

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
December 24, 2020 - Online

GATHERING MUSIC

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen (arr. Gary de Sesa/Gary B. de Sesa)
(Gary Bouroff de Sesa – Violin)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of
grace and truth.

People: ***We have beheld his glory, Alleluia!***

Leader: Let us worship God.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory
forever. Amen.*

HYMN: 277 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT AND CHRIST CANDLES

HYMN: 270 *Joy To The World! (Vs. 1 & 2)*

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-7 (Page 58)

HYMN: 262 *Away In A Manger (Vs. 1)*

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HYMN: 278 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-5, 14 (Page 91 & 92)

HYMN: 262 *Away In A Manger (Vs. 2)*

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:15-20 (Page 58)

HYMN: 250 *O Little Town of Bethlehem (Vs. 1, 2, 4)*

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7 (Page 638)

SOLO *O Holy Night* Adam
(Kita de Sesa - Soprano)
(Gary Bouroff de Sesa – Violin)

MESSAGE *Light Shines in the Darkness* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM *Light a Candle* (Candles will be lit) Keen

HYMN: 253 *Silent Night, Holy Night*

CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Christmas Fantasy (arr. Paul Johnson)*
(Gary Bouroff de Sesa - Violin)

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To all joining us on this Christmas Eve:

***We are blessed to have you with us and we invite you to be
part of our church family as we worship together
in person each Sunday morning at 10.
Services are also online for the duration of the pandemic:
www.RoslynPresbyterianChurch.com***

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth
Dr. Gary de Sesa
Dr. Natalie Naylor
Robert Gilmore

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Kita de Sesa, Soprano soloist, Reader
Gary Bouroff de Sesa, Violinist
Elizabeth David de Sesa, Reader
Livia, Ian and Trevor Roth, Worship Assistance

ANTHEM
“Light A Candle”

-Keen

Light a candle, hold a sign of hope 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.

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:8-14

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

John 1:1-5, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb;

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
[Refrain]

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that men no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
[Refrain]

“Joy To The World!”

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

“Away In A Manger”

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus - no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song?
[Refrain]

Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the new-born King.
[Refrain]

See within a manger laid Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, With us sing our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars together Proclaim the holy birth;
And praises sing to God, the King, And peace to men on earth.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend on us, we pray.
Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord, Emmanuel.

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child. Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar; Heavenly hosts sing alleluia.
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus Lord at Thy birth.