



MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

WELCOME
**Thank You for Worshipping
with Us Today!**

**We continue to
stay in community
during these
uncertain times.**

*O that you would tear
open the heavens
and come down, so
that the mountains
would quake at your
presence—as when
fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes
water to boil—to make
your name known to
your adversaries,
so that the nations
might tremble at your
presence! When you
did awesome deeds
that we did not expect,
you came down, the
mountains quaked at
your presence. From
ages past no one has
heard, no ear has
perceived, no eye
has seen any God
besides you, who
works for those who
wait for him.*

— Isaiah 64:1-9

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

One West 29th Street (at Fifth Avenue), New York City
Worship: Sundays at 11:00am; Wednesdays at 6:15pm

Order of Service

First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2020

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR OUR REMOTE SERVICE BROUGHT TO YOU WITH
THE SAME HEART AND SPIRIT AS IF WE WERE IN THE SANCTUARY.**

Special Advent Preludes, 10:50am. Grace Notes — Inside the Music returns in January.

MASTERWORKS HERALDING THE PRINCE OF PEACE (10:50am)

Trio Sonata in G Major, BWV 1038 Johann Sebastian Bach
IV. Presto

Tafelmusik. Georg Phillip Telemann

Carol Wincenc, Giorgio Consolati, *flute*

Paolo Bordignon, *harpsichord*; Carrie Stinson, *cello*

Recorded December 3, 2017

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Dan, Katy, Hannah Rose and Sadie Ricci

INTROIT

Prepare the Way, O Zionarr. Kenneth Dake
The Marble Choir and Festival of Voices

Cyrus Beroukhim, Emily Daggett Smith, *violin*; Colin Fowler, *organ*

Recorded December 18, 2016

Prepare the way, O Zion; your Christ is drawing near! Let every hill and valley a level way appear. Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story. Oh blest is Christ that came in God's most holy Name. He brings God's rule, O Zion, He comes from heaven above. His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love. Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding. Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy Name.

— Frans Mikael Franzen; adapt. Charles Price

HYMN 184

O Come, O Come, Immanuel (Verses 1-3) Veni Emmanuel

Recorded December 2, 2018

Please refer to on-screen lyrics or online hymnal.

INVOCATION

ANTHEM

Thou Shalt Know Him Mark Sirett
The Marble Choir; Giorgio Consolati, *flute*

Recorded December 2, 2018

Thou shalt know Him when He comes, not by any din of drums, nor His manners, nor His airs, nor by anything He wears. Thou shalt know Him when He comes, not by His crown or by His gown, but His coming known shall be by the holy harmony which His coming makes in thee. Amen. — *Anonymous*

PASTORAL 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.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

Emmanuel. Kenneth Dake
The Marble Choir

Carol Wincenc, Giorgio Consolati, *flute*

Recorded December 2, 2018

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, O come within my life to dwell. Please make my heart Your manger stall; be born anew within this soul. Emmanuel. — *Kenneth Dake*

HYMN 183

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Stuttgart

Recorded December 2, 2018

Please refer to on-screen lyrics or online hymnal.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE Isaiah 64:1-9

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED:
UNEXPECTED HOPE** Dr. Michael Bos
Part 1 of Sermon Series

HYMN **Let Us Hope When Hope Seems Hopeless** *Hyfrydol*
Recorded January 14, 2018
Please refer to on-screen lyrics or music on page 7 of bulletin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL FOR OFFERING

Please click "Make a Donation" on bottom of any page at MarbleChurch.org and it will take you to a secure website, Realm, to give. You may also mail a check; keep in mind processing takes longer. We are grateful for your faithful support especially during this time.

