



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

March 29, 2013

**Welcome** Van English

**Invocation** Van English

**Opening Spiritual** Mark C. Brown

*Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying*  
Spiritual

**1st Prayer - Matthew 11:25-26** Lawanna White

He prayed. "I thank you, Holy Parent, God of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, for such was Your gracious will."

**2nd Prayer - Matthew 6:9-13** Mark C. Brown

"Our Creator which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy realm to come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine's the dominion, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

*The Lord's Prayer*  
by Albert Hay Malotte and Steve Wilkinson

**3rd Prayer - John 11:41-42** Paul Gonzalez

So they took away the burial stone (from Lazarus' grave). And Jesus looked upwards and said, "Holy Parent, I thank You for having heard me. I knew that You always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that You sent me." And then Jesus commanded the dead to live.

**4th Prayer - John 12:27-28** Brian Etienne

Jesus utters "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say, 'Holy Parent save me from this hour'? No it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify Your name."

## Good Friday

Good Friday is the day when Christians commemorate the crucifixion and death of Jesus. This is an important event in Christianity, as it represents the sacrifices and suffering in Jesus' life. The crucifixion was the culmination of a number of events in Holy Week, including: the triumphal return of Jesus to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday; the washing of the disciples' feet by Jesus; and the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday. Good Friday is a day of mourning. Candles are often extinguished and statues, paintings and crosses may be draped in black, purple or gray cloth.

**Offering**

Mark C. Brown

**Offertory**

Mark C. Brown

***Think About God's Love***  
by Walt Harrah

**Doxology**

Mark C. Brown

***Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow***  
by Thomas Ken

## 5th Prayer

We have provided unity prayer clothes. During this prayer fifth prayer Christ is praying about our unity with one another, himself and God. In our fragmented world today it is easy to forget our unity to God and creation.

How can we advocate unity in our homes, communities and world? What will be our part in bringing this prayer to life?

You are asked to come to the table and take a piece of the black prayer cloth home with you.

As we ponder the fragmentation in our worlds, let us bring life to this prayer of unity and healing and rebuild that bond once again. We ask that you to pray over those clothes on bring those prayer cloths back on Easter Sunday decorated or left the same but hopefully fully prayed over. We will then piece them together to forge a unity prayer blanket and make a display of it in the coming months.

**5th Prayer - John 17**

Marion Kirby

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Holy Parent, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Great Creator, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

I have manifested Your name to these disciples whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Parent in Heaven, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Creator, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You

sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. "Creator, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous One! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

**6th Prayer - Mathew 26:36-44**

Kedric Brown

"Abba, for You all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what You want."

**7th Prayer - Mark 14:32-39**

Andrea Ferguson

Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed.

*Gethsemane*  
Steve Shannon

Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

**Coral Anthem**

Mass Choir

*Morning Cry*

**8th Reading**

Kat Rowland

"At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'"

**Exiting the Building**

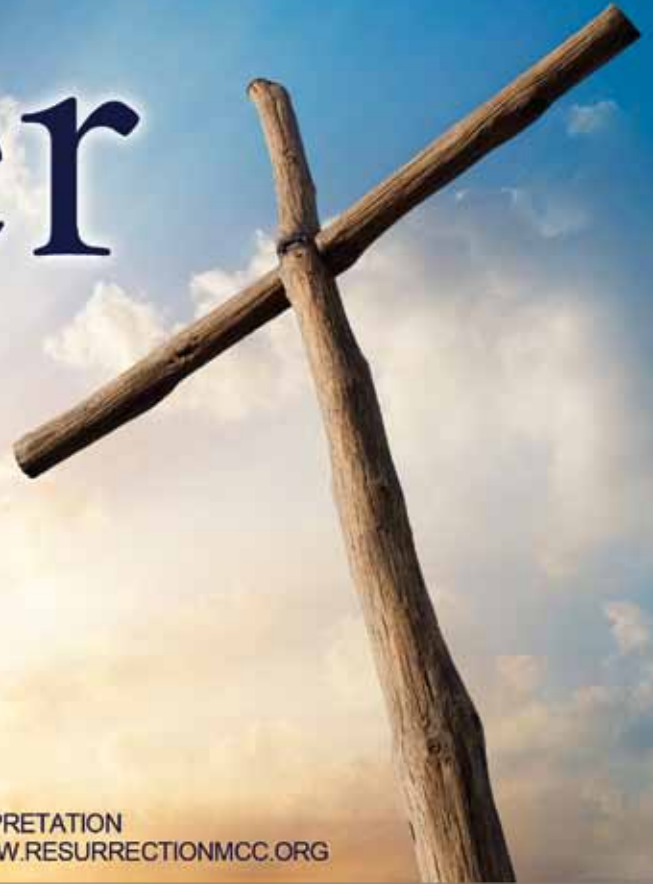
*Please wait for the ushers to release you. Once you are released please follow the recession quietly and reverently through the front door's on the west side of the Sanctuary.*

## Gethsemane

"Gethsemane" is a composition written by Andrew Lloyd Weber. This piece came from a highly controversial Rock Opera called Jesus Christ Superstar." The controversy was because it was pop culture interpretation of who Christ might be in the world of the late 60's early 70's. It begged to ask some clarifying questions about Christ as a deity yet human. Listen and hear what Spirit may say!

# Easter

March 31



**Resurrection**  
Metropolitan Community Church

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 9 & 11 AM**

NURSERY AVAILABLE | HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

11 AM - CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAM | SPANISH & DEAF INTERPRETATION

2025 W. 11TH @ TC JESTER, HOUSTON 77008 | 713.861.9149 | WWW.RESURRECTIONMCC.ORG



## LOVE MAKES A COMMUNITY COUPLING AND OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

FRIDAY • 7 - 8:30 PM • GATHERING PLACE

**APRIL 5**

Abraham and Sarah, Jacob and Rachel, Ruth and Naomi, Jonathan and David ... Our faith traditions often include stories of couples whose love greatly impacted – and was greatly impacted by – the communities in which they lived. As LGBTQ people of faith, how does our love – our coupling – shape the communities of which we are a part? And how do our communities shape our love – our lives as couples – in return? Join Rev. Kristen as she engages Resurrection MCC friend and therapist Shelly Webb in a rich conversation about the our community & our relationships. This offering is free and open to all – invite your friends, and plan to join us for a light reception following the presentation.

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**APRIL 25**

THURSDAY  
7 PM - 8:30 PM

**Dine Out, Fight AIDS**

**CHELSEA GRILL**

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Houston 77006

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On Thursday, April 25, restaurants across Houston will unite in the fight against HIV / AIDS. Each restaurant donates at least 25% of food bills all day long. Friday Night OUT has agreed to change their normal night out (just for this month) to THURSDAY, to support this important cause. Have dinner with your Resurrection MCC family and enjoy a fabulously fun night out with delicious food and fellowship, all for a great cause!

[www.diningoutforlife.com/houston](http://www.diningoutforlife.com/houston)  
Online registration required to secure a seat.  
Event is expected to reach capacity.  
[www.bit.ly/DOFL-Houston2013](http://www.bit.ly/DOFL-Houston2013)