

**BRONX COLLABORATIVE
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

April 3rd, 2026

**Theme: *Words of Redeeming Love from the Cross Bringing
Hope and Peace***



Church of the Master

2783 Lafayette Avenue, Bronx, New York 10465

3:00 P.M.

Rev. Dr. Melva J. Hayden, Host Pastor

Order of Service

Opening Worship and Praise

Highbridge Worship Team

Welcome, Greetings and Opening Prayer

Rev. Dr. Melva J. Hayden

In Memoriam Of – The Reverend Dr. Patricia A. Sealy

Rev. Cora W. Taitt

Musical Selection

Mr. Maxwell & Mrs. Sarah Kwason – Emmanuel Presbyterian Reformed Church

Luke 23:34 - 1st Word: "Father Forgive Them: For They Know Not What They Do"

Rev. Dr. Yaw Frimpong-Manso

Musical Selection— Just As I Am

Rev. Tiffany Fan - Congregational Hymn

Luke 23:35-43 - 2nd Word: "Verily I Say Unto Thee, Today Shalt Thou be With Me in Paradise"

Rev. Tiffany Fan

Musical Selection – Because He Lives

Congregational Hymn

John 19:26-27 - 3rd Word: "Woman Behold Thy Son, Behold Thy Mother"

Rev. Elizabeth M. Brantum

Mark 15:33-34 - 4th Word: "Eli, Eli, Lama Sabachthani, My God, My God Why Hast

Thou Forsaken Me?" *Elder Imeh Akpan*

Musical Selection Just to Be Close to You

John 19:28 - 5th Word: "I Thirst"

Rev. Karen Harris-Scott

Musical Selection - He Is The Light of the World

Mrs. Ruth Asiede

Worship in Giving

Musical Selection - Calvary

Highbridge Community Church

John 19:30 - 6th Word: "It is Finished"

Rev. Cora W. Taitt

Musical Selection: – The Goodness of God - Ms. Tia Blake

Luke 23:46 7th Word: "Father, Into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit" *Rev. Dr. Melva J. Hayden*

The Conclusion of the Whole Matter and Benediction *Rev. Dr. Melva J. Hayden*

Collaborating Churches

Emmanuel Presbyterian Reformed Church – Rev. Dr. Yaw Frimpong-Manso
4371 Martha Ave., Bronx, NY 10470
Worship 10:30 A.M.—1:30 P.M.
In person or ZOOM
ZOOM: ID#824 3929 8758 Password#815489

Grace Christian Church in the Bronx – Rev. Tiffany Fan, Pastor
1625 Williamsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10461
Website: www.gccbronx.org
Sunday Worship Services:
9:30 A.M. – Chinese Mandarin Worship
Meeting ID: 765 556 617 - Passcode: 123456
11:30 A.M. – English Worship: Meeting ID: 260 043 650 - Passcode: 123456

Powerhouse St. Luke C.O.G.I.C. - Rev. Elizabeth M. Brantum, Associate Minister
1812 Paulding Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462
Sunday Service at 11:30 A.M.
Email: phstlukecogicbx@gmail.com

Highbridge Community Church – Rev. Cora W. Taitt, Pastor
1272 Ogden Ave, Bronx, NY 10452
Worship at 10:30 A.M. Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
In person or ZOOM: ZOOM ID#327 122 1222 PW#034447

Community Protestant Church - Rev. Karen Harris-Scott, Minister
2053 Asch Loop Blvd., Bronx, New York 10485
Worship 11:00 A.M.

Church of the Master – Rev. Dr. Melva J. Hayden, Pastor
2783 Lafayette Ave. Bronx, NY 10465
718-597-6298—Worship at 11:00 A.M.
In person or online
Website: cotmbronx.org (information for service)
Email: cotm47@verizon.net
Online meeting ID: therevlaw Join the online meeting:
<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/therevlaw>
Dial-in number (US): (978) 990-5308 Access code: 1250058#

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Musicians & Vocalists:

