

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 16, 2023

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN: (Insert) *Here I Am to Worship*

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: All things of God, all the heavens,

**Many: Worship and praise your Maker.**

One: Sun, moon and stars; wind, rain and thunder,

**Many: Worship and praise your Maker.**

One: Mountains and forests, streams and waterfalls,

**Many: Worship and praise your Maker.**

One: Creatures beneath the seas, birds throughout the skies, all that  
leaps or crawls, all who walk or worry or wonder,

**All: Let us worship and praise our Maker together.**

\* HYMN: 121 (Blue Hymnal) *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God, our Maker, we come giving thanks for all the wonder in your  
creation, the great theatre of your glory. We praise you for the  
detailed perfection revealed in a baby's tiny fingers, for the  
wisdom and growth that comes with age, for the strength to serve  
you, for your glory seen in pussy willows greeting the spring, and**

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

**in each rock face worn by wind and water. These details lift our  
hearts to praise you. So let the details of the story the Risen Christ  
lift our hearts this day, that we too may discover him in our midst,  
making all things new with the springtime of your Spirit. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God our Redeemer, in raising Jesus from the dead, you  
showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to  
our lives. Yet when things go wrong, we confess we are sometimes  
uncertain how to find you. Like Thomas, we are unsure if we can  
trust the promise of resurrection. Forgive us when we struggle  
with doubt about your presence with us. Breathe your Spirit upon  
us and bring us the peace Christ promised.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Christ is Risen, Alleluia!*

Larson

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Gracious God, as we listen to the Scripture, increase our  
understanding by the power of your Spirit. Shape our lives with  
your wisdom and inspire our love through Christ, your living  
Word. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 21:8-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:19-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Jesus' Presence*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

\* HYMN: 3 (Red Hymnal) *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: 399 (Blue Hymnal) *We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight*

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

**Giver of every good and perfect gift, in Christ we see the power of sacrifice, and trust the hope of resurrection he offers. Receive our gifts given in gratitude for all we have received in him. Bless all that we give so that his healing work in the world may continue. Amen.**

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

Refreshments Host today is Maya Leibfreid.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Upcoming Dates**

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**

**Genesis 21:8-20**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>8</sup>The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. <sup>9</sup>But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. <sup>10</sup>So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." <sup>11</sup>The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account

of his son. <sup>12</sup> But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. <sup>13</sup> As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” <sup>14</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. <sup>15</sup> When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. <sup>16</sup> Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. <sup>17</sup> And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. <sup>18</sup> Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” <sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. <sup>20</sup> God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow.

## **Second Reading**

**John 20:19-31**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and

stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## **ANTHEM**

**"Christ is Risen, Alleluia!"**

**- Larson**

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears; Bowing down in joy before him, rising up from grief and tears. Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o'er; Through the open gates of gladness he returns to life once more! Christ triumphed and we conquer by his mighty enterprise; We with him to life eternal by his resurrection rise! Christ is risen Heaven rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead. Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head, lift up your head! Child of God, lift up your head! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **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.