

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: Let us invite God in

**Many: We open our church, our hearts and our minds to the Holy**

One: Let us focus on God

**Many: We let our minds settle so that we can focus on God**

One: Let us listen for God

**Many: We clear our minds so that we can hear God's message**

One: Let us be with God

**Many: We calm our presence making room for the Holy**

One: Let us worship

**All: We worship and praise!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

One: By the waters of Jordan, Jesus came for baptism

**Many: By the hand of John the Baptist, Jesus was baptized**

One: By the waters of the Jordan, God proclaimed "This is my child"

**Many: The voice of God spoke and a dove descended on to Jesus**

One: By the waters of baptism, we too become children of God

**All: By the waters of my baptism, I am a child of God.**

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

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Holy Redeemer, we come before you, remember our own baptism, and feeling our short comings. We lift up to you the times that we fail to live into our baptism call. The moments that our support of others' baptism call fell short. Continue to work with us and through us so that the powers of your water may be felt.**  
(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: *Mary, Did You Know?*

Lowry/Green

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**All: Gracious Redeemer, work within the Word read and spoken so that our hearts are moved and your wisdom is understood. Lift in us the Spirit so that we may be moved to work for your glory now and beyond. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 8:14-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *God's Children*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN: 492 (Blue Hymnal) *Baptized in Water*

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** (see insert)

**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

**Holy God, we lift up to you the gifts given here today. We thank you for the blessings that continue to abound in our life and this church. We ask that these gifts flow like the waters of baptism through this church and our community. Amen.**

HYMN: 499 (Blue Hymnal) *Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed vs 1,2,4*

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 Cathy Shimmel.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Emma Steck	Dawn and John de Sesa
Eddie Balsamo	Rev. Stark Jones
The Mastrangelo Family	Emily & Dwight Dyer
Cathy and Jason Nelson	Paula Liscio
Rhonda Liss	The Stallone Family
Sam Rizzo	Joy Wyler
Merrick Randall	Anita Catalanello
Family of Richard Shearman	Debra Hecht
Melanie Bailey & Martufi Family	Casey DeSantis
Jeff Lovering	Elizabeth Jordan
Jack Walker	

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Important Dates**

Wed, Jan. 12	10 AM Bible Study In Person at Church
Sun, Jan. 30	11 AM RPC Annual Meeting

**First Reading**

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22      New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” <sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

## **Second Reading**

### **Acts 8:14-17**

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

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

### **ANTHEM**

**"Mary, Did You Know?"** - Lowry/Green

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This Child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm the storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
When you kiss your little baby, you kiss the face of God.

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.  
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the Lamb!

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would be the world's great Giver?  
And your humble King would be baptized at the bank of Jordan's River?  
Did you know He had come to earth that all our sins be eased?  
And to hear His Father say to Him, "With you I am well pleased." \*

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?  
That sleeping child you're holding is the great I AM?

Mary, did you know?

\*Additional Verse by Gary de Sesa

## **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.