

**ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK**

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

MARCH 2, 2025

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: As God called to Moses from the mountain,

Many: We are called to be God's people.

One: As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him to the peak of another mountain,

Many: We are called to follow wherever he leads.

One: As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,

All: We are called to worship in wonder and praise.

* HYMN: 481 (Blue Hymnal) *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of glory, we remember that you are our God. That we are transformed through our relationship with the divine and we invite you into our lives and this worship. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: We admit that we are often afraid to come near you, Glorious Creator. For if we do, you might see how our faces darken with anger as we speak hurtful words, or whiten with fear of those who are different, or redden from the depths of our desires. We can spend so much time gazing in the mirror of our longings, that we are unable to see the faces etched with loneliness, hollowed by hunger, overshadowed by hopelessness. You reveal the mystery of your grace, Holy One, by pouring out mercy upon us. As you bend down to listen, may we speak your love to all those around us. As you call us into your presence, you send us out to do your justice which brings hope to the world.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior, our Love, our Justice. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

On mountaintops and in valleys, in moments when our lives are shrouded as well as when we reflect Christ's light, God is with us, declaring we are the beloved!

All: In this moment, in every moment, may we glimpse the grace of God which comes and transfigures our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM: *Wherever He Leads I'll Go*

Stevens

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: God of glory, descend into our hearts and minds so that the Word read and spoken may be understood and your wisdom felt. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 34:29-35

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:28-36

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE *Living in God's Presence* Rev. Sally Ann Castle

* HYMN: 73 (Blue Hymnal) *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (see insert)

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

TRANSFIGURATION PRAYER

Holy One, we come before you, many of us feeling like we have climbed just a part of the mountain, and there is so much more of a climb left to even get to the point to dream that we might be dazzled by what is Divine. Our loads are heavy, with worry, with regret, with fatigue, with illness, with despair for all in the world that is hurting, in danger, in bondage and more. We trudge ahead, following you, stumbling, hoping, praying...breathing hard, hearts pounding, and yes, even some of us are nimble and skipping. Lead us Lord, to the top of that mountain, where we might be dazzled by your Light, lifted by what is Divine, filled by the sheer delight of what is numinous and ethereal and grounded and real. We pray this, for ourselves, for one another, and for the worlds in which we live in. Amen.

(written by rev karla. <http://revgalblogpals.blogspot.ca/>)

* HYMN: 562 (Red Hymnal) *Be Thou My Vision*

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, we lift up to you all that we are and the gifts that we have for you. We ask that you work within us and these gifts for your glory in our community and this world. Amen.

* HYMN: 431 (Red Hymnal) *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

DISMISSAL *Go Now in Peace*

POSTLUDE

THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN

Dr. Gary de Sesa
Dr. Natalie Naylor
Robert Gilmore

Director, Ministry of Music
Clerk of Session
Treasurer

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

We welcome to the pulpit today the Rev. Sally Ann Castle.

Refreshments Host for today is Soraya Gage.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The Zanchelli Family
Emma Steck
Dawn and John de Sesa
Graziella Girardi
Jeff Lovering
John Nistico
Ray Peres
Blake and Megan Stevason
Nico Barley
Sylvia McAdams
Dennis Prager
Wang Jin Pen
Aldin Monroe

Family of Emily Dyer
Cynthia Randall
Sam Rizzo
Emmie Shoch
Judy Mastrangelo & Family
Regina Maria
Marco Martufi
Mike Honovich
Gerry Catalanello
Jenn Gallagher
Richie Miranda
Paula Liscio
Stefania Cecchini

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

First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

Second Reading

Luke 9:28-36

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

ANTHEM

"Wherever He Leads I'll Go"

- McKinney

"Take up thy cross and follow Me," I heard my Master say;
"I gave My life to ransom thee, Surrender your all today."
Wherever He leads I'll go, Wherever He leads I'll go,
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, Wherever He leads I'll go.

He drew me closer to His side, I sought His will to know,
And in that will I now abide, Wherever He leads I'll go.
Wherever He leads I'll go, Wherever He leads I'll go,
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, Wherever He leads I'll go.

It may be thro' the shadows dim, Or o'er the stormy sea,
I take my cross and follow Him, Wherever He leadeth me.
Wherever He leads I'll go, Wherever He leads I'll go,
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, Wherever He leads I'll go.

My heart, my life, my all I bring To Christ who loves me so;
he is my Master, Lord, and King, Wherever He leads I'll go.
Wherever He leads I'll go, Wherever He leads I'll go,
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, Wherever He leads I'll go.

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.