



**MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH**  
**Where We Discover We Were Made for More**

**Third Sunday in Advent, December 12, 2021**

*PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES*

*Special Advent Preludes, 10:45am. Grace Notes – Inside the Music returns in January.*

**MASTERWORKS HERALDING THE PRINCE OF PEACE (10:45am)**

Largo from Concerto for Two Violins ..... J. S. Bach  
Dance of the Ishmaelites from *L'Enfance du Christ* ..... Hector Berlioz  
French Carol Medley ..... arr. Kenneth Dake  
Carol Wincenc, Sooah Jeon, *flute*; Nancy Allen, *harp*

**WELCOME**

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH**

Baleta McKenzie, Monique McKenzie

**INTROIT**

A Maiden Most Gentle.....*French tune*, arr. Andrew Carter  
A maiden most gentle and tender we sing: of Mary the mother of Jesus our King. Ave Maria. How blessed is the birth of her heavenly child, Who came to redeem us in Mary so mild. Ave Maria. The Archangel Gabriel foretold by his call the Lord of creation, and Savior of all. Ave Maria. Three Kings came to worship with gifts rich and rare, and marveled in awe at the babe in her care. Ave Maria. Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray; sing praise to the Savior, sing endless Ave Maria.

**HYMN**

**Prepare the Royal Highway** ..... *Bereden Väg för Herran*  
*Please refer to on-screen lyrics or music on back page of bulletin.*

**INVOCATION**

**ANTHEM**

Hallelujah! .....G. Handel, M. Warren, M. Jackson, M. Kibble, T. Chinn  
*from Handel's Messiah: A Soulful Celebration*  
Marble Community Gospel Choir, Rashad McPherson, *director*  
Ben Hoffmann, *piano*; Paul Johnson, *bass*  
David Kawamura, *guitar*; Eric Lewis, *drums*

**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

**HYMN 204 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming** ..... *Es ist ein' Ros*  
*Please refer to hymnal (in pew/online) or on-screen lyrics.*

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE ..... Isaiah 12:2-6  
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON *Advent & the Journey of Life:***  
**HAVING COURAGE** ..... Dr. Michael Bos  
*Part 3 of Sermon Series*

**HYMN *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*** ..... *Carol*

- 1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**
- 2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel-sounds the blessed angels sing.**
- 3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long; beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong; and warring humankind hears not the love-song which they bring; O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing!**
- 4. For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold, when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.**  
— Edmund H. Sears, 1849

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL FOR OFFERING  
*Please click "Make a Donation" on bottom of any page at MarbleChurch.org or use Donate QR Code on card in the pews, to take you to secure website, Realm, to give. Donation boxes also placed by Sanctuary doors. You may also mail a check. We are grateful for your faithful support.*

SOLO Thus Saith the Lord / But Who May Abide *from Messiah* ..... Handel  
Rocky Sellers, *bass-baritone*

**ADVENT HYMN**  
**Emmanuel** ..... Kenneth Dake

Em-man-u - el, Em-man-u - el, O come with - in my life to  
dwell, Please make my heart your manger stall, Be born a - new with-in this  
soul, Em man-u - el, Em man-u - el, Em man-u - el, Em man-u - el.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel* ..... Andrew Carter

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Rev. Susannah Wade, Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D., Tusi Elvi, *lay reader*  
The Marble Choir, Kenneth V. Dake, *director of music*



**AFTER WORSHIP TODAY!**

**THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME... FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

The reimagining of a beloved story ending with a good old-fashioned carol sing! Join us in the Sanctuary and online for this very special Homecoming.

