the Free Gift of Salvation in Christ Jesus, with a God-ordained celebration of all sexual orientations, and gender expressions, with an open ministry to persons affected by or infected with HIV/AIDS, their families and friends,
- **declare** and openly assert the truth that same-sex relationships, founded and fostered in God-centered love, are holy and blessed, and in fact originate by the work of the Holy Spirit; and, that God equally uses blessed same-sex and heterosexual Holy Unions and Marriages to bring God's own love and good news of "Salvation to all who believe" into the world,
- **uphold**, proclaim, and teach the historic Biblical Christian Doctrine, build community through worship and prayer, break the bread, and live the ministry of the Holy Spirit,
- **change** the world around us by living Gospel principles of social justice in everything we do, thereby exposing all forms of prejudice, oppression, racism, homophobia, sexism, and misogyny,
- **proclaim** the ray of hope, which is the soon coming return of Christ Jesus, and the fullness of His Eternal Community where the Will of God will establish liberty, justice, equity, and peace for all God's People and the universe.

Visit us on line:

Our website: www.rayofhopechurch.com

Our YouTube page: www.youtube.com/rayofhopenyglbtqs

—————Scripture verses to share with others:—————

Romans 15:13 Now may the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Titus 2:11 The **grace** of God has appeared, bringing salvation to **all**..

John 5:24 Those who hear my word and **believe in God** who sent me, **have** eternal life, will **never** come under judgment and have passed from **death to life** already.

Romans 10:13 "For **whoever** calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

(repeated @ Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21) "everyone, anyone who" asks.

"Lord" here refers to God principally as in the book of Joel that is being quoted, so all persons who call on God shall be saved.

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"
(Isaiah 43:19 ESV)

"Behold, I make all things new." (Revelation 21:5)