



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 5, 2026*

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OPENING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

*Pastor*

PRELUDE

“Easter Morning Medley”

Alexandra Partridge

Jesse Warkentin

ENTRANCE OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

\*HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Chalice 234

CALL TO WORSHIP

On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

**On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.**

On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

**But today, we know the good news is alive and well.**

The good news is dancing!

**The good news is moving in and around us.**

The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

**Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.**

Let us worship our good-news Christ.

PRAYER

Cat Fernando Rizzo

*Deacon*

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

*As the music plays, 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

The Congregation

RESPONSE

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus, ris - en now to reign in love.

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Sav - ior; with the mul - ti - tudes a - bove.

There the songs of saints and mar - tyrs thun - der like a might - y flood,

"Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

The musical score is written on four staves in 3/4 time, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are printed below the notes.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Cat Fernando-Rizzo



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

OFFERTORY

“That Name”

Metro Choir



Online Giving

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

## \*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	Matthew 28:1-10	Donna Thompson
SERMON	"Good News Is Alive in the World"	Rev. Jana Dye <i>Pastor</i>
*HYMN	"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"	Chalice 216
CLOSING WORDS & BLESSING		Rev. Jana Dye
POSTLUDE		Metro Choir

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### ***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.

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### **Service Notes**

Cover Art is "The Empty Tomb" (Vie de Jesus Mafa).

Prelude is arranged by JJ Warkentin.

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

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" is by Matthew Bridges, Godfrey Thring (words), and George J. Elvey (music).

Arranged by JJ Warkentin.

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" is by William C. Dix (words) and Rowland H. Prichard (music).

"That Name" is by Richard Smallwood (words and music). Arranged by Bradley Knight.

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" is by Charles Wesley (words). Music: *Lyra Davidica*, desc. Charles H. Webb.

Arranged by Bradley Knight. .

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This Lent & Easter, we have returned 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 have discovered during this season, the good news is extravagant, untamed, illogical, and persistent...and alive in the world! As we move fully into the Easter season, may the teachings of Jesus continue to lead us forward. Let the good news of resurrection ground us today and always!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A photograph of a rooftop garden with a wooden fence and a 'WELCOME' sign. In the background, there are city buildings and a tree. A circular logo for 'HELL'S KITCHEN FARM PROJECT' is visible in the upper right corner of the image.

**2026 Farm Opening**  
Sunday, April 19  
12:30 - 3:00 PM  
Metro Baptist Church

Join us for an afternoon of tours, snacks, and activities to celebrate the start our 16th farm season!

Please note that our roof is only accessible via 4 flights of stairs. We regret that we are not fully accessible yet.



### 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](http://www.hkfp.org/internship-opportunities)



### Metro Second Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, April 26 - Immediately following Worship

Please plan to join Metro's hybrid congregational meeting next Sunday, April 26, following worship at 11:00 AM Eastern. Full agenda & supporting documents will be sent out the week of the meeting.



### 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](mailto:saraday468@gmail.com)).

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

**Total Amount Budgeted for 2026: \$270,000.00**

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