ANTHEM Wexford Carol *Irish traditional carol*, arr. John Rutter
Max Parsons, *baritone*; Kathryn Papa, *soprano*
Recorded December 15, 2019

Good people all, this Christmastime, consider well and bear in mind what our good God for us has done, in sending His beloved Son. With Mary holy we should pray to God with love each Advent day; in Bethlehem upon that morn the blest Messiah that will be born. The night before that happy tide the noble Virgin and her guide where long time seeking up and down to find a lodging in the town. But mark how all things came to pass: from every door repelled, alas! As long foretold, their refuge all was but an humble oxen stall. Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep; to whom God's angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear. "Prepare and go," the angels said, "To Bethlehem, be not afraid; for there you'll find, that happy morn, a princely babe, sweet Jesus born. With thankful heart and joyful mind the shepherds went the babe to find, and as God's angel had foretold, they did our Savior Christ behold. Within a manger he was laid, and by his side the virgin maid, attending on the Lord of life, Who came on earth to end all strife.

ADVENT HYMN *St. Louis*
Recorded December 20, 2015

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray,
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell,
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel.**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE
O Come, O Come, Immanuel arr. Dake
Recorded December 3, 2017

POSTLUDE *Toccata on Veni Immanuel*. Adolphus Hailstork
Recorded December 3, 2017

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Rev. Anthony Livolsi, Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin, Tim Lee, *deacon*
The Marble Choir, Festival of Voices, Kenneth V. Dake, *director of music*



**TO ENGAGE IN CONVERSATION WITH OTHERS
DURING THE LIVE STREAM OF WORSHIP**

*Please click on the chat bubble located on top right hand corner of your screen.
If you are watching via Facebook Live, let us know you are there.*

UPCOMING EVENTS — *Please see pages 4, 5 & 6.*

Spotlight



RACIAL JUSTICE

Learning Pathway & Action Pathway

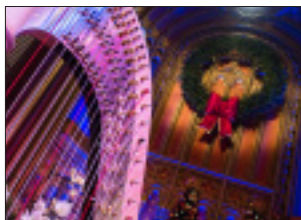
Learning: Monday, November 30, 7:00-8:00pm

Action: Tuesday, December 1, 7:00-8:00pm

From wherever you are in your understanding of and commitment to racial justice, we invite you to join us for these video chats as we continue to learn, grow and act on this important issue. We are forging

two pathways that will help shape Marble's commitment to working on racial justice as a congregation from a place of faith and discipleship. Please register online.

Learning Pathway, led by **Dr. Michael Bos** and **Dr. Elise Brown**, or the **Action Pathway**, led by **Rev. Rashad McPherson** and **Rev. Nigel Pearce**, Pastor of Grace Congregational Church of Harlem.



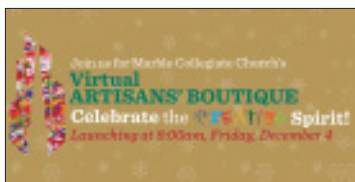
MASTERWORKS HERALDING

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Special Preludes during Advent

Sundays, November 29 – December 20, 10:50am

Join us before Worship for this special time of music and quiet meditation. *Generously underwritten for many years by Lynda Packard in honor of her parents, Lynn and John Packard.*



VIRTUAL ARTISTS' BOUTIQUE

Launching 8:00am, Friday, December 4

This year, help support Marble's artists and get some Christmas shopping done online. Through Marble's **Facebook** and **Instagram** pages you can access links to the artists' websites or emails. See artwork of all kinds and beautiful handmade items to purchase.



OPERATION SANTA LETTERS

All-Church Coffee Hour & Outreach

Sunday, December 6, 12:15pm

Christmas isn't cancelled and Santa needs your help. Join us online after Worship for this time of fellowship and a chance to help others. Let's make sure everyone has a Merry Christmas!



POINSETTIAS — Please Contribute by Sunday, December 6

In lieu of placing a multitude of live poinsettias on the Sanctuary Chancel this year, we will honor loved ones by listing their names onscreen at end of Worship on Sunday, December 20, as well as in the online bulletin. To pay tribute to someone in your life, please visit MarbleChurch.org/poinsettias or call the Business Office, 212-686-2770, to contribute.



TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY

A Marble Christmas Choral Festival

Sunday, December 13, 12:00pm

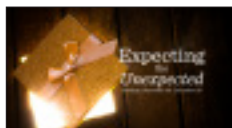
In the midst of this season like no other, let us stop and listen again for the Angels' message of comfort, good news and great joy! Stay online after Worship for this virtual concert directed by Kenneth Dake, featuring Marble's Cherub Choir, Karie Brown, *director*;

Children's and Youth Choirs, Fred Meads, *director*; the Marble Community Gospel Choir, Rev. Rashad McPherson, *director*; Festival of Voices, and The Marble Choir, along with special guest soloists.

WORSHIP

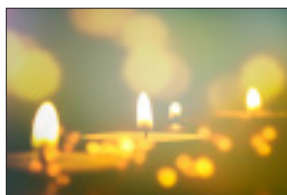
Tune in live and remember to click on the chat bubble to engage with others.
View the archives at MarbleChurch.org/watch.

#WeWo: Wednesday Worship, 6:15pm
December 2 — A Green Shoot from a Stump
Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D.



Sunday Worship, 11:00am
December 6 — *Expecting the Unexpected: Unexpected Love*
Dr. Michael Bos, *Part 2 of Sermon Series.*
Second Sunday of Advent.

Call-In Worship: (866) 893-5381 — Please tell those without internet they can call on Sunday afternoons and during the following week to listen to the full service or sermon & scripture only.



UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES via Zoom

For direct links and phone numbers, visit
MarbleChurch.org.

Jim Sanzo — Saturday, December 5, 1:00pm
Doug Russell — Saturday, December 5, 2:30pm
Jobe Forte — Tuesday, December 8, 11:00am



INSPIRATIONS FOR YOUR ADVENT JOURNEY through Thursday, December 24

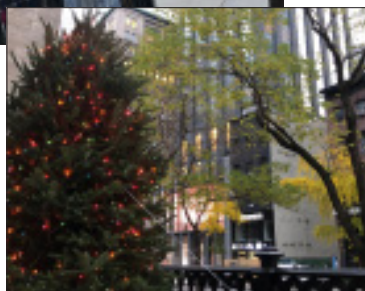
Advent Blog Hosted by Marble Women's Ministry — In a year that has been unpredictable, filled with loss, and where we struggled to find hope, we need to remember that God created light to come out of dark times. Join us at MarbleWomen.com to experience light, love, and hope through stories, poems, and music from women of faith.

Online Advent Calendar — Join us again this year for our Social Media Advent Calendar, **#ADVENTures**. While there will be no little doors to open, or candy hidden inside, we hope that the joy and wonder associated with the season will lift your spirits and help us all to welcome Christmas into our hearts and homes.



VISIT MARBLE'S CHRISTMAS TREE

Our crew has been busy setting up a beautiful Christmas tree outside on 5th Ave. We're happy to have it return after a twelve year absence. Please walk by the Marble building and see it! Although we can't be inside together, our Christmas spirit extends far beyond the boundaries of our building.



More at Marble



MARBLE STORYTIME

Visit MarbleChurch.org to watch Rev. Brittany as she reads a new book, ending with some questions for your family to ponder. Adults, it's also a treat for your inner child!

Latest story: ***Greta and the Giants***

MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY CONNECTED

We are blessed that there are many ways we can gather together online even as the physical distance created by the COVID-19 pandemic continues. Visit MarbleChurch.org for direct links, more details and the most up-to-date information.

