

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

10:30 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 43 (Red Hymnal) *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: The Lord is the first and the last,

Many: Our beginning and our end.

One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord our God,

Many: Who was and is, and is to come.

**All: Blessing and honor, glory and majesty be to our God,
now and evermore.**

ANTHEM: *Christians We Have Met to Worship* Larson

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God most holy, you are known to us as the Almighty, Eternal Ruler and Lord. We call you our Shepherd and Guide. We praise you with many names, but you are beyond our imagination, so much greater than our words. We know you in the stories of Jesus and in him, we see your love in action, reaching out to the world. You move in us and through us by your Spirit, drawing us to you, sending us to live out your word. God most holy, Three in One and

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

One in Three, we praise you with our lips and with our lives to offer you honor and love, now and always. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God most merciful, we confess that we have failed to love fully or forgive wholly. You offer us freedom but we settle for the familiar. You offer us hope but we prefer knowing what will happen next. Teach us to give up cautious faithfulness, so that we can offer you our whole lives, and commit to following Jesus into the future you are creating.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HYMN: 147 (Blue Hymnal) *Blessing and Honor*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: God of mystery and majesty, your thoughts are not our thoughts; your ways are not our ways. Send us your Holy Spirit, speaking through the Scriptures, so that our thoughts and ways may be transformed as we encounter your Living Word, in Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:31-46

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *He Is King*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 370 (Red Hymnal) *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION
(Congregational Response: *Your kingdom come. Your will be done.*)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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

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, you envision a world where the hungry are fed and strangers are welcomed. We bring you our gifts to put your vision into action. Bless them and the lives they will touch so that the love of Jesus Christ wears a human face again for those who need him in our time. 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 by Natalie Naylor, in loving memory of Margaret ("Peg") Grosser.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, Nov. 29	7 PM	Bible Study Via Zoom
Sun, Dec. 3	11 AM	First Sunday in Advent

All are invited to our Thanksgiving Celebration Luncheon with Kalam, following today's service.

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

December Birthdays

12/8	Michael Gilmore
12/11	Kita de Sesa
12/16	Erin Gilmore

First Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23 **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

¹⁵For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep asking that

the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Second Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer,

‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

ANTHEM

“Christians We Have Met to Worship”

- Larson

Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power as we seek the Living Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Christians, pray, and God’s great blessing will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for others ‘till our God makes all things new.
When God calls us home to heaven, at the table we sit down;
There our loving Lord will serve us with great blessings all around.

O worship the King, all glorious above;
And gratefully sing God’s wonderful love.
Christians, we have met to worship
And adore the Lord, our God, the Lord our God!

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.