

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

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

DECEMBER 27, 2020

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**GATHERING IN THE LORD'S NAME**

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

WELCOMING PRAYER

**Holy God, we invite you into our worship service. We acknowledge the Christmas season and the gift of Christ. Enter our spaces, our hearts and our minds this day as we worship and praise you. Amen.**

HYMN: 277 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Holy God, with Christmas day behind us, we acknowledge that we too often forget that Christmas is a season. Generosity is not one day a year but a life full of God's grace. Work within us and through us for the Kingdom of God in the now.**  
(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN: 270 *Joy To The World!*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

FIRST READING: Psalm 148:1-14

SECOND READING: Luke 2:22-40

MESSAGE *It Is Still Christmas* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy God, we lift up to you the many gifts that we have given and received in this past week. In our generosity, we invite the Spirit to show us the needs around us and God's wisdom to use our gifts wisely. 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.*

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, Soprano soloist  
Gary Bouroff de Sesa, Violinist

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

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

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**

**Psalm 148:1-14**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! <sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! <sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! <sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. <sup>6</sup> He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. <sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, <sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! <sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! <sup>10</sup> Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! <sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! <sup>12</sup> Young men and women alike, old and young together! <sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. <sup>14</sup> He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

### **Second Reading**

**Luke 2:22-40**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of

turtledoves or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup> “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” <sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” <sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

### **HYMN**

**“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]

**HYMN**  
**“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.

No more let sin and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground.  
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

**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.