



## **MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH**

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

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

*The hand of the Lord  
came upon me, and  
he brought me out by  
the spirit of the Lord  
and set me down in  
the middle of a valley;  
it was full of bones.  
Then he said to me,  
“Prophesy to the  
breath, prophesy,  
mortal, and say to  
the breath: Thus says  
the Lord God: Come  
from the four winds,  
O breath, and breathe  
upon these slain,  
that they may live.”  
... and the breath  
came into them,  
and they lived...*

— Ezekiel 37:1, 9 & 10

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020**

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

# Order of Service

**World Communion Sunday**

**October 4, 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.**

**Grace Notes: Inside the Music returns next Sunday.**

**PRELUDE** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty . . . . . *Lobe den Herren*  
Chorale-Preludes . . . . . Johann Walther and J.S. Bach  
*Recorded June 30, 2019*

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

**INTROIT** Psalm 96: Chantez à Dieu . . . . . Jan Pieters Sweelinck  
The Marble Choir  
*Recorded October 6, 2019*  
*Sung in French; translation:* Sing to the Lord a new song, sing, all the earth. Sing, and bless  
God's name. And from day to day announce God's great salvation.

**HYMN 145 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty . . . . . Lobe den Herren**  
Bryan Dunnewald, *organist*  
*Recorded February 10, 2019*  
*Please refer to on-screen lyrics or online hymnal.*

**INVOCATION**

**ANTHEM** Esto Les Digo . . . . . Kinley Lange  
Marble Festival of Voices  
*Recorded October 4, 2015*  
*Sung in Spanish; translation:* This I say to you, if two of you are put in agreement here on earth  
to ask anything in prayer, My Father which is in heaven will give it to you. Because where two  
or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them.

**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**

Everything . . . . . Israel Houghton, arr. Dake  
The Marble Choir  
*Recorded November 26, 2017*

**HYMN Breathe on Me, Breath of God . . . . . Kenneth Dake**  
*Recorded June 4, 2017*  
*Please refer to on-screen lyrics or music on page 7 of bulletin.*

**READING OF THE SCRIPTURE . . . . . Ezekiel 37:1-14**  
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON ONE BREATH AT A TIME . . . . . Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*This is the Lord's table. God is our host and we are all guests. Because it is God's table, it does not belong to any one church or denomination. All who believe in the love of God demonstrated in Christ are invited to this Supper. This is an extraordinary time and, while this won't become a regular practice for us at Marble, we invite you to join in partaking of Communion in your own home. Please have ordinary elements of bread and juice nearby. We are together... while we are apart.*

**HYMN**      **Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises** . . . . . *South African*  
*Recorded October 4, 2015*  
*The choir begins by singing the refrain twice in Shona; then all join in, singing in English.*  
*Please refer to on-screen lyrics or music on page 7 of bulletin.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL FOR OFFERING  
*Please click on "Donate" on upper left of video screen (exit out of full screen mode to see it) or click on "Make a Donation" on the bottom of any page of our website. You may also mail a check; keep in mind processing will take longer.*

**ANTHEM**      Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether. . . . . Harold Friedell  
Virtual Video: The Marble Choir  
*For participant names, please see page 4.*  
Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in Thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem. As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God our Maker break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully. — *Percy Dearmer*

**HYMN**      **Sent Forth by God's Blessing** . . . . . *The Ash Grove*  
*Recorded March 10, 2019*  
*Please refer to on-screen lyrics or music on page 8 of bulletin.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      Fantasy on *Lobe den Herren* . . . . . Aaron David Miller  
*This tune served as today's opening hymn.*  
*Recorded July 23, 2017*

	<b>HOMECOMING FOLLOWS WORSHIP.</b> <i>Please stay online and enjoy this time of laughter and music!</i>
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PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Dr. Michael Bos, Rev. Susanah Wade, Members of the Arts Ministry, *lay readers*  
The Marble Choir, Festival of Voices, Kenneth V. Dake, *director of music*



**World Communion — Today we all come to the table to share in Communion.** While each table may look different, it is all **#OneTable**, the Lord's Table. So, we invite you to share photos of your Communion table so that we can continue to make our table longer, and celebrate in its diversity. Tag us on Instagram (@marblechurchnyc) or on Facebook (@marblechurchnyc) or email photos to Siobhan Tull, STull@MarbleChurch.org, and use **#OneTable**.

**ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES** — *Please see pages 5 & 6.*

## THE MARBLE CHOIR VIDEO

Rachel Barg  
Clark Baxtresser  
Joshua Bouchard  
Robbie Cowan  
Ethan Crystal  
Lila Duffy  
Ethan Garner

David Michael Garry  
Phenisher Harris  
Brian Hurst  
Laura Inman  
Marcus Jefferson  
Mark Johnson  
Lauren-Rose King

Tesia Kwarteng  
Jonathan May  
Alex McCoy  
Shelley Mihm  
Joan Mohre  
Kathryn Papa  
Max Parsons

Nicholas Prior  
Martin Schreiner  
Elizabeth van Os  
Anna Willson

### WELCOME BACK TO THE MARBLE (Virtual) CHOIR!

Thank you for your online ministry in the coming weeks.



Life as we know it has changed drastically and with this has emerged a number of spiritual and emotional needs in our communities. **If you need to speak to someone during these challenging times – perhaps you feel lonely, have experienced loss, lost your job, lost a loved one, are ill or perhaps you feel stuck and cannot decide how to move forward, call The Marble Care Line and get the support you need.** A trained volunteer will be there to

listen to you with a Christ-centered ear, a caring heart and a commitment to keeping all you share in confidence. You do not need to walk this journey alone.

**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](https://MarbleChurch.org/give/marble-care-line) or contact Rev. Susanah Wade, [SWade@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:SWade@MarbleChurch.org), or Judy Tulin, [JTulin@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:JTulin@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](mailto: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](https://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.



### TOUCHPOINT: THE MARBLE MAGAZINE

The October/November 2020 issue is available at [MarbleChurch.org/media/touchpointmagazine/](https://MarbleChurch.org/media/touchpointmagazine/). Dr. Michael Bos introduces our theme for the year, Rev. J. Elise Brown shares a story showing how small things matter, members of the Gospel Choir reflect on their March on Washington and our editor writes about air in our tires.

If you haven't subscribed to receive each issue via email, click on Email Sign-Up on middle of our home page and select *Touchpoint*. **We have also printed and mailed this issue to everyone on the Marble mailing list, if you don't want to keep the printed copy, please share it.**



### ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY CONNECTED

Visit [MarbleChurch.org/marble-online/](http://MarbleChurch.org/marble-online/) for direct links and the most up-to-date information.

We are blessed that we can gather together online for Worship and other events, even as the physical distance created by the COVID-19 pandemic continues. There are many ways for us to stay connected.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark / Weekly, 10:00-10:40am** — Want to know more about Jesus? Not sure what you believe about stuff like the virgin birth? Like to learn what makes one gospel different from the others? This fall, join us for a read through of the Gospel of Mark. Can't tune in live? View the archive at [MarbleChurch.org/watch](http://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.

**Homecoming / TODAY! Sunday, October 4, 12:00pm** — Quarantine Fatigue? Us, too! We need a little laughter. Until we can be together again in the Sanctuary for a traditional Homecoming show, join the Marble Staff for a few laughs, a little music and a whole lot of fun from our houses to yours!



**Online Film Night / Monday, October 5, 7:00-9:45pm** — Watch and discuss *Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution*, an inspiring documentary about Camp Jened, a Catskills summer camp in the 1970s for teenagers with disabilities that fostered a sense of community, creativity, and led directly into the American disability rights movement. Hosted by Marble Women's Ministry. **Register by October 4.**

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study / Weekly, 6:30-7:30pm** — *The Book of Acts*. Join Rev. Anthony Livolsi via video chat for an in-depth discussion of the second half of the Book of Acts and its stories of the earliest Christians. (View sessions exploring first half of Acts at [MarbleChurch.org/Watch](http://MarbleChurch.org/Watch).) Please contact Rev. Livolsi ahead of time for the week's reading, [ALivolsi@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:ALivolsi@MarbleChurch.org).

