

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

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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GATHERING IN THE LORD'S NAME

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - LOVE

We invite God into our lives, into our mess. We light the candle of hope, trusting that with God our days are brighter. We light the candle of love, inviting God into our lives. We trust that in the midst of 2020, God's love can shine. Amen.

WELCOMING PRAYER

God of Love, we invite you into our hearts this worship service. No matter where we are or how we are worshipping today, we invite your love into our lives. Let us worship! Amen.

HYMN: 3 (Blue Hymnal) *Comfort, Comfort You My People*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving Redeemer, during this season it is easy to get caught up in the material world. It is easy to buy too much, eat too much and stress too much. It is easy to see what we do not have or long for Christmas memories to come back. Yet, we are called to acknowledge that each season is different. We come anew to you today, lift up my failures and welcome your grace.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM *Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?*

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

SECOND READING: Mark 1:1-8

MESSAGE *Cup of Love*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN: 13 (Blue Hymnal) *Prepare The Way*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, we come to this community to do your work. We strive to show your love in this world around us. We dedicate more than just our energy and talent, today we also dedicate this offering. We ask that you work within and through these gifts to abound in our community. 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	Dawn and John de Sesa
Eddie Balsamo	Rev. Stark Jones
The James Haefele Family	Inesa Murphy
The Mastrangelo Family	Kelly Eickenbrock
Joe Terramoccia & Muoio Family	Terry Hinton
Emily & Dwight Dyer	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 40:1-11

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." ⁶ A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰ See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Second Reading

Mark 1:1-8

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" ⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

HYMN

"Comfort, Comfort You My People"

Comfort, comfort you my people,
Tell of peace, thus says our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness
Bowed beneath oppression's load.
Speak you to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them that their sins I cover,
And their warfare now is over.

For the herald's voice is calling
In the desert far and near,
Bidding us to make repentance
Since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise in meeting
And the hills bow down in greeting.

Make you straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain:
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits God's holy reign,
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token
That God's word is never broken.

ANTHEM

“Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?”

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In the quiet of the night, or in morning's early light,
Is your heart prepared for a King?
Will you hear an angel sing?
Will your own hosannas ring?
Is your heart prepared for a King?
Wait! Watch!
Pray for the One who brings hope to a wearied earth.
Wait! Watch!
Pray for the One who brings peace,
Who brings peace by His birth.
Can you see the shining star?
Does it call you from afar?
Is your heart prepared for a King?
Is the babe of whom we sing
Born to be our Lord and King?
Is your heart prepared?
Is your heart prepared?
Is your heart prepared for a King?

HYMN

“Prepare the Way”

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story,
O blest is Christ that came In God's most holy name.

Christ brings God's rule, O Zion; He comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, And justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, For grace and joy abounding.
O blest is Christ that came In God's most holy name.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; Your Savior's rule embrace.
And tidings of salvation Proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing, Their adoration voicing.
O blest is Christ that came In God's most holy name.

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.