

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

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

DECEMBER 13, 2020

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GATHERING IN THE LORD'S NAME

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - JOY

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 light the candle of joy, believing in the miracles of Jesus. Today, we celebrate in our relationship with God. Amen.

WELCOMING PRAYER

Gracious God, we invite you into our hearts this morning. We open ourselves to the joy of the Divine in the world. We trust in the workings of God and take the next few moments to celebrate God. Amen.

HYMN: 19 (Blue Hymnal) *To a Maid Engaged to Joseph*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Redeeming God, we trust that you have paved the way for us. Yet, we fail to align ourselves on that path. We make our own choices and we fail to see you working in the world. Holy God, trust that we try. And that we work for a better relationship.
(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM *Light A Candle*

Keen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

SECOND READING: Luke 1:46b-55

MESSAGE *Joseph and Mary*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN: 86 (Red Hymnal) *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, in our joy we lift up our offering today. We acknowledge that it is more than money needed to do your work in this community; so we lift up all the time, talent and energy given this week to your work. We ask that you continue to work in our hearts and minds so that we may, in joy, live grateful and generous lives. 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 61:1-4, 8-11 **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. ⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. ⁸ For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. ¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of

righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Second Reading

Luke 1:46b-55 **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

^{46b} “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

HYMN

“To a Maid Engaged to Joseph”

To a maid engaged to Joseph, The angel Gabriel came.
“Fear not,” the angel told her, “I come to bring good news,
Good news I come to tell you, Good news, I say, good news.

“For you are highly favored By God, the Lord of all,
Who even now is with you. You are on earth most blest,
You are most blest, most blessed, God chose you, you are blest!”

But Mary was most troubled To hear the angel's word.
What was the angel saying? It troubled her to hear,
To hear the angel's message, It troubled her to hear.

“Fear not, for God is with you, And you shall bear a child.
His name shall be called Jesus, God’s offspring from on high.
And He shall reign forever, Forever reign on high.”

“How shall this be?” said Mary, “I am not yet a wife.”
The angel answered quickly, “The power of the Most High
Will come upon you shortly; Your child will be God’s child.”

As Mary heard the angel, She wondered at his words.
“Behold, I am your handmaid,” She said unto her God.
“So be it; I am ready According to your Word.”

ANTHEM
“Light A Candle”

-Keen

Light a candle, hold a sign of joy in your hand.
Light a candle, let it shine across the land.
The hour that seems the darkest turns quickly into day.
Light a candle, let it show us the way.

Light a candle for the child who sleeps in the cold.
Light a candle, let our heart’s compassion unfold.
A light will make the darkness seem easier to bear.
Light a candle for the hope that we share.

Let your light outshine your ev’ry fear.
Hold it high, hold onto what is clear;
Hold onto ev’rything that you hold dear.
Light a candle, let it shine for young and old.

Light a candle, let your heart’s compassion unfold.
A ray of hope for all of us, a simple, silent prayer.
Light a candle for the love that we share.
Light a candle for the light that we share.

HYMN

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

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.