

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

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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GATHERING IN THE LORD'S NAME

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - HOPE

We light this candle in the Hope of the Christ Child. We invite the Holy into our messes this day. This advent, especially we lift up the mess of 2020. Yet we trust that in the middle of this mess, hope comes.

WELCOMING PRAYER

Gracious God, descend into our spaces this day. Work within and through the Spirit to lift us up and be present with you. Let us worship, Amen.

HYMN: 2 (Blue Hymnal) *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Creator, since the beginning we have been your people. We often stray, we let sin overcome us, yet we strive for relationship with you. Forgive us for the many times in which our faith faded, in which hope did not prevail. Continue to remember us and remind us that we are all your people, we try.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Lewis

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

SECOND READING: Mark 13:24-37

MESSAGE *Hope*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN: 8 (Blue Hymnal) *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In this season of hope, God we lift up to you our offerings. We ask that your work within them and through us to show your hope to this world. Wash over us with your hope this day and show our community this gift. 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*

POSTLUDE

THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

Pastor

Dr. Gary de Sesa

Director, Ministry of Music

Dr. Natalie Naylor

Clerk of Session

Robert Gilmore

Treasurer

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Emma Steck
Eddie Balsamo
The James Haefele Family
The Mastrangelo Family
Joe Terramoccia & Muoio Family
Emily & Dwight Dyer

Dawn and John de Sesa
Rev. Stark Jones
Inesa Murphy
Kelly Eickenbrock
Terry Hinton
Cathy and Jason Nelson

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

First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.⁴ From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.⁵ You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.⁷ There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.⁸ Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Second Reading

Mark 13:24-37

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²⁴ “But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.²⁶ Then they

will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory.²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn,³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

HYMN

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
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ANTHEM

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HYMN

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ, Adorned with prayer and love
and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide My heart to Thee: here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.

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.