Ms. Tia Blake

Church of the Master Reformed Church

Mr. Maxwell & Mrs. Sarah Kwason and Mrs. Ruth Asiede

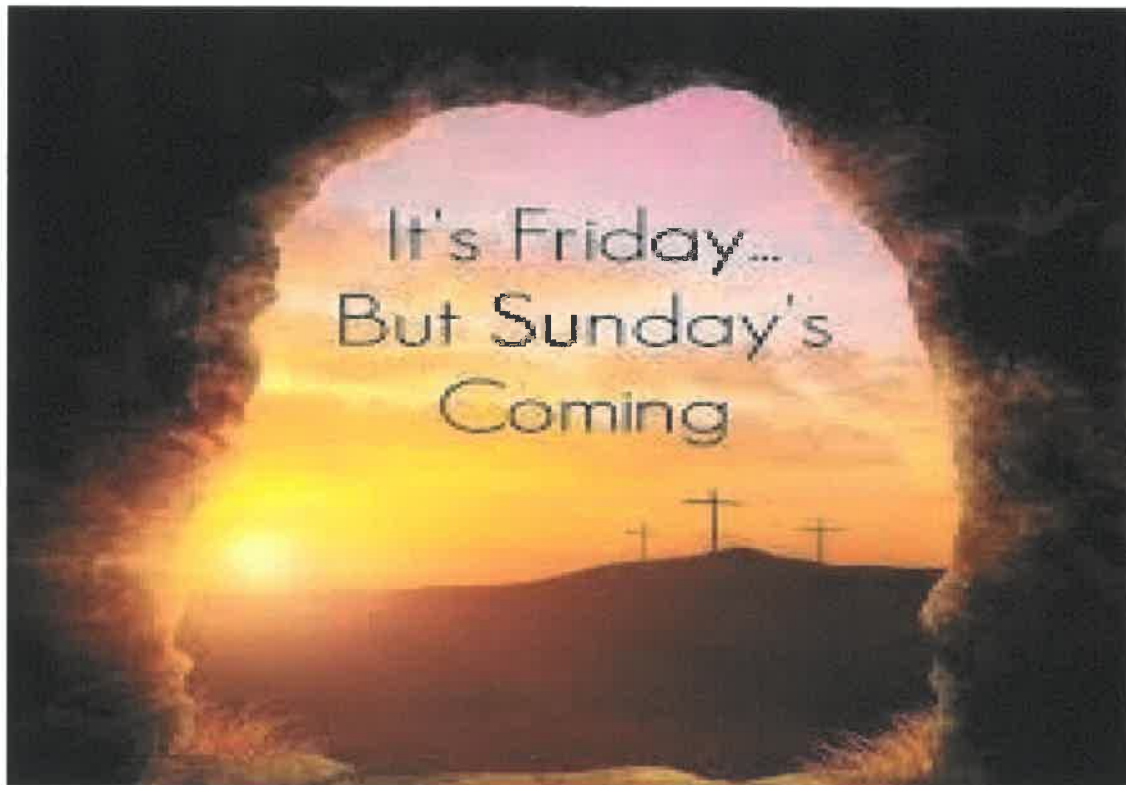
Emmanuel Presbyterian Reformed Church

Mr. Ira Woods

The Highbridge Community Church

Josiah DeNooyer

Mott Haven Reformed Church



Just As I Am"

**1. Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come**

**2. Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God, I come, I come**

**(Chorus:) I come broken to be mended
I come wounded to be healed
I come desperate to be rescued
I come empty to be filled
I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ the Lamb
And I'm welcomed with open arms
Praise God just as I am**

**3. Just as I am I would be lost
But mercy and grace my freedom bought
And now to glory in Your cross
O Lamb of God, I come, I come**

BECAUSE HE LIVES

1 God sent His son, They called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, Heal and forgive;
He lived and died, To buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there
To prove my Savior lives!

CHORUS

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow!
Because He lives, All fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!*

2. How sweet to hold, A newborn baby,
And feel the pride, And joy he brings;
But greater still, The calm assurance:
This child can face
Uncertain days because He Lives!

3. And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final, War with pain;
And then, as death, Gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He lives!

Just To Be Close To You

By CeCe Winans

Just to be close to You
Just to be close to You
Just to be close to You
Is my desire

Just to be close to You
Just to be close to You
Just to be close to You
Is my desire

Just to be close to You (yeah)
Just to be close to You (wanna get closer)
Just to be close to You
Is my desire (that You would come closer to me, just to be closer)

Just to be close to You (I wanna live in Your presence)
Just to be close to You
Just to be close to You (it's my)
Is my desire (lift your voices)

CALVARY

**So blind I could not see
Longing to be set free
He did it all on Calvary
My life was bound by sin
But then He took me in
He did it all on Calvary**

CHORUS

Calvary

**Oh what it means to me
Since Jesus set me free
I think of Calvary
Jesus' blood
Oh what a cleansing flood
He did it all for me on Calvary**

**It was His love for me
That nailed Him to a tree
He did it all on Calvary
And now by faith I know
His grace has made me whole
He did it all on Calvary**

CHORUS

Written by: Carol Cymbala

THE GOODNESS OF GOD

[Verse 1]

**I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God**

[Chorus]

**'Cause all my life you have been faithful
And all my life you have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God**

[Verse 2]

**I love Your voice
You have lead me through the fire
In darkest nights
You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God (Hey)**

[Chorus]

**'Cause all my life you have been faithful (Oh, yes, you have)
And all my life you have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God**