**Also, help support the Youth Service Trip** by purchasing their handmade ornaments after Homecoming or at [MarbleGiftShop.com](http://MarbleGiftShop.com). *Learn more about their trip on page 4.*

**UPCOMING WORSHIP**

*If you can't join us live, view archives at [MarbleChurch.org/Watch](http://MarbleChurch.org/Watch)*



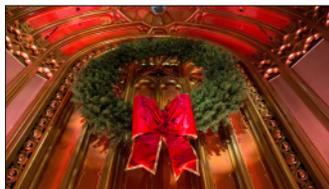
**The Gathering – Midweek Worship OnDemand  
Wednesday, December 15**

**Worship subtitled in Spanish**  
with sharing by Yolanda Escolastico

**Midweek Worship goes live at [MarbleChurch.org](http://MarbleChurch.org) Wednesday mornings.**  
It's a worship resource to access whenever your schedule allows. For those who want to watch together, join a **virtual watch party Wednesdays at 6:15pm, on Marble's Facebook page.**

**Sunday Worship, December 19 – 11:00am**

**Advent & the Journey of Life:**  
**Taking Time for Joy** – Dr. Michael Bos  
*Part 4 of Sermon Series. 4th Sunday in Advent.*



**Christmas Eve Worship  
Friday, December 24 – 6:30pm**

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

***In-Person Worship – We have joined NYC and other faith communities in requiring proof of full vaccination for those 12 and older to attend Worship and other events. We also continue to require everyone age 2 or older to wear a mask and maintain social distancing. Anything we can do to keep one another safe is an act of love. Registration not required to attend, if we remain under our 250 limit. For details including updated safety protocols, visit [MarbleChurch.org](http://MarbleChurch.org).***

## Life at Marble

Visit [MarbleChurch.org](http://MarbleChurch.org) for more events, details, and most up-to-date information.

### BEFORE WORSHIP



**Prayer Circle – 9:30am, Zoom.** Weekly time of prayer and music. All you need is a willing heart, an internet connection or telephone. *Please note: not meeting December 26 or January 2.*

**Sunday Morning Bible Study: The Book of Ruth – 10:00am, Marble Loft.** Attend in person (*limited-capacity*), or stream at [MarbleChurch.org](http://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. *Please note: not meeting December 26 or January 2.*

### CYF CORNER – CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES MINISTRY



**Sunday School & Youth Group – Pre-K – 6th Grades Classes:** 10:00am. *Children's Choir:* 11:10am. *Youth Choir:* 10:00am. *7th-12th Grade* attend 11:00am Worship, followed by *Youth Group* at 12:00pm. *No infant or toddler childcare.* For details, please contact Brian Hampton, [BHampton@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:BHampton@MarbleChurch.org) or Rev. Brittany, [BHAnlin@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:BHAnlin@MarbleChurch.org). **Hybrid Sunday School begins in our new space January 23!**

**Youth Service Trip to New Orleans, February 19-25** – 15 youth from our congregation are going to help rebuild homes after destructive hurricanes like Katrina in 2005 and Ida in August. This service trip is an opportunity for our youth 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](http://MarbleChurch.org) or by check.



#### Become a Member!

Whoever you are, wherever you are in your faith journey, wherever you live, we'd love to have you join us! Please contact Kim Sebastian-Ryan, [KRyan@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:KRyan@MarbleChurch.org), for details or to sign up.

### UPCOMING



**Anticipation & Celebration Virtual Art Exhibit / Through December 31** – Original works depicting colorful signs of Advent and Christmas. View at [MarbleChurch.org/engage/arts-ministry](http://MarbleChurch.org/engage/arts-ministry).

**Bereavement Group / Every Monday, 11:00am-12:00pm** – For those mourning the loss of a loved one. Led by Dr. Bill Lutz, via Zoom. Contact Judy Tulin.

**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.

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study / 6:30pm** – A yearlong read-through of the Gospel of Matthew. Led by Rev. Anthony Weisman via Zoom. Link at [MarbleChurch.org](http://MarbleChurch.org).

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

**Waiting and Wondering / Continues Thursday, December 16, 12:00-12:45pm** – Deepen your experience of Advent by sharing in this time of guided reflection. Join us on Zoom letting prayerful readings from Isaiah and small group discussions raise our sense of spiritual expectancy. Register online or contact Baleta McKenzie, [BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org).

**Arts Ministry Online Christmas Party / Monday, December 20, 6:30pm** – All artists invited to celebrate with us and to learn more about this creative and inspiring ministry. Contact Mario Sprouse, [MSprouse@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:MSprouse@MarbleChurch.org).

