



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.

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

OPENING WORDS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

ENTRANCE OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CHORAL INTROIT

"Risen! Christ is Risen!"

Metro Choir
Alexandra Partridge, French Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

But today—
today we know hope.
Today we know life.
Today we know the sound of Alleluias.
Today we know that death does not have the last word.
Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.
It is Easter.
May hope find you.
And may you know, deep in your bones,
that today is a new day.
Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

PRAYER

Alan H. Green
Deacon

HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Chalice 216

*After the final verse of the hymn, all are invited to come forward and assist in
decorating the bare cross at the front of the sanctuary.*

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS & PASSING OF THE PEACE

RESPONSE

"Holy Ground"

Chalice 112

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rosie Fernando-Rizzo



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jana Dye

OFFERTORY

"I've Just Seen Jesus"

Metro Choir

Sierra Boggess, Alan H. Green



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DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all good gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-12

Donna Thompson

SERMON

"Grief & Hope"

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

Pastor

HYMN

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Chalice 222

CLOSING WORDS & BENEDICTION

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

POSTLUDE

"Holy Ground"

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

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Prelude: Words and Music by Lloyd Larson. French Horn arranged by Jesse Warkentin.

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"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today": Words by Charles Wesley. Tune: LYRA DAVIDICA. Arranged by Bradley Knight and Jesse Warkentin.

"Holy Ground": Words and Music by Geron Davis.

"I've Just Seen Jesus": Words by Gloria Gaither. Music by Bill Gaither and Danny Daniels. Arranged by Laura Bergquist and Jesse Warkentin.

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!": Words by Brian Wren. Music by Austin Lovelace.

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This Lent & Easter, we at Metro have been on a journey through the Gospel of Luke as we explore the story of "messing 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. This is the story of our faith, a story of messy middles and nuanced

surprises. During this holy season, we are remembering that faith is more complex than this or that, black or white, true or false storytelling. We are wading into the middle of sacred texts to find God and to stretch our own understanding beyond the binaries our world so often gives. Welcome to an in-between Easter. This is the light before, and after, the dawn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Special Called Church Conference

Sunday, April 27 - Immediately following Worship

Metro will call a brief church meeting to order at the close of worship on April 27 to vote on the request for ordination by former Metro-RMM minister, Jeanene Mutchler. You can read her full ordination request [here](#).



Metro Second Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, May 4 - Immediately following Worship

Please plan to join Metro's hybrid congregational meeting next Sunday, May 4, following worship at 11:00 AM Eastern. Full agenda & supporting documents will be sent out the week of the meeting.



Metro Midweek Gathering - Caregiver Support Circle

Wednesday, May 7 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Join us for a special midweek gathering led by Metro Member and Deacon Cat Fernando-Rizzo. Cat is a therapist who specializes, among other things, in grief and trauma. She has graciously volunteered to lead this gathering on a topic that is so relevant to many of the members of our Metro community. Please reach out to

Pastor Jana (jdye@mbcnyc.org) AND Cat (catfernando98@gmail.com) with any questions.

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