

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 429 (Red Hymnal) *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: God our rock and our salvation.

Many: We will not be shaken!

One: Trust in God at all times, O people.

Many: We will pour out our hearts to God, our refuge.

One: Today, let us turn to God and accept the good news.

All: We will listen for Christ's call and follow him.

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

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us together as your people, and invited us to follow you. Your church has grown from scattered homes in ancient times – to a worldwide community, embracing men and women, young and old, from many nations and cultures. We marvel at the miracle of your church, and praise you for our place among your people. Your love keeps drawing us to you and to each other, and so we offer you our wonder and praise with millions of those who also gather in your name this day, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of mercy and mystery, we confess your mercy can disturb us. We sit in judgment on what we hear, and cannot imagine offering forgiveness for dreadful actions. We prefer to think that your judgment matches ours. Forgive us for presuming we see as you see, and understand all that you understand. Have mercy upon us, O God, when we give up on the power of mercy.

(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 new life, your Word can change lives with mercy and purpose. Send your Holy Spirit to help us hear your Word with its potential to change our lives as we follow Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:14-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *God Is Here*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 429 (Blue Hymnal) *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

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

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, cultivate and nurture gratitude and trust in us. May our gifts be used for the benefit of the kingdom and all creation in your name. Amen.

* HYMN: 369 (Blue Hymnal) *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

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.

Please be advised:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

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 PRAY FOR

Emily Dyer	Emma Steck
Nora Shimmel	Dawn and John de Sesa
Rev. Stark Jones	Joyce Zanchelli
Eddie Balsamo	Sam Rizzo
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	The Stallone Family
Elizabeth Bienz	Ray Peres
Jay Sikserz	Family of Amaliga Knavs

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

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

Second Reading

Mark 1:14-20

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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.

ANTHEM

“Have Mercy Upon Me”

- Kaplan

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