**PrimeTime (55+) Online Gatherings / Wednesday, December 22, 1:00pm** – Gary Thompson & Friends, *Christmas Is for Love* (Please note change in date). Contact Baleta McKenzie, [BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org).

### HELP OTHERS



**Operation Santa Letters** – Please see page 5.

**Winter Coat Drive** – Osborne Association in Harlem, a re-entry program for families impacted by incarceration, needs warm winter clothing for 25 adults and 45 children. Please help by donating **new or gently used** coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Leave in bins in 5th Ave Narthex and 29th St Prayer Room.

**Marble Fights Hunger** – We encourage you to bring canned/bottled food whenever you come to Marble. Donations benefit organizations including Icahn House. Drop-off bins in 5th Ave Narthex and 29th St Prayer Room.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry / Monday, December 20, 5:00pm** – Gather for prayer and creating together via Zoom to knit/crochet prayer shawls for the ill or homebound. Contact Judy Tulin ([JTulin@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:JTulin@MarbleChurch.org)). *1st & 3rd Mondays.*

## Spotlight

***We congratulate Rev. Anthony Livolsi and Ben Weisman on their marriage this fall. Now that he has finished the post-wedding-name-change process, Anthony is now officially Rev. Anthony Weisman.***



### **MASTERWORKS HERALDING THE PRINCE OF PEACE**

**Special Preludes during Advent, 10:45am  
Sundays through December 19**

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



**TODAY:**  
**Carol Wincenc, Sooh Jeon, flute**  
**Nancy Allen, harp**

December 19: **The Glenwood Quartet**  
Cyrus Beroukhim, Phillip Payton, *violin*  
William Frampton, *viola*  
Alberto Parrini, *cello*



### **OPERATION SANTA LETTERS**

Please join Marble in sponsoring Christmas gifts for children in need at Icahn House, PS30, Osborne Association – Kinship Reentry Program, and Fresh Youth Initiatives. You can still participate by donating the cost of gifts at **MarbleGiftShop.com** at \$35 per gift, or give whatever you can at **onrealm.org/marblechurch/give/santaletters** or pay by check to

Marble with “Operation Santa Letters” in memo. You can help bring joy to a child in our city on Christmas morning.



### **ONLINE TEA TIME: CHRISTMAS MARKET WALK Wednesday, December 15, 1:00pm**

Join Kim & Siobhan for a virtual walk through one of England's Christmas Markets. *Note, day/time change.* Register at MarbleChurch.org by December 14. Inquiries to Kim Sebastian-Ryan, KRyan@MarbleChurch.org, or Siobhan Tull, STull@MarbleChurch.org.



### **FESTIVE VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR**

**Sunday, December 19, 12:00pm**

Grab a snack and your favorite ugly sweater and join us on Zoom immediately after Worship.

### **Advent Blog: Hope Out of Darkness – through December 24**

Experience light, love, and hope through the stories, poems, and music from women of faith at **MarbleWomen.com** each day in Advent. Sponsored by the Marble Women's Ministry geared for all who need to start the day with hope.



Visit **MARBLEGIFTSHOP.COM** for some of your gift shopping this year! There are books, jewelry, Christmas items, CDs, household goods and more. Proceeds further the mission of Marble.



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**Worship: Sundays, 11:00am; Wednesdays, OnDemand**

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## PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY

Text: Frans Mikael Franzen; Tune: Swedish, 17th century



1. Pre - pare the roy - al high - way, the King of kings is near!\_
2. God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!\_
3. His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.\_



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear.\_  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him; spread gar - ments; shout and sing.\_  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.\_



Then greet the King of glo - ry fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you; no more shall doubt as - sail\_\_ you:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so\_\_ a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to\_\_ the\_\_ Lord,\_\_ for he ful - fills\_\_ God's word!\_



### VIRTUAL ARTISTS' BOUTIQUE

**Concludes today, Sunday, December 12**

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.

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