Good Friday Worship

APRIL 2, 2021 • 1:00 PM

PRELUDE

Dionne McClain-Freeney

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

HYMN

“Were You There?” (Trad.)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh— sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh— sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

THE FIRST WORD

Ben Perry

Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.
Gospel of Luke 23:34
THE SECOND WORD          Catherine Torpey

*Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.*

MUSICAL SELECTION  “Imagine”          (John Lennon)
Kaede Zaitsu-Helck, soloist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE          John Janka

LORD’S PRAYER          John Janka
Ever-loving and holy God, hallowed be your name. Your reign come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil, for yours is the reign, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

THE THIRD WORD          Wesley Rowell

*Jesus said to his mother: “Woman, this is your son.”*
*Then he said to the disciple: “This is your mother.”*
Gospel of John 19:26–27

THE FOURTH WORD          Natalie Perkins

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*
Gospel of Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34

THE FIFTH WORD          Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

*I thirst.*
Gospel of John 19:28

MUSICAL SELECTION  “My Lord, What a Morning”          (Trad. Spiritual; arr. Allison Sniffin)
Charles S. Brown, soloist • Allison Sniffin, piano

THE SIXTH WORD          Victor Greene

*When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished;”*
*and he bowed his head and handed over the spirit.*
Gospel of John 19:29–30
THE SEVENTH WORD  
John Janka

Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”  
Gospel of John 23:46

JOIN THE MOVEMENT  
John Janka

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HYMN  
“Were You There?”  
(Trad.)

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh— sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Oh— sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

BENEDICTION  
Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE  
Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

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PRAYER CORNER  Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.  
We are praying for all our Middle family every day.  
Gloria Cunningham Burgess, Alicia Swain, Janna Myers, Devora Jones, Pam Payne, Joe Tigner,  
Jessie Matei, Bridget Kelso Anthony, Amanda Ashcraft, Jacqui Lewis, Laurie and Phil Callen,  
To make a prayer request, request a call from a Middle pastor, or inquire about financial  
assistance, visit middlechurch.org/prayer.
Welcome to Middle Church

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. If you are visiting for the first time, we invite you to return often and make Middle Church a home for you, your family, and friends. Sign up for updates or weekly emails at middlechurch.org.

VIDEOS AND PODCASTS — Worship music and sermon videos: youtube.com/MiddleChurch. Re-watch the Worship Celebration livestream: facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch. Middle Church Celebrations podcast: middlechurch.org/podcasts.

DEAR MIDDLE FAMILY — The Consistory, Darren, and I are sending you love and hope that we can help God’s dream of a just world come to fruition.

We are excited to keep putting Revolutionary Love in the world! Our digital worship and programs are more important than ever, as we partner with allies and accomplices across the nation to redeem the soul of America. We do this ongoing this work, even as we partner with our Collegiate colleagues to rise and reconstruct our sacred spaces. Our community, our city, this nation, and neighbors around the globe are being super generous to us. As of today, we have received more than $1,093,628.34 in our Middle Rising campaign with $12,872.13 recurring commitments expected and $87,683.60 pledged by June 30, 2021.

The fire didn’t deter our movement building. We must continue to fund our ministry programming. As of today, we have raised $615,395.38 to fund our ministries, programs, and operations ($487,495.30 actuals; $63,560.08 recurring commitments expected; $64,340 pledged)—68% of our June 30, 2021 goal of $900,000!

• To support our ongoing ministry, programs, and operations, visit middlechurch.org/donate OR donate through Venmo @MiddleCollegiateChurch or text GIVE to (917)924-4666.

• To support our Middle Rising rebuilding efforts, visit middlechurch.org/Rising OR text RISE to (917)924-4666.

We still receive mail at Middle Collegiate Church, 50 East 7th Street, New York, NY 10003. Some donations may require our EIN: 13-5564117 — Middle Collegiate Church aka Ministers, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York.

Family, Middle Church is still on the rise! Thank you for all you do. It’s not the fire, it’s the rising!

—In gratitude, Jacqui, Darren, and Middle Consistory.

