

**ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK**

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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**GATHERING IN THE LORD'S NAME**

WELCOME

WELCOMING PRAYER

Holy God, descend into our spaces today, allow each of us to put down what we were doing and focus on you. Help us to spend this time and to put all our attention on your glory in our lives. Come and be with us now. Amen.

HYMN: *God Is Here!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Gracious God, too often we hear your word and say we will do what you ask of us, and yet we don't. Too often we try to get away with going in our own direction. Yet, we are called to your way. And then God, there are the times that we run from your will only to turn back and realize your way. Thank you for being there when we turn back. Thank you for knowing that we try. On the days that we say yes and run away anyway, we acknowledge that you continue to light a path back to you. Be with us as we stumble in the darkness attempting to follow your light.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *God Bless This House*

Portnoy

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

SECOND READING: Matthew 21:23-32

MESSAGE *For and With*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN: *Abide with Me*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, we lift up these gifts of time, talent and money in joy. We acknowledge the workings of you in this world and in our community. Continue to fill us with generous hearts and continue to do your amazing work in the world. Amen.

DOXOLOGY AND DEDICATION

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

CHARGE AND BLESSING

DISMISSAL *Go Now In Peace*

**THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN**

Dr. Gary de Sesa

Director, Ministry of Music

Dr. Natalie Naylor

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Robert Gilmore

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Helen Lockman

Asst. Treasurer

Dwight Dyer

Financial Secretary

We welcome again to the pulpit the Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth.

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Burke Masterson  
Dawn and John de Sesa  
The James Haefele Family  
The Mastrangelo Family  
The Zarghami Family  
Joe Terramoccia & Muoio Family  
Emily & Dwight Dyer  
Jonathan Dashiff & Family

Emma Steck  
Eddie Balsamo  
Rev. Stark Jones  
Inesa Murphy  
Kelly Eickenbrock  
Helen Lockman  
Terry Hinton

All who are struggling due to the Coronavirus outbreak  
And those who are on the front lines helping

**First Reading**

**Exodus 17:1-7**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

**Second Reading**

**Matthew 21:23-32**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>23</sup> When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

<sup>25</sup> Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup> But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>28</sup> “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup> He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

**HYMN**  
**“God Is Here!”**

God is here! As we Your people  
Meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure  
What it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
All our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit  
Into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us  
Of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font, and pulpit;  
Here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
Here in silence, as in speech,  
Here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome  
In the Shepherd's flock and fold,  
Here, as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
Seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living  
To believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
In an age of change and doubt  
Keep us faithful to the gospel,  
Help us work Your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
All we have to give, receive;  
We, who cannot live without You,  
We adore you! We believe!

**ANTHEM**  
**“God Bless This House”**

- Portnoy

God bless this house, God bless this place  
And keep us safe in your embrace  
God bless the dark, God bless the light  
God bless us all by day and night.

May our days be renewed for good  
May we answer where God calls  
May the work of our hands show that we know  
That this house, that God's house has no walls.

God bless this house, God bless this place  
May all who come within this space  
Go forth in joy, go forth in peace  
God bless them all in time to come  
God bless this house.

**HYMN**  
**“Abide with Me”**

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide!  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see.  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, Thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

### **Go Now In Peace**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen, Amen, Amen.