

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 2023

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN: 297 (Red Hymnal) *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the  
cornerstone.

**Many: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

One: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of  
death – even death on a cross.

**Many: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

One: Therefore God has exalted him and given him the name  
above every name.

**Many: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the  
name of the Lord.**

**All: Let us worship God in the name of Jesus Christ, our  
Servant Lord.**

\* HYMN: 91 (Blue Hymnal) *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

**God of majesty and mercy, we worship today, as the Cross looms  
larger on the horizon. We praise you for Jesus, the Ruler who  
came in humility to free us from captivity. He came in mercy to**

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

**free us from the sins we recognize in ourselves, and the sins we  
easily overlook. He came to show us the full extent of your mercy,  
love and justice. So we praise you for your kindness and the  
strength you show to lift our burdens and shoulder them for us in  
Christ Jesus. We come in humility, knowing you have given us  
your all, and we can never offer enough for such overwhelming  
love. Receive our worship in Christ's name and for his sake.  
Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of mystery and mercy, your mercy and forgiveness is a  
mystery to us. We fail to show mercy to others when they fall short  
of our expectations. We keep silent rather than speak up when  
others are in trouble. We prefer what is easy to what is right, even  
though your Spirit draws our attention. We seek your forgiveness,  
O God, and ask that you make us more forgiving. Inspire us with  
the costly choices Jesus made as he moved toward the Cross, and  
give us the courage to follow him.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Hosanna! Sing A Loud Hosanna!* Hayes

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: God of courage and comfort, as we follow the stories of  
Christ's journey to the cross, inspire us with the courage to follow  
him even when others turn against him. And comfort us, knowing  
that you will walk with us through every challenge, just as you  
walked with Jesus who is your Living Word. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 21:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *The Good Parts* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

\* HYMN: 367 (Blue Hymnal) *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION  
(Response to *Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.*)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: 88 (Blue Hymnal) *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

CALL TO OFFERTORY

\* 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

**Gracious God, when we remember Jesus gave his life for us, our offering seems so small. Yet Jesus shows us five loaves and two fish can feed a multitude; a man dying on a cross becomes Living Bread for a hungry world. Bless these small gifts with your goodness so that the miracle of Jesus' love continues to amaze the world. 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**

**Upcoming Dates**

Wed, Apr. 5 10 AM Bible Study In Person

Sun, Apr. 9 10 AM Easter Sunday

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Emma Steck

Eddie Balsamo

The Family of Dwight Dyer

Sam Rizzo

Charlie Barba

The Catalanello Family

Graziella Girardi

Sheemeza Ali

Joyce Zanchelli

Agatina D'Aria

Adele Martuffi

John Nistico

George Sgouros

Dawn and John de Sesa

Rev. Stark Jones

The Stallone Family

Merritt Randall

The Family of Edith Van Raalte

Richard and Lynn Cardozo

Frank Gencorelli

Paul Whelan and Family

Nico Barley

Emmie Shoch

Dr. Ralph & Judy Mastrangelo

Nora Shimmel

Jeff Lovering

Families of victims in Ukraine and all the Ukrainian refugees  
All who are struggling due to the Coronavirus outbreak

## **First Reading**

**Matthew 21:1-11**

**(NRSV)**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: <sup>5</sup> “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” <sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

## **Second Reading**

**Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” <sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. <sup>23</sup> This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! <sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. <sup>27</sup> The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. <sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**New Revised Standard Version**

## **ANTHEM**

**“Hosanna! Sing A Loud Hosanna!”**

- Hayes

Hosanna! Sing a loud Hosanna!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! To the Son of David!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

They thronged before, behind, around. They cast palm branches on the ground. And still rose up the joyful sound: Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna! Sing a loud Hosanna!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! To the Son of David!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

## **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.