**PrimeTime (55+) Online Gatherings / Wednesdays, 1:00pm** — Gather with us via video chat or phone to visit with friends and meet new people. For details or to be added to email list, contact Baleta McKenzie, [BMckenzie@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:BMckenzie@MarbleChurch.org).

**Blessing of the Animals / Sunday, October 11** — Although we can't be together on 5th Ave this year, have your favorite animals with you as we all gather around our computers for this special tradition at the end of 11:00am Worship.

**New Members Q&A / Sunday, October 11, 12:00-12:30pm** — For anyone interested in becoming a member, or who may be thinking about it, but still has questions, please join Dr. Michael Bos and Kim Sebastian-Ryan for a conversation about how to join the Marble Family.

*More events on next page.*

### WORSHIP

*Tune in live and remember to click on the chat bubble to engage with others.  
View the archives at [MarbleChurch.org/watch](http://MarbleChurch.org/watch).*

**#WeWo: Wednesday Worship, 6:15pm**  
**October 7** — Rev. Anthony Livolsi



**Sunday Worship, 11:00am**  
**October 11**  
**Conversations We Need to Have: About Faith**  
Dr. Michael Bos. *Part 1 of Sermon Series.*

**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.

**Women's Sacred Writing Circle / Sundays, October 11, 18 & 25, 7:00-8:00pm** — Gather virtually to learn, pray and write together—a place to find a bit of hope in this new season. Come to all or as many as you can. Register by October 10 online or with Don Piper, DPiper@MarbleChurch.org.

**Afternoon Tea / Thursday, October 15, 4:30-5:30pm** — Gather via video chat or telephone for a relaxed time of conversation over a cup of tea or your favorite beverage. Questions? Contact Kim Sebastian-Ryan, KRyan@MarbleChurch.org, or Siobhan Tull, STull@MarbleChurch.org.



**FORUM2020: Science, Spirituality, the Climate Emergency and Our Future**

**Friday, October 16, 10:00am-1:00pm**

**Saturday, October 17, 10:00-11:30am** — Marble is

honored to collaborate with the Temple of Understanding for FORUM2020 and the Global Interfaith Prayer Service for the Earth. World religious and spiritual visionaries,

Indigenous leaders, scientists, and youth environmental activists come together online to address the urgency of the climate crisis with strategies for inspired collective action. No charge. For more details and to register, visit [templeofunderstanding.org](http://templeofunderstanding.org). (Sunday, October 18, during 11:00am Worship, Dr. Michael Bos is in conversation with a special guest from FORUM2020.)

**GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship Virtual Coffee Hour / Sunday, October 18, 12:00pm** — LGBTQ people and allies, bring your own coffee and check in via video chat.

**Young Adult Pub Theology / Monday, October 19, 7:00pm** — We gather online for a casual conversation on faith and life. Grab a beverage and join us. Monthly, third Monday. Contact Rev. Anthony, ALivolsi@MarbleChurch.org

**Through the Bible 2020 Online Gathering / Monday, October 19, 6:30-7:30pm** — **Jeremiah: Friend and Foe.** Jeremiah would be at home in many political circles today—his message changes with the times. What was happening in his world that prompted him to address his people both lovingly and harshly? Interactive session with **Rev. Dr. Julie Faith Parker**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at The General Theological Seminary. Inquiries to Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org.



**All Saints' Concert Photo Submissions by October 18** —

Share your digital photo of a departed loved one for inclusion in our Virtual Concert Memorial, airing during **Eternal Voices: A Concert of Remembrance** on November 1. **Please send up to two digital photos per family** to Jen Clover, JClover@MarbleChurch.org. *Due to COVID-19, we are unable to accept*

*mailed prints of photos this year.* Those without photos may submit up to two names per family for inclusion.

