

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 11, 2018

Prelude *A Way to Calvary Leadeth* Dale Wood, arr.  
*My Song Is Love Unknown*

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* Charlotte Elliott,  
William Bradbury

Call to Worship

\*Hymn “In Christ There Is No East or West” No. 687

Choral Anthem *God So Loved the World* Bob Chilcott

Morning Prayers No. 657

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 trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
And the power,  
And the glory, forever.  
Amen.

Prayer Response “You Are My Hiding Place” No. 554  
*You are my hiding place, you always*  
*fill my heart with songs of deliverance.*  
*Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.*

\*Hymn “They’ll Know We Are Christians” No. 494

Scripture See insert

Sermon “The Inclusion CLAUSE of Life”

Offering

Offertory Anthem *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* Mark Hayes, arr.  
Solo: Alexandra de Suze

\*Doxology See insert

\*Hymn “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!” No. 545

Benediction

Benediction Response “Fourfold Amen” No. 313

Postlude *Christe Sanctorum* Peter P. Stearns, arr.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*Please, no food or drinks in the Sanctuary during the service.*  
*Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices before the service.*

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“Unequal weights and  
unequal measures are both like  
an abomination to the Lord.”

*Proverbs 20:10*

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### TODAY

10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Sermon, Rev. Susan Sparks; music by  
Paul Stephan and the MABC Choir  
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour; Card and Letter Writing

Ushers: Nancy Rivera and Joe McMillen  
Coffee Hour: Joe McMillen  
Camera: Travis Dover

Choir: Jennifer Townshend (soprano), Karen Rich (soprano),  
Alexandra de Suze (alto), Richard Binder (tenor),  
Brian Long (baritone), Doug Shapiro (bass)

*The liturgical color for Lent is purple.*  
*As it reflects the bruises and wounds of Christ’s suffering,*  
*purple calls us to self-examination and love as we prepare*  
*ourselves to receive the good news of the Easter resurrection.*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Sunday School Class Reading Fleming Rutledge’s *The Undoing of Death*** - Join the MABC Sunday School class as it begins to read Fleming Rutledge’s *The Undoing of Death*. This collection of sermons, drawn from her many years of preaching Holy Week and Easter services, will help us prepare ourselves not only for celebrating Good Friday and Easter but also for living as Easter people in a world needing a word of hope and peace. The class meets every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the upper room. Please contact the church office or our leader, Kevin Davis, to be added to the weekly email reminder. Copies of the book are available upon request.

**Thursday, March 15th, Beer and Bible.** Join us at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of fellowship and lively conversation. This Beer and Bible event will be hosted by Jacki Friedmann and will use sections from Susan Sparks' book, *Laugh Your Way to Grace*, as a basis for conversation. Contact Jacki, jacki@maavs.com.

**Sunday, March 18th** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Sermon, Rev. Susan Sparks;  
music, Paul Stephan & the  
MABC Choir  
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour; New Members Mtg

**Sunday, March 18th, New Members Meeting.** Are you interested in becoming a member of MABC? Join us after the service for a meeting with the deacons and other MABC members who will be available to answer your questions. All are welcome.

**Winter Coat Drive Continues** - Through our partnership with Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries (RMM) - for which Susan Sparks serves as a board member - MABC continues to participate with their Winter Clothes Closet program. We especially need adult winter coats, gloves, hats, scarves, socks and underwear. There is a donation box at the back of the sanctuary.

### Save the Date for these upcoming Spring events!

- Saturday, April 21st, MABC Cares. Join the MABC team of volunteers for this Saturday of service in our community as we work to replant and refurbish the Project Harmony Garden in Harlem. For more information, please contact Jacki Friedmann, jacki@maavs.com.
- Sunday, May 20th - Author and journalist Jennifer Haupt will speak about her new novel, *In The Shadow of 10,000 Hills*, a riveting family saga that spans from the turmoil of Atlanta during the Civil Rights Movement through the struggle for reconciliation and forgiveness in post-genocide Rwanda.

### HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

MABC is equipped with a hearing assistance system.  
Please ask an usher for a receiver.



## MABC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We're using SignUp.com to organize our upcoming signups for Coffee Hour and ushering. Here's how it works in three easy steps:

- 1) Go to this page to see our Sign-Up on SignUp.com: [vols.pt/hJCuf2](https://vols.pt/hJCuf2)
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's easy—you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.

*If you need assistance signing up, please contact Joseph Pilla, [JosephPilla@me.com](mailto:JosephPilla@me.com).*

**Weekly Early Morning Volunteer Opportunity** - Every Tuesday morning from 6:45 to 8:30 a.m., St. Peter's Church in midtown Manhattan (619 Lexington Ave. @ 54th St.) runs a soup kitchen. They are always looking for volunteers to help out and would welcome members of our MABC family with open arms. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Adom Crew, who participates in this ministry weekly. For additional details contact [adom.crew@gmail.com](mailto:adom.crew@gmail.com).

For more information about our Community Ministries efforts, check out the volunteer section of the MABC website.



**W**e welcome you to our service this morning! Our church is committed to being one which is inclusive regardless of race, sexual orientation or socio-economic situation. Jesus gave us the supreme example of inclusiveness. In our human way, we attempt to follow.

If you are a visitor, we're glad you're here! Please make sure to fill out a visitor's card and give it to an usher. This is a community of faith where everyone is welcome. We hope to see you again!

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Pastor: Rev. Susan G. Sparks  
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A DIVERSE FAMILY, BROUGHT TOGETHER BY  
FAITH, WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

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