

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.

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

OPENING WORDS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Jana Dye
Pastor

PRELUDE

“Important Event”

Jesse Warkentin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lenten travelers, the journey to the cross begins with a procession into Jerusalem,
a demonstration of Jesus’ saving power.

We come to praise Jesus, the humble Redeemer.

The crowds line the path and shout “Hosanna!” as Jesus rides in,
not on a mighty war horse, but on the backs of a donkey and a colt.

We come to call on Jesus, the peaceful Messiah.

The city murmurs, wondering who this person is
who demonstrates power through humility and strength, without tyranny.

We come to witness Jesus, the One who speaks truth and leads with kindness.

Lenten travelers, will you come on the journey to Jerusalem,
following a Messiah who invites us to live in the kin-dom of God,
not the kingdoms of this world?

We come to follow Jesus, who came to pave a new path forward.

PRAYER

Laura Bergquist
Deacon

*HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Chalice 192

** Please stand as you are able.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

RESPONSE

“Isn’t He”

Is - n't He beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful is - n't He? Prince of Peace, Son of God,
 Yes, You are beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful yes, You are. Prince of Peace, Son of God,

Is - n't He? _____ Is - n't He? won-der-ful, won-der-ful is - n't He?
 yes, You are. _____ Yes, you are, won-der-ful, won-der-ful yes, You are.

Coun-sel-lor, _____ Al-migh-ty God, is - n't He, is - n't He, is - n't He? _____
 Coun-sel-lor, _____ Al-migh-ty God, yes, You are, yes, You are, yes, You are. _____

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rosie Fernando-Rizzo



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

LENTEN CANDLE LIGHTING

“For the Sake of Tiny Resurrections”

Joan Porter

By Rev. Sarah A. Speed

Response:

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

Pastor

OFFERTORY

“Sous le dôme épais / Fairest Lord Jesus”

Ali Ewoldt



Online Giving

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

Katherine Riddle

*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	Mark 21:1-8	Michael Pfeifer
SERMON	"Riding in On Prophetic Imagination"	Dr. Karissa Thacker
*HYMN	"O, How I Love Jesus"	Chalice 99
CLOSING WORDS		Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
BENEDICTION		Dr. Karissa Thacker
POSTLUDE	"Ride On, O Savior, to Be Crucified"	Jesse Warkentin

Service Notes

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Prelude: Important Event (Robert Schumann, Op. 15, No. 6).

Call to Worship is adapted from a liturgy written by *Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025*.

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" is by Theodulph of Orleans (words), tr. by John Mason Neale. Music is by Melchior Teschner, harmony by William Henry Monk.

"Isn't He" is by John Wimber (words and music).

Offertory: "Sous le dôme épais", "*Flower Duet*", from *Lakmé* by Léo Delibes. "Fairest Lord Jesus" is a German hymn, *Münster Gesangbuch*. Music is from *Schleische Volkslieder*. Arranged by JJ Warkentin.

"O, How I Love Jesus" is by Frederick Whitfield (words), music is a Traditional American Melody.

Postlude: Arrangement by JJ Warkentin. "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" music adapted from Robert Schumann's *Nachstücke*, Op 23.

