



**MARBLE
COLLEGIATE
CHURCH**

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

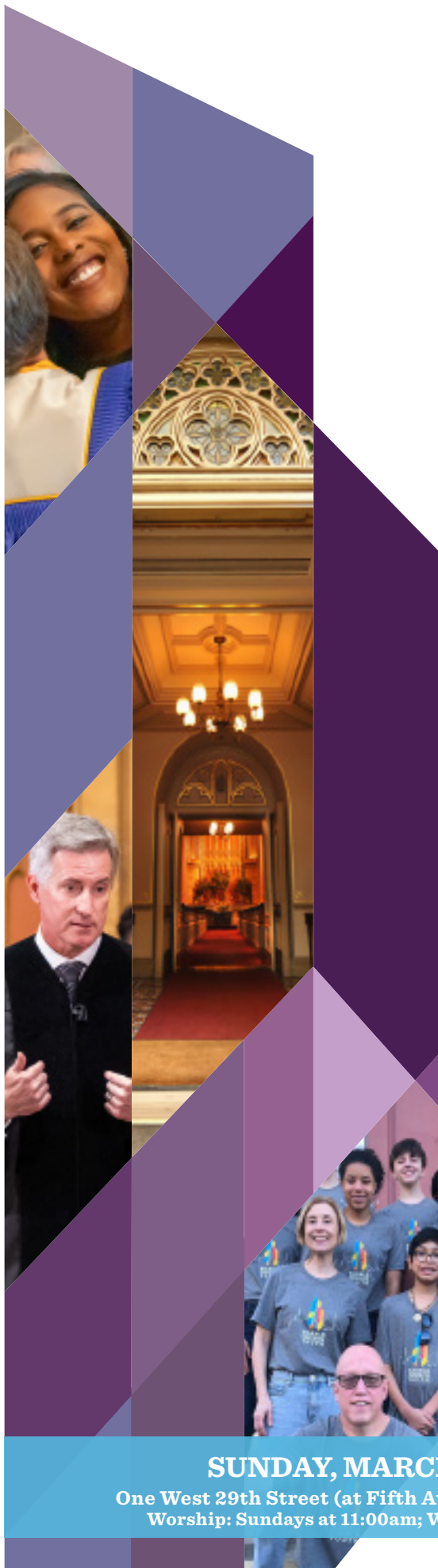
**We continue to
stay in community
during these
uncertain times.**

***Do not fear,
for I am with you,
do not be afraid,
for I am your God;
I will strengthen
you, I will help you,
I will uphold you
with my victorious
right hand.***

— Isaiah 41:10

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 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 Lent

March 15, 2020

Special organ preludes during Lent, 10:47am.

Grace Notes: Inside the Music returns after Easter.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue sur le Nom D'Alain. Maurice Duruflé

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT O Taste, and See. David Ashley White
O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is; blest are they who trust in Him. — *Psalm 34:8*

HYMN **To God Be the Glory** Text: Fanny J. Crosby
Tune: William H. Doane

INVOCATION

ANTHEM O Savior, Blessed Savior (Adoro te devote) James Biery
O Savior, blessed Savior, listen while we sing; hearts and voices raising praises to our King; all we have we offer, all we hope to be, body, soul and spirit, all we yield to Thee. Great and ever greater are Thy mercies here; true and everlasting are the glories there, where no pain or sorrow, toil or care is known, where the angel legions circle round Thy throne. Clearer still and clearer dawns the light from heav'n. In our sadness bringing news of sins forgiv'n; life has lost its shadows, pure the light within. Thou hast shed Thy radiance within. Brighter still and brighter glows the western sun, shedding all its gladness o'er our work that's done; time will soon be over, toil and sorrow past; may we, blessed Savior, find a rest at last. Amen. — *English text by Godfrey Thring*

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.

HYMN **Be Still My Soul**. *Finlandia*

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE Isaiah 41:10
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **HOPE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES** Dr. Michael Bos
Following the sermon, all are invited into a moment of silent, prayerful reflection.

