

MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH



Christmas Eve Worship December 24, 2021

One West 29th Street (at Fifth Avenue), New York City
Worship: Sundays at 11:00am; Wednesdays OnDemand

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Once the prelude begins all are invited to listen silently in preparation for worship.

Of the Father's Love Begotten *Divinum mysterium*, 12th-century plainsong,
arr. Terry Schlenker

Of the Father's love begotten ere the world began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending, He.
Of the things that are, that have been and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

O that birth forever blessed when the virgin full of grace
By the Holy Ghost conceiving bare the Savior of our race.
And the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore.

This is He whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord
Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
Now He shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord.
Evermore and evermore. — *Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 4th century*

Canzon septime toni No. 1 Giovanni Gabrieli (1557-1612)

Noel Steven Sametz (b. 1954)

Noel! Noel! Sing we Noel! Sing we both all and some. Out of your sleep awake! For God
mankind now hath he take all of a maiden without any make. Noel! Sing Noel!
— *adapted from a Medieval Carol*

I Saw Three Ships *English Carol*, arr. Richard Elliott

Sweet Little Jesus Boy Robert MacGimsey, arr. Kenneth Dake
Kathryn Papa, *soprano*

In Dulci Jubilo *Traditional German Carol*, arr. Matthew Culloton

In dulci jubilo (*in sweet joy*), let us our homage show; our heart's joy reclineth in praesepio
(*in a manger*), and like a bright star shineth Matris in gremio (*in your Mother's lap*) Alpha
es et O (*Beginning and Ending*). O Jesu parvule! (*O infant Jesus!*) I yearn for Thee alway!
Hear me, I beseech Thee, O Puer optime! (*O Best of boys!*) My prayer let it reach Thee, O
Princeps gloriae, trahe me post te, (*O Prince of Glory draw me after you [to heaven]*). O
Patris caritas! (*O love of the Father!*) Nati lenitas! (*O mercy of the Son!*) Deeply were we
stained, pernostra criminal (*through our sins*); but Thou hast gained Coelorum gaudia!
(*the joys of heaven!*) O that we were there! Ubi sunt gaudia (*Where are joys?*) Where, if
they be not there? There are angels singing Nova cantica! (*new songs!*) And there the
bells are ringing In Regis curia (*in the King's courts*). O that we were there!

Lo, How a Rose E'er Springing Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS ♦ 6:30PM

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 201

Once in Royal David's City *Irby*
Please stand in body or in spirit as the choir alone sings verses 1-2;
all sing verses 3-5, refer to hymnal (in pew/online) or on-screen lyrics.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
All: **those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them
light has shined.**
One: You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
All: **they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest.**
One: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
All: **authority rests upon his shoulders.**
One: And his name shall be called
All: **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CHOIR Behold the Wonder of This Night Peter Hamlin
 When, though the earth its turning, turning kept,
 and all the stars their appointed places took,
 And pastured sheep laid down their heads beneath a darkened sky:
 When olive trees with silver silver leaves caught ordinary moonlight in their crowns,
 And common folk wove common lives of duty and delight;
 Then, midst the usual usualness of sleep and wake and work,
 And well-expected rise and fall of tides and times and king,
 And deep within the customary mix of good and ill in all of humankind
 And infant's sigh was God's own cry of peace for all the earth.
 Behold the wonder of this night. – *Bruce Benson*

FIRST LESSON: COMING OF THE LORD Psalm 96:1-4; 11-13

CHOIR Ave Maria Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)
 Ave maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum, *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,*
 Benedicta tu in mulieribus, *Blessed art thou among women,*
 et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesu. *and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*
 Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, *Holy Mary, Mother of God,*
 ora pro nobis peccatoribus, *pray for us sinners,*
 nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen. *now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

SECOND LESSON: THE ANNUNCIATION Luke 1:26-35, 38

CHOIR There Is No Rose Robert Young (1923-2011)
 There is no rose of such vertu as is the rose that bare Jesu,
 Alleluia. *Alleluia.*
 For in this rose containèd was heaven and earth in litel space,
 Res Miranda. *Marvelous thing.*
 By that rose we may well see there be one God in persons three,
 Pares forma. *Of equal form.*
 The angels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis Deo.
 Gaudeamus. *Let us rejoice.*
 Leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth.
 Transeamus. Let us go across. *(from worldly to heavenly things)*
 – 15th century

THIRD LESSON: THE BIRTH OF JESUS. Luke 2:1-7

HYMN 196 Hark, the Herald Angels Sing Mendelssohn
Please refer to hymnal (in pew/online) or on-screen lyrics.

