



**MARBLE
COLLEGIATE
CHURCH**

WELCOME
Thank You for Worshipping
with Us Today!

We continue to
stay in community
during these
uncertain times.

*The spirit of the Lord
God is upon me,
because the Lord
has anointed me;
he has sent me to
bring good news to
the oppressed,
to bind up the
brokenhearted, to
proclaim liberty
to the captives,
and release to the
prisoners; to proclaim
the year of the Lord's
favor, and the day of
vengeance of our
God; to comfort all
who mourn;*

— Isaiah 40:3-5

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

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

Order of Service

Third Sunday in Advent

December 13, 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)

Mansfield University Chamber Singers, Peggy Dettwiler, *director*

Recorded November 30, 2014

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Hugo Distler

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as those of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when halfspent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when halfspent was the night

— *adapted by Karl Lishinsky*

The Rose of Sharon Douglas Wagner

Darrick King, *student conductor*

Go pretty child, and bear this flow'r unto thy little Savior;
And tell Him, by that bud now blown, He is the Rose of Sharon known.
When thou hast said so, place it there upon His bib or stomacher;
And tell Him for good handsel too, that thou hast brought a whistle new.

Tell him for coral, thou hast none, but if thou hadst, He should have one;
But poor thou art, and known to be even as moneyless, even as He.
Lastly, if thou canst win a kiss from those mellifluous lips of His,
Then never take a second one to spoil the first impression. Alleluia.

— *Robert Herrick (1591-1674)*

Carols for Woodwind Quintet

Barry Crawford, *flute*; Erin Gustafson, *oboe*; Steven Hartman, *clarinet*
Sharon Moe, *French horn*; Erik Holtje, *bassoon*

Recorded December 14, 2014

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Tomasita, Colin, and Harrison Sherer

INTROIT

Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People Claude Goudimel, arr. Dake
The Marble Choir

Recorded December 4, 2016

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith your God. Comfort those who sit in darkness, bowed beneath oppression's load. Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over. Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near, calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here. Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way; let the valleys rise to meet Him, and the hills bow down to greet Him. — *J. Olearius, trans. Catherine Winkworth*

HYMN 187

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry Winchester New

Recorded December 8, 2019

Please refer to on-screen lyrics or online hymnal.

INVOCATION

ANTHEM

This Is the Record of John. Orlando Gibbons
Jonathan May, *countertenor*

The Marble Choir; Colin Fowler, *organist*

Recorded December 4, 2016

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said: I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered: No. Then said they unto him: What art thou? That we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said: I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord. — *John 1:19-23*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Continues on next page.

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

Sweet Little Jesu Harold Friedell
Marble Festival of Voices
Recorded December 20, 2015

HYMN 204 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming *Es ist ein' Ros'*
Recorded December 3, 2017
Please refer to on-screen lyrics or online hymnal.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:1-11
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Expecting the Unexpected:*
UNEXPECTED JOY Dr. Michael Bos
Part 3 of Sermon Series

Following the sermon, all are invited into a moment of prayerful reflection.

HYMN Carol for Advent Claire Cloninger and Robert Sterling
Recorded December 15, 2019
Please refer to on-screen lyrics or music on page 8 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 What Sweeter Music John Rutter
The Marble Choir
Cyrus Beroukhim, Conway Kuo, *violin*
Kaya Katarzyna Bryla-Weiss, *viola*; Sofia Nowik, *cello*
Recorded December 24, 2017

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing the birth of this our heavenly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string! Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honor to this day that sees December turned to May. Why does the chilling winter's morn smile, like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a meadow newly shorn thus on the sudden? Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be: Tis He is born, whose quickening birth gives life and luster, public mirth, to heaven and the under-earth. We see Him come, and know Him ours, who with His sunshine and His showers turns all the patient ground to flowers. The darling of the world is come, and we find a room to welcome Him. The nobler part of all the house here is the heart, which we will give Him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath, to do Him honor, who's our King, and Lord of all this reveling.— *Robert Herrick*

ADVENT HYMN St. Louis
Recorded November 29, 2015

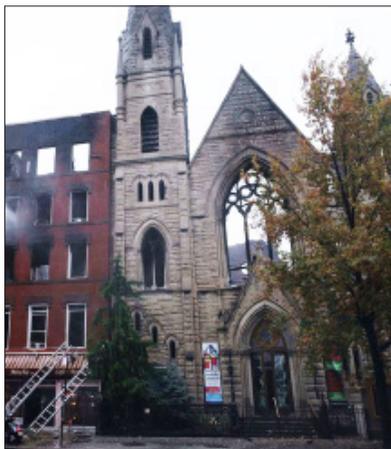
**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray,
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell,
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Carillon-Sortie. Henri Mulet

