

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - JOY

The season of Advent is one of anticipation. With joyful hearts, we anticipate the coming of the Christ child. We light this third candle to represent joy!

**Let the joyfulness of God's relationship with us spread.**

We light the second candle to represent our faith. For it is our faith that brings us to God. We light the first candle to remind us that we should always be prepared for the coming of Christ.

**Let the joyfulness of God's relationship with us spread.**

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: We come to worship with joyful hearts

**Many: Let us praise and worship our God**

One: We come to worship with anticipation

**Many: Let us praise and worship God**

One: We come to worship ready for the Holy

**All: Let us praise with joy**

HYMN: (Insert) *The People Who Walked in Darkness*

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Please remain seated throughout the service. **Bold** indicates read in unison.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Holy Creator, we confess that too often we snuff the spark of joy. We let the cares of this world overwhelm the joy of your love in our hearts and minds. During this busy season, we allow the "to do" list and the "to get" list fill our moments. During this season, we let memories of the past and grief for those not here cloud our minds. During this season, we let things left undone and unsaid stir doubts. Yet this season we are called in quiet anticipation. This is the season the joy of God's presence with us is celebrated. Holy, we confess the many times in which we have missed your joy.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please remain in your seat and wave to your neighbors.)

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

ANTHEM: *Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?*

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**All: Holy Creator, descend into our hearts and minds today. We lift up this reading and your Word so that your wisdom may be revealed. Work within the Word read and spoken so that we come to know more of your glory. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 55:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 4:13-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Unexpected*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN: 600 (Blue Hymnal) *Song of Mary*

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERTORY (We are not passing the offertory plate; please leave your donation and COVID wellness card in the offering plate as you leave.)

DOXOLOGY

*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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**In joy, we lift up to you, Oh Holy, the gifts freely given today. Continue to work in the gifts given and within our hearts offering your glory to this community. Amen.**

HYMN: 40 (Blue Hymnal) *Joy to the World!*

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.

Refreshments Host today is Jo Gencorelli.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Emma Steck  
Eddie Balsamo  
The Mastrangelo Family  
Cathy and Jason Nelson  
Rhonda Liss  
Sam Rizzo  
Merrick Randall  
Family of Richard Shearman  
Melanie Bailey & Martufi Family  
Jeff Lovering

Dawn and John de Sesa  
Rev. Stark Jones  
Emily & Dwight Dyer  
Paula Liscio  
The Stallone Family  
Joy Wyler  
Anita Catalanello  
Debra Hecht  
Casey DeSantis  
Elizabeth Jordan

All who are struggling due to the Coronavirus outbreak  
And those who are on the front lines helping

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Important Dates**

Wed, Dec. 15	10 AM	Bible Study In Person at Church
Wed, Dec. 22	10 AM	Bible Study In Person at Church
Fri, Dec. 24	5:30 PM	Christmas Eve Service

## **First Reading**

### **Isaiah 55:1-13**

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

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

## **Second Reading**

### **John 4:13-14**

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

<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

## **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?  
Will you watch? Will you pray? Is your heart prepared,  
is your heart prepared for a King?

### **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.