Dear Middle Members and Friends,

We are so thankful to each and every one of you who donated in 2020 to help power our movement of love and justice! We want to let you know that with the fire destroying our sacred space and COVID-19 causing significant delays for the U.S. Postal Service, you may experience a delay in receiving your 2020 Giving Tax Statement. Statements have been sent via email or postal service based on how you gave.

However, if you have not received your giving statement via email or mail, please contact us at stewardship@middlechurch.org. Thank you so much for your patience as we navigate this unprecedented time!
Middle Virtual Gatherings

All events are listed in ET unless noted. Visit middlechurch.org for details and the latest updates.

Registration for all programming ends 1 hour before the event begins, so be sure to RSVP!

EVERY DAY: Prayer Phone—Call 212-477-0666 and press 4 for English or press 5 for Spanish to hear a weekly prayer, scripture, and reflection from a Middle pastor. Updated Mondays, 8:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2
• 1:00 p.m.: Good Friday Worship

SATURDAY, APRIL 3
• 11:00 a.m.: Children's Virtual Easter Celebration
• 2:00 p.m.: ¡Hablamos!
• 6:00 p.m.: Staying Connected While Staying In
• 7:00 p.m.: Holy Saturday Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4
• 7:00 a.m.: Easter Sunrise Worship Celebration
• 10:30 a.m.: Bible in the Middle
• 11:00 a.m.: Kids' Sunday Enrichment
• 11:00 a.m.: Middle Youth
• 11:45 a.m.: Easter Worship Celebration
• 12:45 p.m.: Chat and Chew
• 1:00 p.m.: Middle Out Loud
• 7:00 p.m.: Dinner Party
MIDDLE CHURCH ZOOM COVENANT

- Please take time before the meeting to download the Zoom app and/or familiarize yourself with zoom.us — it’s easy and free to do so. **If you need help troubleshooting, CLICK HERE.**
- Please visit this page at least 5 minutes before your meeting to ensure you are using the correct link for your intended meeting.
- Upon entering, confirm that you are in the right meeting.
- Please change your display name. Enter your Full Name, pronouns, and your city. i.e. “Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft (she/her, NYC)”
- Upon entering the meeting, please hit video, as we’d love to see you.
- Also, hit mute to avoid any audio issues. Unmute yourself when you’d like to weigh in on the conversation.
- Sometimes, the host of the meeting will mute and unmute everyone as the meeting requires.
- If you have a question related to the conversation but would prefer to just type it in, there is a “Chat” section on the Zoom video where you can type in a question. We’ll be checking that chat box often to ensure we address all member comments before the meeting ends.
- Zoom participants will adhere to demonstrating Revolutionary Love at all times. If a participant’s behavior is deemed inappropriate by the meeting host, they will be removed. Inappropriate behavior includes but is not limited to: harassment, threats, bigotry of any kind, and not identifying themself.
- For additional troubleshooting, see the sidebar.
- We are thrilled you are here and look forward to a wonderful time together.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- **AA Meetings** can be found here.
- **Downtown Meditation** offers online Wednesday Dharma Talk and Sitting at 7:00 pm
MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH IS ON LENAPE LAND ON TURTLE ISLAND.

MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

Middle Collegiate Church is a multicultural, multiethnic, intergenerational movement of Spirit and justice, powered by Revolutionary Love, with room for all. Following in the Way of Jesus’ radical love, and inspired by the prophets, Middle Church is called by God to do a bold new thing on the earth. We aim to heal the soul and the world by dismantling racist, classist, sexist, xenophobic, and homophobic systems of oppression.

Because our God is still speaking in many languages, we work in inter-religious partnerships to uproot injustice, eradicate poverty, care for the brokenhearted, and build the Reign of God on earth. This activism is fueled by our faith; our faith is expressed in art; our art is an active prayer connecting us with the Holy Spirit. Middle Church affirms the transformative power of moral imagination, reclaiming and reframing Christianity inside our walls, on the street, and in virtual spaces around the globe.

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