HYMN **I Will Follow You**. John Barbour and Anne Barbour

EASTER OFFERING VIDEO

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL FOR OFFERING

ANTHEM *Kyrie from Requiem* Maurice Duruflé
Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

HYMN **My Faith Looks Up to Thee** (*Verses 1 & 3*) *Olivet*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Litanies* Jehan Alain
This is the most famous work of Duruflé's student Alain, the theme of which was quoted in today's prelude. Alain includes this inscription to Litanies: "When the Christian soul can't find any new words in its distress, for asking for God's mercy, she repeats without ceasing the same prayer with a vehement faith. Reason reaches its limit. Only faith pursues its summit."

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE
Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D., Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin
The Marble Choir, Kenneth Dake, *director of music*



In the midst of the physical distance the COVID-19 crisis has created between us, we need to remember that we need each other more than ever. We are blessed that we can worship together online! Here are ways for us to stay connected during this time:

ONLINE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO STAY CONNECTED

Worship

Sunday and Wednesday Worship services held online through Wednesday, April 1.

Sunday Worship at 11:00am*

To tune in live or view the archive, please visit www.marblechurch.org/connect/livestreaming. **Prelude begins at 10:47am*

Wednesday Worship at 6:15pm

To tune in live or view the archive, please visit www.marblechurch.org/connect/livestreaming

Prayer Circle and Ten O'Clock Hour

The Prayer Circle and Ten O'Clock Hour are combined and livestreamed at 10:00am.

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Small Groups and Prayer Groups

We are working on online opportunities for people to join small groups and prayer groups. Please stay tuned for further details.

Call Ministry

We also hope to provide a sign-up link for people to serve as "callers" by phone to people in the congregation. Please stay tuned for further details.

Stay tuned as we continue to develop more ways for us to remain in community online. As the situation changes we will update our schedule as needed. Please continue to check the website for the most up-to-date information. We are devoted to staying connected in these uncertain times in a safe way and to do our part to stop the spread of this disease and protect the most vulnerable of our community.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.
— Robert Breault



WE EXPRESS HEARTFELT APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO JESSICA SCOVEL for the incredible contributions she has made to Marble and our families and children over the last six years as the Director of Children's Ministry since 2016 and Associate Director before that. Jessica has been a great leader who is creative, intelligent and absolutely loves children and their spiritual development. She is gracious and thoughtful and developed meaningful relationships with the children, Child Care Providers and parents, and has been a strong and reflective presence on the staff. We wish Jessica all the best as she pursues more direct teaching opportunities. Our prayers will continue to surround and support her.



EASTER OFFERING 2020

The season of Lent started in the midst of another looming concern for human life because of the coronavirus. As a community of hope, we invite you to walk alongside us as we try to take care of each other while still keeping our focus on God. During Lent, the Marble Community spends time looking at the ways in which God is revealed to us through the life of Jesus who demonstrated a life of radical love and kindness for all. Though we find ourselves in the midst of a chaotic time, we hope you will be able join us in supporting the needs of our communities near and far — needs that will be even more critical as we try to navigate the world in which we now live.

Thank you again for your support and we look forward to our journey ahead as we try to live into Matthew 25:35-36.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." — Matthew 25:35-36 (NIV)



LILIES DECORATING OUR SANCTUARY AT EASTER are made possible by contributions of members and friends in honor or memory of loved ones. **Donate online at MarbleChurch.org/worship/lent-holyweek**, use Easter Lilies envelope found in pews, or contact Clay Hale, CHale@MarbleChurch.org or ext. 252. **March 29 is deadline to submit names.** Please put your envelope and donation in offering plate or hand to receptionist. Names listed in Easter Sunday bulletin, April 12.

MORE WAYS TO KEEP INSPIRED AND CONNECTED

Encouraging Word — When you need a bit of inspiration, call **212-686-2774** to hear Marble's brief recorded message by one of our ministers. The messages change periodically and are available to listen to day or night.

Women's Ministry Lenten Blog — Visit MarbleWomen.com through April 9.

Marble StoryTime — Visit MarbleChurch.org each month 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! March's story: ***I Am Enough***



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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.