

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 2022

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: Sing praises to the Lord, you faithful;

**Many: We will give thanks to God's holy name.**

One: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**Many: We will give thanks to God's holy name.**

One: God has turned our mourning into dancing! Let us praise and not be silent!

**All: Lord our God, we will give thanks to your holy name, now and always!**

ANTHEM: *I Sing Praises*

MacAlmon

PRAYER OF ADORATION

**God of the Risen Christ and the rising earth, we come before you this day giving thanks for all the wonder in your creation: for the tiny perfection revealed in a baby's fingers grasping ours, in each daffodil unzipping its jacket to greet the spring, and each rock face worn by wind and water, bearing its rugged beauty with your praise. These details lift our hearts to praise you, too. So let the**

("\*" invites all who are able to stand. **Bold** indicates read in unison.)

**details of the story the Risen Christ lift our hearts this day, that we may greet a new week as an occasion to discover him in our midst, making all things new with the springtime of your Spirit. Receive our heartfelt worship, O God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, ever Three and ever One, now and evermore. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 403 (Red Hymnal) *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of each and every life, week by week we lay our lives before you, acknowledging ways in which we fall short of your hope for us. Today we confess we sometimes find it hard to forgive ourselves. Things done long ago still haunt us. We hear your forgiveness proclaimed, yet your promise of a fresh start can ring hollow. Forgive us if we think we are the one sinner who cannot be forgiven. Forgive us when we cannot find the peace you offer.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: O God of sight and insight, send your Holy Spirit to remove the scales from our eyes so that we might see your truth and grasp your wisdom. Grant us fresh understanding of your Word and your will for our lives. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 9:1-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 21:1-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Now What*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

\* HYMN: 563 (Red Hymnal) *Open My Eyes That I May See*

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

\* HYMN: 514 (Blue Hymnal) *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION  
(Response to *In your great mercy: Hear our prayers.*)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: 369 (Blue Hymnal) *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

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

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, You have given us life and furnished it with much beauty and blessing. In Christ you have given yourself to us. So we offer to you a portion of what we have received to share in the work of your kingdom. Use our energy and ability for your purposes for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.**

\* 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.*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

DISMISSAL *Go Now in Peace*

POSTLUDE

**THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN**

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

Pastor  
Director, Ministry of Music  
Clerk of Session  
Treasurer

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

The Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the Barbara Wackenhut Foundation.

Refreshments Host today is Katie Zarghami.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Important Dates**

Wed, May 4	10 AM Bible Study In Person at Church
Mon, May 9	7 PM Bible Study via Zoom
Tues, May 24	3 PM Session Meeting

**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	Rhonda Liss
The Stallone Family	Sam Rizzo
Merrick Randall	Anita Catalanello
Casey DeSantis	Jeff Lovering
Melanie Bailey & Martufi Family	Edith Van Raalte
Richard and Lynn Cardozo	Marie Idone

Families of victims in Ukraine and all the Ukrainian refugees

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

**First Reading**

**Acts 9:1-20**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest<sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.<sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"<sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."<sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told

what you are to do.”<sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.<sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.<sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.”<sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,<sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”<sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;<sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.”<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;<sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”<sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”<sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,<sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,<sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

## Second Reading

### John 21:1-19

### New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.<sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.<sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.<sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.”<sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.<sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea.<sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.”<sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went

aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.<sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord.<sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.<sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.”<sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.”<sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.<sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.”<sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

## ANTHEM “I Sing Praises”

- MacAlmon

I sing praises to Your name, O Lord,  
Praises to Your name, O Lord,  
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

I sing praises to Your name, O Lord,  
Praises to Your name, O Lord,  
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

I give glory to Your name, O Lord,  
Glory to Your name, O Lord,  
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

I give glory to Your name, O Lord,  
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