

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday**, as we begin Holy Week

APRIL 6, 2025

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 56 (Red Hymnal) *To God Be the Glory*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Let us love one another

Many: As Jesus has loved us

One: We do this in remembering Jesus

Many: Let us serve one another

One: As Jesus serves us

Many: We do this in remembering Jesus

One: Let us worship together

Many: As Jesus taught us to pray

One: We so this in remembering Jesus

All: Let us worship indeed.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts and minds to be transformed by the new things you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your son, our Savior. 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, we have wandered far from your home, again and again we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM: *The Light, The Love*

Artman

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Holy Spirit, descend into our hearts and minds today. Open us to the wisdom of your Kingdom. Give us courage to trust your Word and strength to follow in your glory. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 3:1-6 (NRSV)

“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars: “I know your works; you have a name of being alive, but you are dead. ² Wake up and strengthen what remains and is on the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. ³ Remember, then, what you received and heard; obey it and repent. If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. ⁴ Yet you have still a few persons in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes; they will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. ⁵ If you conquer, you will be clothed like them in white robes, and I will not erase your name from the book of life; I will confess your name before my Father and before his angels. ⁶ Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 21:1-7, 22:8-11 (NRSV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children. ⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, ⁹ but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers and sisters the prophets and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!" ¹⁰ And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹ Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

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MESSAGE *Tears of sadness will become Rivers of JOY*

Rev. Dr. James Barnum

* HYMN: 655 (Red Hymnal) *Sanctuary*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body; for it is one loaf of which we all partake. The bread of Life for God's people.

Praise be to God!

We are reminded that this cup is the cup of the new covenant; this new relationship God has invited us to partake in. The cup of the new covenant for God's people.

Praise be to God!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love by your love, reaching out into the life of the world. Amen.

HYMN: 460 (Red Hymnal) *Let Us Break Bread Together*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER
(using "debts")

* HYMN: 302 (Blue Hymnal) *I Danced in the Morning*

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, you feed us with the harvest, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all. Amen.

* HYMN: 684 (Red Hymnal) *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

DISMISSAL *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.

POSTLUDE

THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN

Dr. Gary de Sesa

Director, Ministry of Music

Dr. Natalie Naylor

Clerk of Session

Robert Gilmore

Treasurer

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

We welcome to the pulpit today the Rev. Dr. James Barnum.

Refreshments Host for today is Natalie Naylor.

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

Dawn and John de Sesa

Graziella Girardi

Judy Mastrangelo & Family

Ray Peres

Gerry Catalanello

Richie Miranda

Cynthia Randall

Sam Rizzo

Emmie Shoch

Regina Maria

Nico Barley

Sylvia McAdams

Stefania Cecchini

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

ANTHEM

“The Light, The Love”

- Artman

The Light of the Lord surrounds us, ev'ry one;
The Glory of His presence shines brighter than the sun!
He may shine within us and keep us from sin;
If we but ask His blessing, and let Him dwell within!
His mercy and compassion are with us on our way!
His love is like a flame, eternal and pure;
It may bring us blessed joy, and make salvation sure!
Wherever we may wander, how ever dark the night,
Our precious Lord is near us, to guide our steps aright!
For He is watching o'er us, where'er we may be,
That we may know His Light and Love, unto eternity!