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## Good Friday Worship

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APRIL 7, 2023 • 12:00 PM

**PRELUDE** “I've Been Boked”

(arr. Hall Johnson)

Middle Church Choir

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Jacqui Lewis

**HYMN**

“Were You There?”

(Spiritual)

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**

Catherine Torpey

*Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.*

Gospel of Luke 23:34

**MUSICAL SELECTION** “The Storm is Passing Over”

(Charles A. Tindley)

Adrienne Hurd and Lutin Tanner, Dancers

**THE SECOND WORD**

Michael-Ray Mathews

*Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.*

Gospel of Luke 23:43

**MUSICAL SELECTION** “Blackbird”

(Paul McCartney)

Nedra Neal, soloist, Tash Neal, guitarist

**THE THIRD WORD**

Nick Laparra

*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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** “The Mother”

(Brandi Carlile, Phil Hanseroth, Tim Hanseroth)

Madge Dietrich, soloist, Hajime Yoshida, Guitar, Dionne McClain-Freeney, Piano

**THE FOURTH WORD**

Mira Sawlani-Joyner

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Gospel of Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34

**MUSICAL SELECTION** “Out of the Depths I Cry”

(Karin Simmons, arr. John Del Cueto)

Tina Cernero, soloist, Jennifer Vincent, cello, Dionne McClain-Freeney, piano

**THE FIFTH WORD**

Benjamin Perry

*I thirst.*

Gospel of John 19:28

**MUSICAL SELECTION** “Gethsemane”

(Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice)

Ivan Anderson, soloist, Dionne McClain-Freeney, Piano, Booker King, Bass,  
Jonathon Peretz, Drums

**THE SIXTH WORD**

Delaney Piper

*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

**MUSICAL SELECTION "I Shall Wear A Crown"**

(Thomas Whitfield)

Tituss Burgess, soloist

**THE SEVENTH WORD**

Jacqui Lewis

*Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."*

Gospel of Luke 23:46

**MUSICAL SELECTION "My Life is in Your Hands"**

(Kirk Franklin)

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**HYMN**

"Were You There?"

(Trad.)

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

**BENEDICTION**

Jacqui Lewis

**THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE**

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**PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION • For all credits, visit [YouTube.com/MiddleChurch](https://YouTube.com/MiddleChurch).**

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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.**

Pray for Gloria Cunningham Burgess Alicia Swain Janna Myers Amanda Ashcraft Jacqui Lewis Ben Perry Elsie Taralli Natalie Perkins Marc Aronson Cori Margolin Catherine Vail Devora Jones Pam Payne and family Connie Acquaah Louise Tatum Brittany Davis Drexel Cunningham Robert Cunningham Reddick Cunningham Darron and Marian Cunningham Valencia Armijio Vallory Leca Renee Cunningham Marshall Michael Bos Sandra Catena Sandra Cunningham Joy Rosenthal Dolly Linda Doria Laura Donovan Bridget Kelso Anthony Mia McClain Ukraine Puerto Rico FWCC and The Raider Nation.

**To make a prayer request,** request a call from a Middle pastor, or inquire about financial assistance, visit [middlechurch.org/prayer](http://middlechurch.org/prayer).

# Need Care?

**CLICK HERE**  
for more information

# Welcome to Middle Church

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**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](http://middlechurch.org).

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**VIDEOS AND PODCASTS** — Worship music and sermon videos: [youtube.com/MiddleChurch](https://youtube.com/MiddleChurch).

Re-watch the Worship Celebration livestream: [facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch](https://facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch).

Middle Church Celebrations podcast: [middlechurch.org/podcasts](http://middlechurch.org/podcasts).

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## GIVING AT MIDDLE—

**DEAR MIDDLE FAMILY**— We are called to the Rising—Middle Rising! We are in our rebuilding campaign and have shifted our giving goals with you, the congregation, to embrace our exciting future. Your donations to Middle now go to our “ONE FUND” to support Middle’s operations, staff, programming, and fundraising for our new building. This streamlined giving process helps Middle plan, grow, and rise from the ashes stronger to achieve our budget needs and help endow the future of this movement. The fire that destroyed Middle’s historic East Village site has not stopped us from putting our Fierce Love out in the world.

Please visit [www.middlechurch.org/rising](http://www.middlechurch.org/rising) to make your **Pledge** to our **Middle Rising** campaign (**which can be given over three years**) so that we can count on your support toward our ongoing operations, programming, and fundraising for our new building. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for and together, with you onboard, we will have enough! We’re grateful for who you are as part of this community.

Love— Jacqui, Vickie Burns—Consistory Chair, and the entire Middle Church Consistory

### To support our ongoing ministry, programs, operations, and rebuilding:

- Visit [middlechurch.org/donate](http://middlechurch.org/donate)
- Venmo [@MiddleCollegiateChurch](https://venmo.com/@MiddleCollegiateChurch)

### To mail contributions to Middle Church, please address them to:

- Middle Collegiate Church, Attn: Stewardship Dept.  
PO Box 1400, New York, NY 10276

**Charitable Giving** may require use of Middle Collegiate Church’s EIN: 13-5564117 (aka “Ministers, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York”)

Please reach out to our Stewardship Director, Devon Mosley ([stewardship@middlechurch.org](mailto:stewardship@middlechurch.org)) to discuss any questions about your giving plan.

### DONATE BY PHONE

To make a donation to Middle Church, scan the code below with your smartphone camera.



# Middle Virtual Gatherings

All events are listed in ET unless noted.

Visit [middlechurch.org](http://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

to hear a weekly prayer, scripture, and reflection from a Middle pastor. Updated Mondays, 8:30 a.m.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 7

- 12:00 p.m.: [Good Friday Worship](#)

## SATURDAY, APRIL 8

- 7:00 p.m.: [Worship Celebration: Holy Saturday](#)

## EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

- 7:00 a.m.: [Worship Celebration: Easter Sunrise](#)
- 9:30 a.m.: [Worship Celebration: Easter Sunday](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:45 a.m.: [Children's Easter Egg Hunt](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration: Easter Sunday](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

**FREEDOM RISING**  
**Dismantling Fascism  
with Fierce Love**

Join these leaders (and more)  
in the movement for collective liberation.

**APRIL 28 - 30 | LIVE IN NEW YORK CITY**  
Details & RSVP: [middlechurch.org/conference](http://middlechurch.org/conference)

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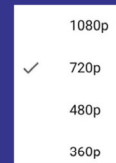
## MIDDLE CHURCH ZOOM COVENANT

- 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 themselves.
- For additional troubleshooting, see the sidebar.
- We are thrilled you are here and look forward to a wonderful time together.

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And, make sure you've powered down your device recently!  
As Anne Lamott says, "Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you."

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**MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH IS ON LENAPE LAND ON TURTLE ISLAND.**

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## MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

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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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## MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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Rev. Jacqueline J. Lewis, Ph.D. – *Senior Minister and Public Theologian*

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Rev. Benjamin Perry – *Minister for Church Growth and Media Strategy*

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