

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 9, 2023

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: 360 (Red Hymnal) *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: This is the Good News – the light shines in the darkness and the darkness will never overcome it.

Many: Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

One: This is the Good News: once we were no people; now we are God's people.

Many: Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

One: This is the Good News – the grave is empty and Christ is risen.

All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of resurrecting power, we are caught up in the joy of Easter and your love fills us with expectation. Death will never overcome life, and the powers of chaos will never overcome your loving intentions for the cosmos. Just as Jesus spoke to Mary in the

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

garden that first Easter day, you call each of us by name because you love us. So we praise you for the hope you have given us, your powerful love and your promise of new life in Christ. So may we live our love for you gladly, today and every day, as we sing with our hearts full of praise. Amen.

* HYMN: 122 (Blue Hymnal) *Thine Is the Glory*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, on this Holy day lift up our hearts and minds to feel your presence. Forgive us this week for the times we failed to see you; forgive us when we made judgment calls or left things undone. Continue to work in us and through us despite the many obstacles that we face this week. Continue to remind us that we are worthy of your love and accepted into your fold.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *See There, My Savior* de Sesa

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: Holy Spirit, descend into our hearts and minds today. Open us to the wisdom of your Kingdom. Give us courage to trust your Word and strength to follow in your glory. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 10:34-43

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:1-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *Jesus Lives*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 572 (Red Hymnal) *Blessed Assurance*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (see insert)

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

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

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

Generous God, this day we recognize how much you have given us in Christ Jesus, and what that gift has cost. Bless these gifts so they may offer the hope and joy we feel today to the world you love so dearly. In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

* HYMN: 302 (Blue Hymnal) *I Danced in the Morning*

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.

The Easter Lilies today are donated by members of the congregation, given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones.

Refreshments Host today is Soraya Gage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, Apr. 12	10 AM	Bible Study In Person
Wed, Apr. 19		No Bible Study
Mon, Apr. 24	1 PM	Cemetery Committee Meeting
Mon, Apr, 24	1:30 PM	Session Meeting

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Emma Steck	Dawn and John de Sesa
Eddie Balsamo	Rev. Stark Jones
The Family of Dwight Dyer	The Stallone Family
Sam Rizzo	Merritt Randall
Charlie Barba	The Family of Edith Van Raalte
The Catalanello Family	Richard and Lynn Cardozo
Graziella Girardi	Frank Gencorelli
Sheemeza Ali	Paul Whelan and Family
Joyce Zanchelli	Nico Barley
Agatina D'Aria	Emmie Shoch
Adele Martuffi	Dr. Ralph & Judy Mastrangelo
John Nistico	Nora Shimmel
George Sgouros	Jeff Lovering

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

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Second Reading

John 20:1-18

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

ANTHEM

"See There, My Savior"

- de Sesa

See there, my Savior, in a manger's bed
See there, my Savior, not a tear is shed
For through His birth, began God's plan on earth
See there, my Savior, the Lord of all.

See there, my Savior, fisherman of men
See there, my Savior, and the flock He tends
They dropped their nets when they heard the master's call
See there, my Savior, the Lord of all.

See there, my Savior, healing with His hands
See there, my Savior, speaking God's commands
He made the blind to see, He made the lame to walk
See there, my Savior, the Lord of all.

But there were those there who said it couldn't be, my Lord
They had eyes, but they just couldn't see, my Lord
As the people grew scared and afraid, my Lord
You were betrayed, my Lord, according to God's will.

See there, my Savior, at a table spread
"This wine is my blood, my body is the bread
Though I must die I'll live in you eternally
Share this Last Supper remembering me."

See there, my Savior, being brought to trial
He knows the outcome, He knew all the while
I thought I'd die when they shouted, "Crucify!"
O Lord, my Savior . . . why?

See there, my Savior nailed upon that tree
I can't believe that He would die for me
And in His dying breath He stills forgives
See, there my Savior. He lives

See, there my Savior, hallowed in the sky
They drove the nails in, but He couldn't die
Instead, he lives and in answering God's call
See there, my Savior, O my Savior
See there, my Savior, the King of all!

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.