

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

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
EPIPHANY SUNDAY**

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**GATHERING IN THE LORD'S NAME**

WELCOME

WELCOMING PRAYER

**Light of the world, today we come to celebrate when your light shines. We come together in this space to feel your light shining in our lives. We ask that you move between our spaces and through us today so that this worship can be for you. Amen.**

HYMN: 258 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Holy God, we confess that too often we let your light shine without seeing it. We let your love fade and your hope disappear. Give us the strength to continue in your light, love and hope. Give us courage when we face the darkness. Continue to work within us and through us this and every day.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM *Star in the Desert*

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

SECOND READING: Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE *Epiphany Moments*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN: 288 *We Three Kings*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, you work within this world offering your amazing grace in this world. We lift up to you these gifts from our joyful hearts. We ask that you continue to work within this congregation to do your will in this world. 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  
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**

#### **Isaiah 60:1-6**

#### **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

### **Second Reading**

#### **Matthew 2:1-12**

#### **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In

Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

### **HYMN**

#### **"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"**

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold! thro'out the heavens There shone a holy light. [Refrain]

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born,  
And brought us God's salvation That blessed Christmas morn.  
[Refrain]

**ANTHEM**  
**“Star in the Desert”**

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Star in the desert, a light in the sand,  
Piercing through the shadows, covering the land;  
Watching wise men journey in a tiny caravan,  
Star in the desert, the star of Bethlehem.

Star in the desert, glist'ning in the night,  
Leading on the faithful to the Savior's light.  
Candle in the darkness, glowing ever like a pearl,  
Sending the promise of peace to all the world.

Star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to that perfect light, perfect light,

More than a symbol, this Morning Star so bright,  
It brings the dawning, it dispels the night,  
Hope forever is shining, on the world God's love is poured,  
For the Star in our desert, the Star in our desert,  
The Star in our desert is Jesus Christ, the Lord,  
Christ the Lord, Christ the Lord!

**HYMN**  
**“We Three Kings”**

We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar -  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain - Following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain; Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign. [Refrain]

Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a Deity nigh.  
Prayer and praising, all men raising, Worship Him, God on high.  
[Refrain]

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom -  
Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.  
[Refrain]

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies. [Refrain]

**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.