

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN: 655 (Red Hymnal)      *Sanctuary*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: We gather with joy, for Easter continues.

**Many: Locked doors have been opened and fear has turned to peace.**

One: We celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ among us.

**Many: Doubts can be erased and uncertainty turned to faith.**

One: Let us rejoice and be glad!

**All: We offer our prayers and praise with humble, hopeful hearts.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of new life, we come to you, rejoicing in the mystery of the Risen Christ, present among us always, even when we least expect him. We marvel at your constant love, your victory over death, and your resurrecting hope which embraces us in every circumstance. Trusting in these gifts, we seek to live as Easter people in every time and place. Fill us with the gift of your Holy Spirit in this time of worship, and grant us your peace through Christ, our Risen Savior.**

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

\* HYMN: 121 (Blue Hymnal)      *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Merciful God, we confess our trust in you can weaken, and we become anxious about many things. We talk about love, but we fear those who differ from us. We cling to our personal agendas, and neglect your call to serve others, especially when that service costs us something. Forgive us. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, rekindle our passion for you, so we can witness to your love in all we do.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Breathe your Spirit upon us, O Lord, as we listen to the Scriptures. Open our minds and hearts to receive your Living Word, and fill us with renewed hope. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 4:32-35

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:19-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE      *Jesus Got In*      Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

\* HYMN: 3 (Red Hymnal)      *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

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  
(Response to *Lord Jesus: **Reveal to them your risen presence.***)

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, thank you for the hope we can claim in your resurrecting power. Bless the gifts we bring so they may spread that hope in the world you love. In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 399 (Blue Hymnal)      *We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight*

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 today is Mary Matos.

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

## 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**

### **Acts 4:32-35**

### **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>32</sup> Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## **Second Reading**

### **John 20:19-31**

### **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## **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.