

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

“The brutality of this world has no refuge from an oceanic Mercy that transcends and permeates the sorrow of this world unexplainably forever.” - James Finley, *The Healing Path*

MARCH 29, 2026

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**Many: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

One: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

**Many: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

One: Therefore God has exalted him and given him the name above every name.

**Many: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**All: Let us worship God in the name of Jesus Christ, our Servant Lord.**

\* HYMN: 297 (Red Hymnal) *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of majesty and mercy, we worship today, as the Cross looms larger on the horizon. We praise you for Jesus, the Ruler, who**

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

**came in humility to free us from captivity. He came in mercy to free us from the sins we recognize in ourselves, and the sins we easily overlook. He came to show us the full extent of your mercy, love and justice. So we praise you for your kindness and the strength you show to lift our burdens and shoulder them for us in Christ Jesus. We come in humility, knowing you have given us your all, and we can never offer enough for such overwhelming love. Receive our worship in Christ’s name and for his sake. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 91 (Blue Hymnal) *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty*

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of mystery and mercy, your mercy and forgiveness is a mystery to us. We fail to show mercy to others when they fall short of our expectations. We keep silent rather than speak up when others are in trouble. We prefer what is easy to what is right, even though your Spirit draws our attention. We seek your forgiveness, O God, and ask that you make us more forgiving. Inspire us with the costly choices Jesus made as he moved toward the Cross, and give us the courage to follow him.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

\* GLORIA PATRI 579 (Blue Hymnal) *Glory Be to the Father  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end  
Amen, Amen.*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: God of courage and comfort, as we follow the stories of Christ’s journey to the cross, inspire us with the courage to follow him even when others turn against him. And comfort us, knowing that you will walk with us through every challenge, just as you walked with Jesus who is your Living Word. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-21 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." <sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

\* HYMN: 367 (Blue Hymnal) *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 21:1-11 (NRSV)

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: <sup>5</sup> "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Glory to You, O God**

MESSAGE *Who's that knocking at the Door?*

*A Story of a Donkey and What do you see?* Rev. Dr. James Barnum

### **WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 88 (Blue Hymnal) *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

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

**Gracious God, when we remember Jesus gave his life for us, our offering seems so small. Yet Jesus shows us five loaves and two fish can feed a multitude; a man dying on a cross becomes Living Bread for a hungry world. Bless these small gifts with your goodness so that the miracle of Jesus' love continues to amaze the world. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

### **THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN**

Rev. Dr. James Barnum

Pastor

Dr. Gary de Sesa

Director, Ministry of Music

Dr. Natalie Naylor

Clerk of Session

Dr. Robert Gilmore

Treasurer

We welcome Grace Huang as pianist, filling in for Dr. Gary de Sesa.

Refreshments Hosts for today are Mary & Michael Matos.

### **April Birthdays**

4/25 Bridget Johnson

Next Sunday's scriptures for Easter Sunday:

Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Cathy Shimmel	Dr. Gary de Sesa
Robert Gilmore	Helen Lockman
Katie Zarghami	Cynthia Randall
Dawn and John de Sesa	Gary B. de Sesa
Sam Rizzo	Graziella Girardi
Emmie Shoch	Judy Mastrangelo & Family
Regina Maria	Ray Peres
Gerry Catalanello	Sylvia McAdams
Richie Miranda	Stefania Cecchini
Alex Palumbo	Rick Collins and Family
Family of Steven Panzella	Family of Janine Francolini
Marianne Wagner Rizzo	Chet Scire
William Cornell	Lawrence Topel
Willy Geddish	

We pray for PEACE in the world and especially the Middle East and a just resolution between Ukraine and Russia along with all victims and their families from the Gaza-Israeli conflict and all nations that are at war. We pray for all families who are in need, and those who are grieving their loved ones.