

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Today when you hear, HE LIVES; respond HE LIVES INDEED

APRIL 5, 2026

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: HE LIVES...(people respond) Pastor: This is the Good News
The light shines in the darkness; and darkness is overcome.

Many: Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

One: This is the Good News: once we were no people; now we are.

Many: Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

One: This is the Good News – the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed!

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of resurrecting power, the joy of Easter, your love and grace fills us with hope. Death, anger and war will never overcome life, and the powers of evil and chaos will never overcome your loving intentions for the cosmos, nor for us. Just as Jesus spoke to Mary in the garden that first Easter day, you still call each of us by name because you love us. So we come to praise you for the hope you have given us, your powerful love and promise of New Life in Christ. May the Holy Spirit help us live our love for you gladly, today and every day, as we sing with our hearts full of praise.

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

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

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, on this Holy day, lift up our hearts and minds to feel your presence. Forgive us this week for the times we failed to see you; forgive us when we made judgment calls or left things undone. Continue to work in us and through us despite the many obstacles that we face this week. Continue to remind us that we are worthy of your love and accepted into your fold.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 10:34-43 (NRSV)

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets

testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM: *Resurrection (An Easter Medley)* Curry

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” ¹⁸ Mary

Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Glory to You, O God

MESSAGE *Angels, People and Tears; “I truly understand that God shows no partiality”* Rev. Dr. James Barnum

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: 170 (Red Hymnal) *Give Thanks*

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: 572 (Red Hymnal) *Blessed Assurance*

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, this day we recognize how much you have given us in Christ Jesus, and what that gift has cost. Bless these gifts so they may offer the hope and joy we feel today to the world you love so dearly. In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN

Rev. Dr. James Barnum
Dr. Gary de Sesa
Dr. Natalie Naylor
Dr. Robert Gilmore

Pastor
Director, Ministry of Music
Clerk of Session
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 for today is Soraya Gage.

Next Sunday's scriptures:

1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Cathy Shimmel
Robert Gilmore
Katie Zarghami
Dawn and John de Sesa
Sam Rizzo
Emmie Shoch
Regina Maria
Gerry Catalanello
Richie Miranda
Alex Palumbo
Family of Steven Panzella
Marianne Wagner Rizzo
William Cornell
Willy Geddish

Dr. Gary de Sesa
Helen Lockman
Cynthia Randall
Gary B. de Sesa
Graziella Girardi
Judy Mastrangelo & Family
Ray Peres
Sylvia McAdams
Stefania Cecchini
Rick Collins and Family
Family of Janine Francolini
Chet Scire
Lawrence Topel

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.

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'ns and earth re - ply, — Al - le - lu - ia!

Verse 2: Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
(Choir only) 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: Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
(Choir only) 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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