FOURTH LESSON: THE VISIT OF THE MAGI Matthew 2:1-12

CHOIR What Child Paul Lohman (b. 1951)
 What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing: haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.
 Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
 Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent word is pleading. *Refrain.*
 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;
 the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain.*

FIFTH LESSON: THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION John 1:1-14

HYMN 195 O Come, All Ye Faithful. Adeste Fideles
Please refer to hymnal (in pew/online) or on-screen lyrics.

SERMON A TIME TO CELEBRATE Dr. Michael Bos

HYMN 198 Joy to the World Antioch
Please refer to hymnal (in pew/online) or on-screen lyrics.

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER

CHOIR O Holy Night Adolphe Adam, arr. Dake
Tesia Kwarteng, *mezzo-soprano*

CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND THE 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, for ever. Amen.

HYMN 216 Silent Night (*Congregation seated; Verses 1-3*) *Stille Nacht*
Please refer to hymnal (in pew/online) or on-screen lyrics.

BLESSING AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella *French Carol*,
arr. Keith Chapman

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D., Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin
Rev. Susanah Wade, Rev. Anthony Weisman
Ella Niewood, *cross bearer*

BRASS ENSEMBLE

Don Batchelder, Jerry Bryant, *trumpet*
RJ Kelley, *French horn*; Michael Seltzer, *trombone*
Deane Prouty, *timpani/percussion*

THE MARBLE CHOIR

Kenneth Dake, *director*

Justine Aronson	Marcus Jefferson	Nicholas Prior
Rachel Barg	Mark Johnson	Catherine Sandstedt
Joshua Bouchard	Tesia Kwarteng	Rocky Sellers
Robbie Cowan	Ashley Larkin	Sam Strickland
Ethan Garner	Alex McCoy	Christopher Tefft
Nathan Scott Hancock	Shelley Mihm	Anna Willson
Victoria Hardy	Joan Mohre	
Phenisher Harris	Kathryn Papa	
Brian Hurst	Max Parsons	



WE APPRECIATE THE POINSETTIA GIFTS given by members of the Marble Community in honor and in memory of loved ones. In addition to listing the names in tonight’s online bulletin (*pages 6-8*), they will scroll onscreen at the end of the live stream of Worship.

If you donated a poinsettia, it may be picked up Sunday, December 26, at 12:30pm after people have had a chance to take photos, or on Sunday, January 2, at 12:45pm, after the Reaffirmation Service. We will also be sharing some with those who are homebound or hospitalized.

Spotlight



CHRISTMAS DAY COFFEE with the BOS FAMILY

Saturday, December 25, 10:00-10:30am

Dr. Michael Bos, Tena Bos, and their family invite you to join them for morning coffee (or tea) and a prayer for the day. Gather via Zoom to wish your Marble Family a Merry Christmas.



YOU, THE MARBLE COMMUNITY, EMBODY THE SPIRIT OF HOPE that helps us travel through the changes and challenges of life.

Your incredible support through this year has been uplifting and encouraging for us. If you feel inspired by Marble's ministry or if it has touched your life in some way, we invite you to make a special year-end gift to Marble to help us end the calendar year with strength. We would be so grateful.

Please use the Christmas envelope found in the recent Christmas mailing or visit **MarbleChurch.org** and click on "Make a Donation" on bottom of page. Contact the Business Office for assistance with electronic giving or if you have any questions.