Precious & Honored: An Arts Ministry Online Workshop / Monday, November 30, 6:30-8:30pm — Mario Sprouse focuses on several chapters of his book *Precious & Honored: A Spiritual Handbook for Artists*. Purchase of the handbook recommended; visit www.preciousandhonored.net. Register online. Questions? Contact, Mario, MSprouse@MarbleChurch.org. ***Please note date change.***

Marble on the Danube: Afternoon Tea & Virtual Christmas Market Watch / Thursday, December 10, 4:30-5:30pm — Join us as we celebrate the spirit of Christmas with a virtual walking tour of one of the world-famous Christmas Markets along the Danube. No passport required! Register online by December 9. For more information, contact Siobhan Tull, STull@MarbleChurch.org, or Kim Sebastian-Ryan, KRyan@MarbleChurch.org.

Women's Ministry Christmas in NYC Virtual Tour & Party / Monday, December 14, 6:00-7:30pm — Put on those Santa hats, elves ears, ugly Christmas sweaters or anything festive and through the magic of technology, we'll tour NYC holiday events, followed by a party. No charge. Register online by December 13. Inquiries to Don Piper, DPiper@MarbleChurch.org.

ON-GOING

Sunday Morning Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark / Weekly, 10:00-10:40am — This fall, join Rev. Anthony Livolsi for a read through of the Gospel of Mark. Can't tune in live? View the archive at MarbleChurch.org/watch.

Prayer Circle via Video Chat / Sundays, 10:00-10:40am — Join us for this weekly time of prayer and music. All you need is a willing heart, an internet connection or telephone.

Bereavement Group / Every Monday, 11:00am-12:00pm — Are you mourning the loss of a loved one? You need not travel this road alone. Led by Dr. Ken Ruge. For video link and more information, contact Judy Tulin, (212) 686-2770, ext. 207.

Afternoon Prayer / Weekdays, 4:00-4:20pm — Wind down your day with a brief time of sharing and prayer, led by Marble ministers. Join us via video chat or call.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study / Weekly, 6:30-7:30pm — Join Rev. Anthony Livolsi via video chat for an in-depth discussion of the second half of the **Book of Acts**. Please contact Rev. Livolsi ahead of time for the week's reading, ALivolsi@MarbleChurch.org.

PrimeTime (55+) Online Gatherings / Wednesdays, 1:00pm — Gather via video chat or phone to visit with friends and meet new people. For details, contact Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org.

Chair Yoga / Every Thursday, 10:00-10:45am — Center yourself physically and spiritually with this beginner-friendly time of gentle movement.

Small Groups — Grow deeper spiritually and stay connected with others even though we are online only. If you have an idea for a Small Group or are interested in future groups, contact Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org.



ENCOURAGING WORD

Call (212) 686-2774 — Hear an uplifting recorded message from one of Marble's ministers 24/7. The messages change periodically.

LET US HOPE WHEN HOPE SEEMS HOPELESS

Text: David Beebe, 1989; Tune: *Hyfrydol*



1. Let us hope_ when hope seems hope - less, when the dreams we
 2. Faith and hope_ in love's com - pas - sion will sur - vive though
 3. Like a child_ out - grow - ing child - hood, set - ting child - hood



dreamed have died. When the mor - ning breaks in bright - ness,
 know - ledge cease, though the tongues of joy fall si - lent,
 things a - way, we will learn_ to live in free - dom,



hun - ger shall be sat - is - fied. One who sows the fields with
 dull the words of proph - e - cies. Faith shall see_ and trust its
 in the life of God's new day. Now we see_ as in a



weep - ing shall re - trace the sor - row - ing way and_ re - jice in
 ob - ject; hope shall set_ its an - chor sure; love_ shall bloom in
 mir - ror. Then we shall see face_ to face, un - der - stand how



har - vest boun - ty at the break - ing of the day.
 Love_ e - ter - nal. Faith and hope_ and love en - dure.
 love's com - pas - sion blos - soms through a - maz - ing Grace.

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If you need to speak to someone during these challenging times, call the Marble Care Line and a trained volunteer will be there to listen with a Christ-centered ear and a caring heart.