 <p>Tidings of Comfort and Joy: A Marble Christmas Choral Festival <i>Online, Sunday, December 13 at 12:00pm</i></p>	<p>A MARBLE CHRISTMAS CHORAL FESTIVAL FOLLOWS WORSHIP Stay online for this virtual concert directed by Kenneth Dake, featuring all the Marble Choirs.</p>
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PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE
Rev. Susanah Wade, Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin, Rhonda Musak, *lay reader*
The Marble Choir, Festival of Voices, Kenneth V. Dake, *director of music*



SUPPORT MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH WITH OUR PRAYERS & GIFTS

On December 5, our sister congregation, Middle Collegiate Church, experienced a fire, and the sanctuary and building have been destroyed, as well as the Women's Shelter next door. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but the Middle Community is grieving as they see the ashes of where their beloved church stood. Though a church is more than its building, this place holds so much meaning for so many people.

Please join us in showing our love in a tangible way to help them rebuild from the ashes.

Donate at MarbleChurch.org, "Middle Collegiate Relief Fund".



OPERATION SANTA LETTERS

Santa still needs your help. Please sponsor the cost of a Christmas gift for children at Icahn House, PS30, Hour Children and the Bowery. Marble has already purchased gifts so they arrive in time for Christmas.

Please consider giving at the following levels:

- \$35 for 1 gift
- \$70 for 2 gifts
- \$105 for 3 gifts
- \$140 for 4 gifts

Or give whatever you can. By participating, you can help bring joy to a child in our city on Christmas morning. Donate at MarbleChurch.org or mail check to Marble Church, 1 W. 29th St, New York, NY, 10001, with "Operation Santa Letters" in memo.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Thanks to all who contributed to the costs of Thanksgiving food trimmings for families at Housing Plus and Children Rescue Fund (Icahn House).

We can still use your help in offsetting the costs of the baskets at levels of \$25, \$30, \$35 and \$40.

You may do so by going to MarbleChurch.org and clicking on "Make a Donation" at bottom of the page or send your check to Marble Church, 1 W. 29th St, New York, NY, 10001, with memo: "Thanksgiving Basket".



MASTERWORKS HERALDING THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Special Preludes during Advent

Sundays through 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.*

IN MEMORIAM
Richard R. Doll
died December 7, 2020.



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 16 — Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

Please note, last WeWo of 2020; returns January 6.



Sunday Worship, 11:00am

December 20 — Dr. Michael Bos

Expecting the Unexpected: Unexpected Peace

CYF Pageant as part of Worship.

Third 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.



Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, December 24

Service of Lessons & Carols for Families — 4:00pm

Join Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin, Brian Hampton and the Children, Youth & Families Ministry for this special online worship. Followed by a virtual Birthday Party for Jesus.

Living with Wonder — 6:30pm

Meditation by Dr. Michael Bos. Music prelude with The Marble Choir and brass ensemble at 6:10pm.



ALL-CHURCH VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, December 20, 12:15pm

Grab a cup of coffee and join us for another time of fellowship with our Marble Community via video chat. Enter our Ugly Sweater Contest (Dr. Bos even got a new sweater!) to be judged by CYF and Rev. Brittany. We hope to see you there!



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL ON NBC-TV

Christmas Eve at Marble Collegiate Church

is a joyful program filled with a powerful message from Dr. Michael Bos, beloved carols and music from The Marble Choir. Made possible through our partnership with The Interfaith Broadcasting Commission.

Tell family and friends around the country!
(Check local TV listings for time.)



NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER VIGIL

for PEACE & RENEWAL

Thursday, December 31, 12:30-1:00pm

2020 has been an especially trying year, so bless and release it and pray in the new beginning of 2021. Join Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin and the Marble Prayer Ministry Team via video chat for this time of prayer and reflection.

More events on next page.

More at Marble



INSPIRATIONS FOR YOUR ADVENT JOURNEY

through Thursday, December 24

Advent Blog Hosted by Marble Women's Ministry — Visit MarbleWomen.com to experience light, love, and hope through stories, poems, and music from women of faith.

Online Advent Calendar — Join us for our Social Media Advent Calendar, #ADVENTures. We hope that the joy and wonder of the season will lift your spirits and help us all to welcome Christmas into our hearts and homes.

Advent Art Show: Winter Waiting — Through a range of emotional expression in visual art and poetry, Marble artists offer us the opportunity to explore what it means to wait and to anticipate with hope what is to come. At MarbleChurch.org.



VISIT MARBLE'S CHRISTMAS TREE

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



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.

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.

Read Through the Bible / Tuesday, December 15, 6:30-7:30pm — Join Rev. Elise Brown and Rev. Anthony Livolsi via video chat for a review of *The Four Gospels*.