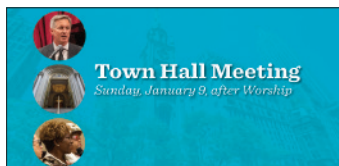
Donations for the 2021 tax year need to be received before the Business Office closes at 5:00pm on Thursday, December 30.



REAFFIRMATION OF VOWS

Sunday, January 2, 12:00pm

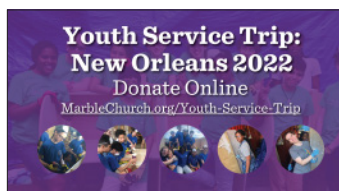
Whether you've shared your lives together for months or many years, commit to each other again. All couples welcome to join us for this annual ceremony, in person or online. Led by Dr. Michael Bos.



TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, January 9, immediately after Worship

Please join us in the Sanctuary and online for this important Town Hall as we discuss **Marble's Future: From Strength to Strength.**



YOUTH SERVICE TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS

February 19-25

15 Marble youth are going to help rebuild homes after destructive hurricanes like Katrina in 2005 and Ida in August. This service trip is an opportunity for them to explore their faith in the world, as we continue to discuss the effects of Climate Change on the most vulnerable communities.

Marble, we need your help to get there! Our fundraising goal is \$22,000. Donations can be made at MarbleChurch.org or by check.



Visit **MARBLEGIFTSHOP.COM** for books, jewelry, Christmas items, CDs, household goods and more. Proceeds further the mission of Marble.

CHRISTMAS DÉCOR ON THE CHURCH FENCE

In loving memory of **Dick Doll**, by Valerie Doll

Christmas Poinsettias 2021



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MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit MarbleChurch.org for more events, details, and most up-to-date information.

Afternoon Prayer / Tuesdays, 4:00-4:20pm – Wind down your day with a brief time of sharing and prayer. Via Zoom video chat or phone.

Chair Yoga / Thursdays, 10:00-10:45am – Center yourself physically and spiritually with this time of gentle movement via Zoom. **Please note, no session December 30.**

Prayer Circle / Resumes January 9, 10:00am – Weekly time of prayer and music in person in the Chapel, as well as online. All you need is a willing heart.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: The Book of Ruth / Resumes January 9, 10:00am – Attend in person (*limited-capacity*), or stream at MarbleChurch.org. Ruth's is a remarkable story that touches upon themes of loss, hope, identity, aging, motherhood, friendship across racial and ethnic difference, and feminism. Led by Rev. Anthony Weisman.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study / Resumes January 11, 6:30pm – A read-through of the Gospel of Matthew. Led by Rev. Anthony Weisman via Zoom. Link at MarbleChurch.org.

PrimeTime (55+) Online Gatherings / Wednesday, January 5, 1:00pm – Join Rev. Elise Brown as we kick off our 2022 Zoom gatherings. For more dates and details, contact Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org.

Prayer for the New Year / Saturday, January 15, 10:00-10:45am – Virtual time of prayer and reflection with Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin and the Marble Prayer Ministry Team.



Justice and the Church: Rediscovering the Social Gospel for Ministry in the 21st Century / Sunday, January 16, 12:00pm

– Through their involvement in Christian congregations over the course of their lives, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Ella Jo Baker, Rev. Reverdy Cassius Ransom and Harriet Tubman pioneered paradigms of ministry that were rich in social action.

Join us in the Sanctuary and online as we explore opportunities for the 21st century church to become meaningfully involved in causes for social action.



IF YOU NEED HELP – REACH OUT

Call the Marble Care Line, 800-531-1913, Wednesdays through Sundays, 12:00-8:00pm (*available to adults 18 years and older*). A trained volunteer will be there to listen.

Marble's Stephen Ministers may be able to help you with spiritual/emotional support in difficult times. Email: StephenMinistry@MarbleChurch.org

The Marble Prayer Ministry Team is here to pray for you. Submit requests on bottom of any page at MarbleChurch.org.

Blanton-Peale Counseling Center – 212-725-7850, blantonpeale.org

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