Call (800) 531-1913
Wednesdays through Sundays, 12:00-8:00pm
Available to adults 18 years and older.

For more details, visit MarbleChurch.org/give/marble-care-line or contact Rev. Susannah Wade, SWade@MarbleChurch.org, or Judy Tulin, JTulin@MarbleChurch.org.



STEPHEN MINISTRY AT MARBLE

Stephen Ministry is an integral part of the Marble Community – a one-to-one ministry that empowers lay members to provide high-quality, confidential, and Christ-centered care for those who are hurting. **If you or someone you know can use the services provided by this ministry**, or if you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please email StephenMinistry@MarbleChurch.org.



PS30 TUTORING OPPORTUNITY

Marble continues its 6th year of tutoring to students at PS30 in Harlem. We are looking for new tutors to teach Math and English Language Arts to 2nd through 5th graders, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. You will be trained to tutor remotely via the Google classroom platform. For more information or to complete an application, please contact Rev. Susanah Wade, SWade@MarbleChurch.org or 212-686-2770.



ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES

Marble is dedicated to sharing the best resources we have found on learning and growing in our shared commitment to racial justice and anti-racism. Please visit MarbleChurch.org/anti-racism-resource-guide for a list of books, articles, podcasts and films so you can learn and help us in the on-going conversation.



MARBLE MASKS

Proudly wear one of our face masks with the Marble Church logo, white logo or full-color logo; \$9.95 each, at MarbleChurch.org; buy 5 masks, get 1 free. These cotton masks are re-usable and come with an adjustable sliding ear loop for a good fit. Help protect others and yourself from COVID-19 by wearing masks, practicing social distancing and good hand washing hygiene. We wish you good health!



HERE TO HELP

Have you been participating in programs with us over the phone and want to try video but don't know where to start? Or have you been participating but have some challenges due to new technology? We are here for you! If you need assistance getting connected, please reach out to Siobhan Tull, STull@MarbleChurch.org, or Clay Hale, CHale@MarbleChurch.org, who will be happy to help. There are no silly questions, just support and care.

HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED?

If you've recently relocated, either permanently or temporarily, or if your email address has changed, please let us know. We want to stay connected with you! Sign into onrealm.org/marblechurch to update your information or contact the business office.



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MARBLE STAFF

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Dr. Michael Bos, *Senior Minister*; Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D., *Executive Minister*
Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin, *Associate Minister*; Rev. Anthony Livolsi, *Associate Minister*
Rev. Susanah Wade, *Associate Minister*; Dr. Kenneth Ruge, *Minister for Pastoral Care & Counseling*

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Kenneth V. Dake, *Director of Music*; Pascal Kabemba, *Chief Financial Officer*
Rev. Rashad McPherson, *Director of Marble Community Gospel Choir*
Christina Morano Keiser, *Director of Media & Communication*
Kim Sebastian-Ryan, *Director of Membership & Connecting*

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Vision:

We envision a world where we all become the individuals God created us to be.

Mission:

Marble Collegiate Church is a diverse, inclusive community of God's people led by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We inspire everyone to become positive thinkers who make a difference in the world.



MARBLE'S MISSION PRIORITIES

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,...to give you a future with hope.
— Jeremiah 29:11

Growing Deeper — Seeking to grow in our faith in God, we commit to being a safe place to explore what it means to follow the way of Jesus who, as our source of hope, leads us to new possibilities.

Growing Relationally — Seeking to grow in our relationships with God and one another, we commit to being good neighbors in the world by seeking peace and justice for all people and cultivating a community of healing, reconciliation and transformation.

Growing in Generosity — Seeking to grow in our generosity as a grateful response to God's blessings in our lives, we recognize everything we have belongs to God, and we commit to giving and serving as acts of worship.

Growing Young Across Generations — Seeking to grow in our capacity to be a beacon of hope and life for all people, we commit to welcoming young people and their ideas, building an inter-generational community of respect, care and belonging.