

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 449 (Blue Hymnal) *My Lord! What a Morning*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: The time has come!

Many: The time is now!

One: The reign of God has drawn near.

Many: The kingdom of heaven is here.

One: Let us turn our lives around and accept the good news.

All: We will follow Christ and worship in his name.

* HYMN: 72 (Blue Hymnal) *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of possibility and power, on this first day of the week, you began creating, bringing light to shine and bringing order out of chaos. On this first day of the week, you began your new creation, raising Christ out of death, breathing new life into the world. On this first day of the week, you call us to waken from sleep and gather in your holy name. So we come to listen and wonder, to sing, pray, and be fed. By the gift of your Holy Spirit, make us your instruments of hope in a hurting world, in answer to the

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

prayer and praise we offer this day in Jesus’ name. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of majesty and mercy, we confess to you our wrongdoing: things we have done knowingly and things we have left undone; hurts we inflicted unintentionally and hurts we have tried to disguise; selfish things we have done just to please others, and those just to please ourselves. Forgive us. In the year ahead, help us choose a better way for Jesus’ sake.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Creator God, your Word set creation in motion. Send your Holy Spirit to set our minds in motion as we listen to the Scriptures today. Add to our insight and challenge our assumptions, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:4-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 19:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

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MESSAGE *Child of God* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

ANTHEM: *God’s Table Divine* Johnson

* HYMN: 492 (Blue Hymnal) *Baptized in Water*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (see insert)

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

OUR LORD'S 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

God our Maker, we offer our gifts to you in thanksgiving for your gifts to us in Christ and in creation. Bless what we bring and who we are, so that our gifts will bless the world you love in Christ's name. Amen.

* HYMN: 426 (Red Hymnal) *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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 Katie Zarghami.

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, Jan. 17	7 PM	Bible Study Via Zoom
Tues, Jan. 23	3:30 PM	Session Meeting
Sun, Jan. 28	11:15 AM	RPC Annual Meeting
Wed, Jan. 31	7 PM	Bible Study Via Zoom

Please be advised:

The Annual Meeting of the Roslyn Presbyterian Church and Congregation will take place on Sunday, Jan. 28 at 11:15 AM.

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
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	

All victims, hostages and their families in the Israeli conflict.
We pray for peace in the Middle East.

First Reading

Mark 1:4-11

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁴so John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The

one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” ⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. ¹¹ And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ² He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³ Then he said, “Into what, then, were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴ Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied, ⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

ANTHEM

“God’s Table Divine”

- Johnson

In remembrance of God’s love, we share in this feast.
And the sacrifice made for the greatest and least.
All are welcome, no one is turned away.
As we feast from this banquet of God’s grace.

Come to His table, come and be fed.
Drink of the wine and eat of the bread
Refresh your soul and renew your mind
At God’s table, His table divine.

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.