

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: 360 (Red Hymnal) *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: O Day of Resurrection, we lift our hearts with joy!

**Many: Christ has led us from death to life. Hallelujah!**

One: O Day of Resurrection, we will with hope!

**Many: Christ has led us from earth to heaven. Hallelujah!**

One: Christ is risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

**All: Hallelujah! He is risen indeed.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of Resurrecting power, you lift our hearts with joy when we see the tomb is empty. God of Resurrecting hope, you fill us with excitement when we hear that Christ is risen. God of Resurrecting love, you embrace us with courage when we trust in the power of new life that you promise in the Risen Christ. We offer you all glory, honor and praise with hearts overflowing in Jesus' name.**

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

\* HYMN: 122 (Blue Hymnal) *Thine Is the Glory*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of Resurrecting joy, we confess it's not easy to sustain Easter hope. We let discouragement, fear and frustration settle in and we let anger and anxiety turn our hearts away from you. Resentment and disappointment cling to us and we forget your great mercy and love. Forgive us. Restore within us the joy and hope you promise us in Christ, our Risen Lord.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Resurrection (an Easter medley)*

Curry

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Spirit of resurrecting Truth, roll away any assumptions that block our understanding of the Easter story. Open our minds and hearts to receive the Good News that Christ is risen indeed. Change our lives with this gift. Alleluia!**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 16:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Where is Jesus?*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

\* HYMN: 572 (Red Hymnal)

*Blessed Assurance*

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION  
(Response to *God, in your mercy: Hear our 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 of Resurrecting Grace, we offer our gifts with grateful hearts, recognizing how much you have given us in Christ, and what that gift has cost. Empower these gifts to spread the hope and joy we feel today in the world you love, in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 367 (Red Hymnal)      *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

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 Easter Lilies today are donated by members of the congregation, given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones.

Refreshments Host today is Soraya Gage.

### April Birthdays

4/25 Bridget Johnson

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Emily Dyer	Emma Steck
Nora Shimmel	Dawn and John de Sesa
Family of 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	Kim Grosso
Blake and Megan Stevason	Regina Druz
Marco Martufi	

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

### **First Reading**

#### **1 Corinthians 15:1-11      New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,<sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures<sup>4</sup> and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures<sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.<sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.<sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.<sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.<sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.<sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the

contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

## Second Reading

### Mark 16:1-8

### New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup> So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

## 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.

# RESURRECTION

(An Easter Medley)

for congregation

TRADITIONAL HYMNS  
Arranged by CRAIG CURRY

Verse 1:  
Choir and Congregation

Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
Earth and heav'n in cho - rus say, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sing, — ye — heav'n's and earth re - ply, — Al - le - lu - ia!

Verse 2:  
(Choir only) Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Verse 3:  
(Choir only) Were you there when He rose up from the grave?  
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?  
O, sometimes I feel like shouting glory,  
I shout glory to God!

Verse 4:  
Choir and Congregation

Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love.  
Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, op - 'ning to the sun a - bove.  
Melt the clouds of sin and — sad - ness, drive the — dark of doubt a - way.  
Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness on this res - ur - rec - tion day!

Postlude: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
(Choir only) Amen!

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