

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 2023

Prelude *Jesus Paid It All* John T. Grape

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Children's Church (children age 3 and up)

Introit *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* John Bowring,
Ithamar Conkey

Call to Worship

***Hymn** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" No. 192

Choral Anthem *How Beautiful Are the Feet* G. F. Handel
from *Messiah*
Jenny Lindsey

Morning Prayers and 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 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" No. 305

***Hymn** "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" No. 191

Scripture Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon "Everyone Loves a Parade" Rev. Susan Sparks

Music and Meditation

+Offering

Offertory Music *When It's All Been Said* James A. Cowan
Alexandra de Suze

***Doxology** No. 46
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Communion Hymn** "Lo, I Am with You" No. 430

Silent Preparation

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Matthew 21:9

The Bread (unison)

Let us recall that the Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

The Cup (unison)

In the same way he took the cup after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us at this table, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet of your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" No. 211

Benediction

Benediction Response "Fourfold Amen" No. 313

Postlude *Rock of Ages* Thomas Hastings

**Please stand as you are able.*

+If you would prefer to give your offering electronically, options for doing so using your mobile phone are available on the back of this bulletin.

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



TODAY

11:00 a.m. Sermon, Rev. Susan Sparks; music by
Aza Sydykov and the MABC Choir
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour

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

Video and Audio: Travis Dover, Reghu Rangunathan



Check Out These Programs and Upcoming Events!

Holy Week at MABC

- **Maundy Thursday Meal (6:30 p.m., Thursday evening, April 6th)** - This year we are bringing back our onsite Maundy Thursday meal for the first time since the onset of COVID. The ritual will consist of a simple meal with meditation, music, and a reading of the Passion Story. Please RSVP to info@mabcnyc.org if you are planning on attending!
- **Good Friday (5:30 p.m., Friday, April 7th) "It's Darkest Before the Dawn: A Good Friday Concert"** - Join Rev. Susan Sparks, world-renowned concert pianist and choral director Aza Sydykov, the acclaimed Madison Avenue Baptist Church choir, and classically trained emerging artists for a Good Friday meditation and concert. The service starts at 5:30 p.m. with a short opening message by Rev. Sparks

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about the moments before dawn. The remainder of the service will invite our guests into a personal reflection through music on the transition from mourning to anticipation to hope. Selections will include Handel's *Messiah* as well as classical, Broadway, and Pop selections. All are welcome!

- **Easter Sunday (11:00 a.m., Sunday, April 9th)** - Join us for a glorious Easter Sunday, with music from Handel to Broadway, an Easter message from Rev. Susan Sparks, Children's Church for our kids, a catered coffee hour, and an Easter egg hunt! Bring a dessert to share!

New Bible Study Next Sunday, April 2, 9:45 a.m. - Join us next Sunday for a NEW six-week study on ACTS, with Chris Aho as our class leader. Remember, these are hybrid classes, so you can join us in person here at MABC or remotely via Zoom. Check Monday's eblast or the MABC website for connection details and class info.

Save the Date! MABC Cares Day, Saturday, April 29 (Time TBA) - It may seem far off now, but MABC Cares Day is just weeks away. Mark your calendars now for this day of volunteer work and fellowship. In past years, a team from MABC has volunteered each spring and fall for projects around the city, from beautifying schools to planting flowers in community gardens. In fact, most recently we've been helping out at the Daniel Wilson Garden in Harlem. Stay tuned for more info about this spring's project and specific times. All are welcome to join us!



MABC Covid Protocols

To view MABC's current COVID protocols, scan the QR code below or visit our website at: www.mabcnyc.org/worship/.



We 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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