



To all who are weary and need rest
To all who mourn and need comfort
To all who are lonely and need friendship
To all who are complacent and need disturbing
To all who sin and need a savior
To all who are glad and would serve
This church opens wide its doors.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025

OPENING WORDS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

PRELUDE

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship because we long for mercy.
We long for community.
We long for God.
We come to worship because we need a good word.
We need connection.
We need moral reminders.
We come to worship because we are in between:
hope and grief, faith and doubt,
joy and longing, curiosity and conviction.
So we come to worship and God meets us here.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle.

PRAYER

Julia O'Brien
Deacon

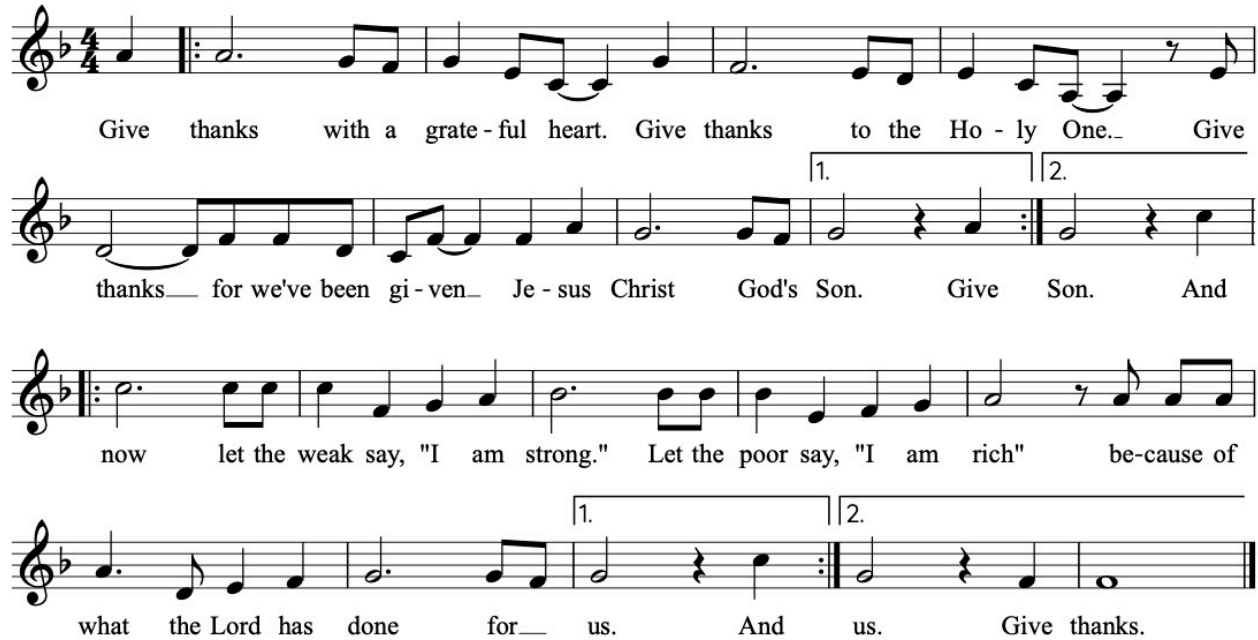
HYMN

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Chalice 73

PASSING THE PEACE & SUNG RESPONSE

Congregation



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho-ly One.. Give
 thanks___ for we've been gi-ven_ Je-sus Christ God's Son. Give Son. And
 now let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich" be-cause of
 what the Lord has done for___ us. And us. Give thanks.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Troy Messenger



Welcome Survey

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LENTEN CANDLE LIGHTING

"Righteousness and Mercy"

Claire McConnell

Rev. Sarah A. Speed

**You are with us in darkness and in light
 In desert and in oasis
 In waiting and in going
 In fasting and in feasting
 In giving up and taking in
 In sin and in forgiveness
 In death and in resurrection
 You are with us in darkness and in light**

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

OFFERTORY

"A Change is Gonna Come"

Ben Peery



Online Giving

<http://mbcnyc.org/get-involved/give>

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:1-10

David Massengill

SERMON

"Righteousness and Mercy"

Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

COMMUNION

Metro Pastors

HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Chalice 425

CLOSING WORDS & BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Dye

POSTLUDE

Laura Bergquist

You are invited to remain for post-service fellowship.

After the service, a camera and mic will be set up so remote and in-person attendees can visit with one another. Refreshments are available in the rear of the sanctuary.

Service Notes

Cover art is *Zacchaeus* by Lauren Wright Pittman. Inspired by Luke 19:1-10 | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Prelude: Traditional Spiritual. Arranged by Mark Hayes.

Call to Worship is written by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy": Words by Frederick W. Faber. Music by Lizzie S. Tourjee.

"Give Thanks": Words and Music by Henry Smith.

"A Change is Gonna Come": Words and Music by Sam Cooke.

"Let Us Break Bread Together": African-American Spiritual.

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The story of Lent is a story of messy middles. Jesus is on the road, but he's not there yet. Jesus is telling stories, but the crowds don't understand. Jesus is leading a parade, but it's not the one they expected. Jesus is risen, but the disciples can't forget the cross. The story of Lent, the story of our faith, is a story of messy middles and nuanced surprises. So this Lent, as we travel through the Gospel of Luke, we are remembering that faith is more complex

than this or that, black or white, true or false storytelling. This Lent, we are wading into the middle of these sacred texts to find God and to stretch our own understanding beyond the binaries our world so often gives. Welcome to an in-between Lent. This is the light before the dawn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Metro Midweek Gathering for Lent

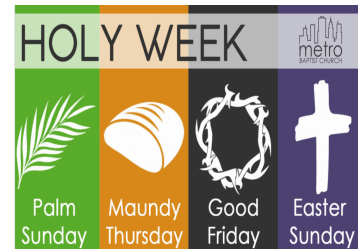
Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Join us as we journey through this Lenten season together. In our next upcoming midweek gathering, we will continue to pause and reflect on what it means to be living in the messy but beautiful in-betweens of this life. Reach out to Pastor Jana (jdye@mbcnyc.org) if you have any questions.

Holy Week at Metro

The pastors of Metro look forward to commemorating the ritual of Holy Week with you next month. Join us for:

- **Palm Sunday** Service - April 13 at 11:00 AM
- **Holy Tuesday** - **April 15** at 7:00 PM presentation of *The Gospel of John* by Ken Jennings in person in Metro's sanctuary.
- **Maundy Thursday** Service - April 17 at 6:30PM (hybrid worship but in-person attendees are invited to join us at 6:00 PM for Matzo ball soup.)
- **Good Friday** - **April 18 from 12:30-1:30pm**. Laura Bergquist will be offering live contemplative music which will take place in our sanctuary and will be streamed online as well.
- **Easter Sunday** - April 20 at 11:00 AM. Sermon by Pastor Tiffany with a special performance by the Metro Choir. "Breaking of the fast" with special treats will take place before worship.



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