PrimeTime (55+) Online Gathering / Wednesday, December 16, 1:00pm — Gather via video chat or phone for a Christmas message, *Was Bethlehem Merry*, with Sr. Carol Perry. On December 23, join us for a *Gary Thompson & Friends Christmas*. For details, contact Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org.

GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship Virtual Coffee Hour / Sunday, December 20, 12:00pm — Gather online for a video chat with Marble's LGBTQ+ fellowship and allies. It'll be fun to see each other's faces and check in on how we're doing during the holidays. Newcomers always welcome.

Read Through the Bible: Romans thru Revelation / Sunday, December 27, 1:45pm — Sr. Carol Perry reviews the December readings. Please join us for the culmination of this meaningful 2020 project. Register online. Inquires to Baleta McKenzie.

ON-GOING

Sunday Morning Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark / Weekly, 10:00-10:40am — Rev. Anthony Livolsi continues our 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. **Please note, not meeting December 28.**

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. **Please note, not meeting December 24 through January 1; returns January 4.**

More events on next page.

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. **Not meeting December 15; see previous page for Read Through the Bible event.**

Chair Yoga / Every Thursday, 10:00-10:45am — Center yourself physically and spiritually with this beginner-friendly time of gentle movement. **Please note, not meeting December 24 & 31.**

Small Groups — Grow deeper spiritually and stay connected with others even though we are online only. Contact Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org.



REAFFIRMATION OF VOWS

Sunday, January 3, after Worship

All couples welcome to join us for this annual ceremony, this time via video chat.



A CONVERSATION with BEVY SMITH Thursday, January 7, 6:30pm

Bevy Smith, TV and radio personality, joins Dr. Michael Bos and Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin in a conversation about racial injustice and overcoming the obstacles currently wounding our country. Bevy invites us along on the journey of her personal transformation to reveal we can live our best lives with honesty, joy, and no apologies.

All welcome! Hosted online by GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship. Register at MarbleChurch.org by January 6. Inquiries to Don Piper, DPiper@MarbleChurch.org.



MARBLE MASKS

Help protect others and yourself from COVID-19 by wearing a face mask with the Marble Church logo on it. **Also makes a good stocking stuffer.** \$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 to suit your head size for a more comfortable fit. **We wish you and yours good health!**



TOUCHPOINT: THE MARBLE MAGAZINE

The December 2020/January 2021 issue is available at MarbleChurch.org/media/touchpointmagazine/.

Dr. Michael Bos invites us to move closer to Jesus and one another, Rev. J. Elise Brown reminds us that Jesus came into a world of uncertainty, Dr. Ken Ruge muses about walking and our editor reflects on the impact of sounds.

We have also printed and mailed this issue to everyone on the Marble mailing list as an extra way for us to connect. If you don't want to keep your printed copy, please share it to let others know about our amazing community. We will not be printing all our upcoming issues, so if you haven't already signed up to receive it via email, click on [Email Sign-Up](#) on middle of our home page and select *Touchpoint*. Of course, current and old issues are always available online.

CAROL FOR ADVENT

Claire Cloninger & Robert Sterling



1. Hark! Hear the voice that cries in the desert, "Pre -
 2. Lo! Hear the song the an - gels are sing - ing, pro -
 3. Je - sus our Lord! How long we have wait - ed, for



- pare ye the way of the Lord!_ Make straight the way in a
 - claim-ing the Light of the Lord._ "Glo - ry to God!" the
 He is the hope of the Lord._ Light has ar-rived and



world dark and bar-ren: Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord! And ev - ery
 heav - ens are ring-ing the song for the Light of the Lord. There in the
 dark-ness has fad-ed. Yes, He is the hope of the Lord. Lov-ing us



val - ley shall be raised moun-tains will trem - ble with their praise.
 man-ger will He lay, He who de-serves our high - est praise.
 each just as His own, He comes to make our hearts His home.



Wit - ness His glo - ry, man-kind to - geth - er. Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord!"
 Shep-herds a-dore and wise men are bring-ing their gifts to the Light of the Lord.
 He longs for all to be lib - er - at - ed, for this is the hope of the Lord.



— Sing al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le



- lu - ia! Christ is com - ing soon! Sing al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le -



- lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu, Em - man - u - el!

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MARBLE STORYTIME

Visit MarbleChurch.org to watch Rev. Brittany as she reads a 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**

Previous stories also available.



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. Susanah 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.

If you are in need of more in-depth, professional help with mental health issues, please reach out to the BLANTON-PEALE INSTITUTE & COUNSELING CENTER.
BlantonPeale.org



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.



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.



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.



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Rev. Susanah Wade, *Associate Minister*; Dr. Kenneth Ruge, *Minister for Pastoral Care & Counseling*

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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.