

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 469 (Blue Hymnal) *Morning Has Broken*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: God of all times and places, we gather to worship you.

Many: We turn our eyes to you and rejoice in your presence.

One: God of all life and love, we gather to sing your praise.

Many: We turn our eyes to you and marvel at your power and your promise.

One: God of all wisdom and wonder, we gather to learn from your Son.

All: We turn our eyes toward Christ and wait for your Word to lead us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of grace and purpose, you are the source of our lives and the source of all our possibilities. You call us to serve in your world and inspire us to choose a purpose for ourselves that will express your goodness and mercy. Jesus has shown us many ways to serve with courage and compassion. The Holy Spirit opens doors for us to act with love and loyalty. Draw near to us in this time of

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

worship and show us where you need us to be so that our lives may bring you honor, Source, Savior and Spirit of Life. Amen.

* HYMN: 230 (Blue Hymnal) *This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of mercy, you call us to love our neighbors and serve your purposes. We confess that this is easier said than done. When things get complicated, we lose patience and turn away. When we are unprepared for a challenge, we excuse ourselves from taking part. Forgive us, O God. Renew our willingness to put ourselves on the line for your love.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Have Mercy Upon Me*

Kaplan

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: God of prophets and parables, your Word can meet us with challenge, a puzzle and a promise. Send your Spirit with the gifts of understanding to grasp the puzzle and courage to take up the challenge and the promise, through Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 589 (Red Hymnal) *Here I Am, Lord*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

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

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: 431 (Red Hymnal) *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

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

God of purpose and promise, we offer our gifts to help fulfill your purposes on earth. Bless our gifts and our actions so that others will grasp the promise of your love and discover your purpose for their lives, through Christ, our Friend and Savior. 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.

Refreshments Host for today is Maya Leibfreid.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, Nov. 15	7 PM	Bible Study Via Zoom
Sun, Nov. 26	10:30 AM	Adjusted Service time with Kalam
Sun, Nov. 26	11:30 AM	Turkey Lunch with Kalam
Wed, Nov. 29	7 PM	Bible Study Via Zoom

Please note special service time on Nov. 26, 10:30 AM Joint Service with Kalam, Thanksgiving Celebration Luncheon with Kalam to follow. We are providing pies (please coordinate with Helen and Katie.)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Katie Zarghami	Emily Dyer
Jojo Gencorelli	Richard and Lynn Cardozo
Emma Steck	Nora Shimmel
Dawn and John de Sesa	Rev. Stark Jones
Joyce Zanchelli	Eddie Balsamo
Sam Rizzo	Charlie Barba
The Catalanello Family	Graziella Girardi
Sheemeza Ali	Paul Whelan and Family
Nico Barley	Emmie Shoch
Dr. Ralph & Judy Mastrangelo	John Nistico
Jeff Lovering	Regina Maria
Rhonda Liss	Paula Liscio
Jennifer Galluzzo	The Stallone Family
Elizabeth Bienz	Ray Peres
Jennifer Monda	Jeanette Schramm

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

First Reading

Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25 **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. ² Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the

Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. ³ But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. ¹⁴ “Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” ¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! ¹⁷ It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸ And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.” ¹⁹ Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.” ²¹ But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the Lord.” ²² Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord.” “Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied. ²³ “Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” ²⁴ And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve the Lord our God and obey him.” ²⁵ On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws.

Second Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ⁶ “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ ⁷ “Then all

the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. ¹¹ “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ ¹² “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ ¹³ “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

ANTHEM

“Have Mercy Upon Me”

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Have mercy upon me, have mercy O God
According to Thy loving kindness, Have mercy O God.
Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean
Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow
Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean
Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow

Have mercy upon me, have mercy O God
According to Thy loving kindness, Have mercy O God.
Create in me a new heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a new heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me

Have mercy upon me, have mercy O God
According to Thy loving kindness, Have mercy O God.
Have mercy, O God. Have mercy, O God