**New Small Groups** — Grow deeper spiritually and stay connected with others even though we are online only. **New groups:** **Unafraid**, starts Friday, October 9; **The Gifts of Imperfection**, starts Wednesday, October 14; **Faith and Feminism**, starts Sunday, October 18; **Learning to Walk in The Dark**, starts Monday, October 19; **Keeping Hope Alive**, starts Monday, October 26. Visit MarbleChurch.org or contact Baleta McKenzie (BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org).

## **ON-GOING**

**Read Through the Bible: The New Testament** — If you are not one of the over 100 participants currently Reading Through the Bible 2020, join us for The New Testament (started October 1). Register online or contact Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org.

**Children, Youth & Families Ministry / Sundays** — **Online Sunday School** at 10:00am; **Cherub and Children's Choir** Rehearsal at 11:00am; **Youth Choir** Rehearsal at 12:30pm. For details, contact Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin, BHanlin@MarbleChurch.org.

**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.

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

**Call Ministry** — If you would like to help us call people from our congregation who live alone and might feel isolated, please fill out the online form or call us, 212-686-2770, 9:00am-5:00pm, to be added to the call list.

## BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

Text: Edwin Hatch, 1878; Music: Kenneth Dake, 2000



Breathe on me, breath of God, — (1.) fill me with life\_ a - new, —  
 (2.) 'til my heart all\_ is pure,  
 (3.) stir in me one\_ de - sire: —



— that I may love the way You love and do\_ what You would do.  
 — un - til with You I will one will, to do\_ or to en - dure.  
 — that ev - 'ry earthly part of me may glow with ho - ly fire.

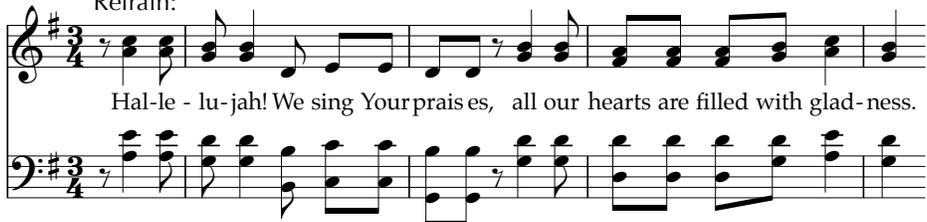


Breathe on me, breath of God, — Breathe on me, breath of God. —

## HALLELUJAH! WE SING YOUR PRAISES

Words and Music: South African

Refrain:



Hal-le - lu-jah! We sing Your praises, all our hearts are filled with glad-ness.



Hal-le - lu-jah! We sing Your praises, all our hearts are filled with glad-ness.



1. Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread.  
 2. Now God sends us all out, strong in faith a-mid doubt,

(Repeat Refrain after Verse 2)



I am wine, I am bread. Give to all who thirst and hun - ger."  
 strong in faith a-mid doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful Gos - pel.

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# SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1964; Tune: *The Ash Grove*, Welsh folk melody



1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the  
2. With praise and thanks-giving to God ever-living, the



peo-ple of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O  
tasks of our every-day life we will face. Our faith ever-sharing in



now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
love ever-caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race.



The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching, shall blossom in  
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us, unite us as



action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall u-  
one in this life that we share. Then may all the living, with praise and thanks-



nite us to work for God's realm and to answer the call.  
giving, give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

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## 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](mailto:StephenMinistry@MarbleChurch.org).



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## MARBLE STAFF

For full staff list and email addresses, please visit [MarbleChurch.org/Welcome/Staff](http://MarbleChurch.org/Welcome/Staff).

### Ministerial Staff

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*

### Program Leadership

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*

### Board of Elders & Deacons

**Elders:** Stephanie M. Bailey, Marcelle E. Doll (*Vice Chair*), G. Gregory Lozier (*Chair*)  
Sheila B. Moses, Eileen A. O'Connell (*Church Master*)  
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Barbara Sagan (*Treasurer*), Tomasita Sherer, Renier van Aswegen, Brenda W. Walker  
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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.