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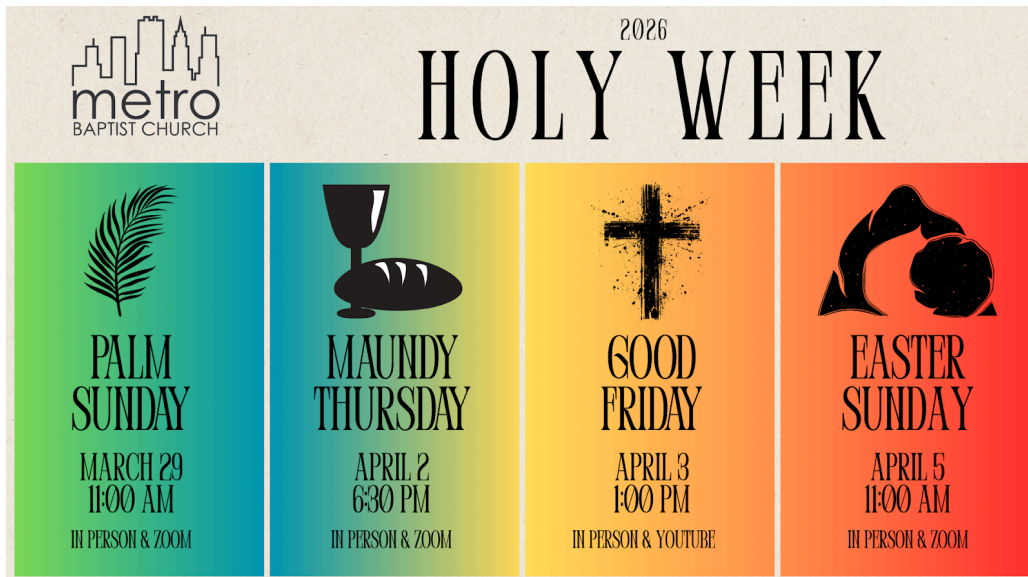
This Lent, we are going back to our roots, back to the teachings and ways of Christ. Jesus' ministry is often described as "radical" which comes from a Latin word meaning "root" or "ground." Therefore, the good news should bring us back to our roots, back to what grounds us: loving our neighbor, caring for the vulnerable, pursuing justice and mercy, and resting in God's unending grace. As we will discover during this season, the good news is extravagant, untamed, illogical, and persistent...and alive in the world! This Lent, may the teachings of Jesus lead us forward. **Let the good news ground us!** And let that good news inspire us to take action in a world desperate to hear, see, and taste what is good.



TODAY'S PREACHER

Dr. Karissa Thacker is a psychologist, theologian, and one of those Southerners who fell in love with New York City. Karissa is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary and recently completed a two year fellowship at Columbia University focusing on Pluralism and Spiritual Innovation. She is the wife of former Metro deacon Ginger Ward and the mom of two very badly behaved but cute Yorkies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



As we begin this Holy Week, we invite you to journey with us from palm waving to the empty tomb. See details below:

- **Palm Sunday Service** - Today at 11:00 AM (In person & [Zoom](#))
Sermon by Dr. Karissa Thacker with music by Ali Ewoldt, Katherine Riddle & Jesse Warkentin
- **Maundy Thursday Service** - April 2 at 6:30 PM (In person & [Zoom](#))
Communion & Service of Shadows with reflections by Metro family members
In-person attendees are invited to join us at 6:00 PM for Matzo ball soup
- **Good Friday** - April 3 at 1:00 (In person & [YouTube](#))
Contemplative offering of music, scripture & poetry coordinated by our Metro Mindfulness Team
- **Easter Sunday** - April 5 at 11:00 AM (In person & [Zoom](#))
Sermon by Pastor Jana with music by the Metro Choir, Alex Partridge & Jesse Warkentin
“Breaking of the fast” with special treats will take place before worship in physical sanctuary

For more details, check our website or email mbc@mbcnyc.org.





HKFP Youth Farm Internship Applications

For NYC High School Students

Internship Dates: July 8 - August 13, 2026

NYC high school students are invited to apply for the Hell's Kitchen Farm Project's Youth Farm Internship program which will run for 6 weeks this summer. The internship will be open to up to 12 students and will be a mix of classroom teaching, hands-on learning, and field trips. Students will learn about social justice, growing food in urban communities, sustainability, and cooking and preserving food with fresh ingredients. Interns will also be paid a modest weekly stipend. To learn more, visit www.hkfp.org/internship-opportunities-



Winter Clothing Closet Season Closing

Thank you for another successful season!! With your help and our incredible volunteers, we served well over **one thousand** of our neighbors again during this very harsh winter season. Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped out this season, as well as everyone who made donations of clothing & resources. While we only distribute clothing November through March each year, we do continue to collect new and gently used WINTER clothing all year long. Please email rmm@rmmnyc.org with any questions or to make a donation.



Annual Giving Monthly Update

Thank you for supporting the ministry and work of Metro Baptist Church through your tithes and offerings. For more questions regarding our stewardship efforts & focus, please feel free to reach out to Metro Trustee Sara Day (saraday468@gmail.com).

General offerings as of February 2026: \$36,036.79

Total Amount Budgeted for 2026: \$270,000.00

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