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**Surrender All**

Celebrating the Journey: 38 Years of Love and Service

*Calendar for Good Friday - Easter Sunday*

**Friday, April 02: Good Friday**

2:00 pm PWA Groceries and Bag Lunch Distribution  
 6:00 pm Drop-in Services for Sylvia's Youth  
**7:00 pm Good Friday Service**  
 with Lavender Light Gospel Choir and  
 Rev. Troy Perry! Reading of the Passion  
 & Stations of the Cross  
 10:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

**Saturday, April 03: Holy Saturday**

2:00 pm Bible Study at Kuala Lumpur MCC, Malaysia  
**3:00 pm Annual Easter Awards Banquet at Union!** (see ad)  
 6:00 pm Drop-in Services for Sylvia's Youth  
**7:00 pm Easter Vigil Liturgy**  
 with Rev. Troy Perry, preaching  
 + **Lighting of the New Fire**  
 10:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

**Sunday, April 04: Easter Sunday!**

+ **New members join!**  
 + **The Rev. Troy D. Perry preaching** (Acts 10: 34-43 & Lk 24:13-35)  
 + **Birth of Mary Jane Gibney, 1<sup>st</sup> Lady of MCCNY** (gibneymsw@aol.com)  
 8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am  
**9:00 am Same Grace/MCCNY in Shanghai, China**  
**9:00 am Traditional Liturgy**  
 9:00 am Binghamton Choir Rehearsal  
**10:00 am MCCNY Congregation in Binghamton, NY**  
 10:00 am Choir rehearsal for 11am  
**11:00 am Celebration Liturgy**  
 Sunday School during 11am service for Children (3-12 years; no nursery; 3rd floor)  
 12:30 pm GenderPeople with Moshay Moses  
 3:00 pm Renewed Life Ministries with Rev. Gale Jones  
**4:00 pm Good Samaritan MCC in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**  
 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal for 7pm worship  
 6:00 pm Step by Step at Judson Memorial Church (see Deacon Sophia)  
**7:00 pm Praise & Worship Service**  
 10:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

**Annual Easter Awards Banquet:**  
**"You have turned my mourning into dancing."**

*Join MCCNY in celebrating the people and places where joy and celebration are  
 breaking through for LGBTQIA people around the world!*

**Holy Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm**

Featuring: John Fischer, keyboard • Denise Rosner, vocalist  
 selections from MCCNY's new CD to be available for Christmas!

**Awardees: John Cameron Mitchell** for his support of MCCNY's Homeless Youth Services • **John Hassell** for his work in combatting HIV/AIDS around the globe • **Yvette Burton** for her work for equality in corporate America

*The Refectory at Union Theological Seminary (122nd & Broadway)*

+ **SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES!**

+ 9am (Traditional Service) + 11am (Celebration Liturgy) + 7pm (Praise & Worship)  
 + 3pm (Mandarin Celebration 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays - Contact Rev. Boon to confirm: 347-610-3242)  
 + 10:30am (Binghamton Congregation of MCCNY)  
 + 4pm (Kuala Lumpur Congregation of MCCNY) + 9:00am (Shanghai Congregation of MCCNY)



April 02, 2009

Good Friday  
38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year at MCCNY

The Community at Worship 7pm

ASL Interpreter

Pat Dash

PRELUDE

Instrumental

John Fischer, Director of Music  
Kathy Halvorson, oboe

**LAVENDER LIGHT:**

The Black and People of All Colors

Lesbian and Gay

Gospel Choir

Ray Gordon, Director

+ + +

WELCOME

The Rev. Pat Bumgardner, Pastor  
Metropolitan Community Church of New York

+ The Sign of Peace

**+ Liturgy of the Stations of the Cross**

SELECTION

“Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child”

MCCNY Choir  
Sarah Lewis, soloist

**+ CHORAL READING OF THE PASSION  
FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN +**

Jesus went forth with some disciples across the Kidron valley, where there was a garden which they entered. Now Judas, who betrayed Jesus, also knew the place; for they often met there.

So Judas, procuring a band of soldiers and some officers from the religious leaders went to the garden with weapons and lanterns and torches. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen, came forward and said,

**WHOM DO YOU SEEK?**

They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth,” and Jesus said to them,

**I AM JESUS OF NAZARETH.**

Judas, who betrayed Jesus, was standing with them. When he said, “I am Jesus of Nazareth,” they drew back and fell to the ground. Again Jesus asked them, “Whom do you seek?” And they said “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus answered,



**WELCOME HOME  
to MCCNY!**

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Church of New York  
is the Spiritual Center of the  
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MCC's office at 212-629-7440.

**Interested in  
formally joining  
our MCCNY faith  
community?**

Looking for an opportunity  
to ask some questions, learn  
some MCC history, share your  
spiritual journey with others?

**ATTEND A NEW  
MEMBERS CLASS  
THIS YEAR!**

Questions?  
Call Rev. Edgard  
212-629-7440 X223

**2009 SCHEDULE:  
June 13<sup>th</sup>**

**All classes at 12:30 pm**

(If you need to schedule an  
alternative class time, see  
Rev. Edgard or leave  
a message at ext. 223.)

**New Members join  
Easter Sunday!**

MCCNY's 2010 budget for General Offerings (includes the 9 AM, 11 AM, and 7 PM services and all general giving through credit cards and paypal) is \$215,000. The average weekly offering needed to meet this goal is \$4135 (or \$16,540 per month). To date, MCCNY is at \$27,288 in General Offerings through the month of February. Thank you for making MCCNY your spiritual home and for your financial discipline in reaching out to all those whom MCCNY touches.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PROGRAM:** Spiritual Direction is a process in which a mentor accompanies one person - the directee - for an extended period of time. Through conversation, prayer, and spiritual exercises, the mentor helps the directee clarify spiritual issues so that s/he can move toward a deeper experience with the Divine. If you are interested in receiving spiritual direction, contact Rev. Edgard Fancisco at RevEdgard@mccny.org or call extension 223.

**JOIN SOCIAL JUSTICE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:** The recent changes in the NYS legislature highlight the need for a committee ready to mobilize for the next step. Committee members will work closely with the city council and state legislature on issues such as marriage equality, GENDA, and the Dignity for All Students Act. Residents from all boroughs of New York City and Long Island are particularly encouraged to join. Contact: Sebastian Maguire, 646-267-2704, simai77@hotmail.com.

**NEW Step by Step Schedule:** Are you interested in exploring the “12 steps” in liturgical context? Join “Step by Step” four times each month. *For more information see Sophia Pazos or Rev. Edgard (ext.223).*

First Sunday of the month at MCCNY, 12:45 pm following the 11am celebration  
Every Sunday of the month at Judson Memorial Church, 6:00 pm  
Fourth Sunday of the month at Bethany UCC in Long Island, 7:00 pm  
Third Monday of the month at Middle Collegiate Church, 7:00 pm  
Fourth Tuesday of the month at Union Seminary, 7:00 pm

**MCCNY E-Prayer Ministry:** If you would like to participate or send prayer requests, please contact [prayers@mccny.org](mailto:prayers@mccny.org). You will receive a weekly list of prayer concerns about members and friends of our congregation, the wider MCC community, and social justice issues.

**MCCNY E-Newsletter:** This e-newsletter provides reflections, news and information for members and friends of MCC New York. If you want to subscribe, email Rev. Edgard at [RevEdgard@mccny.org](mailto:RevEdgard@mccny.org).

Join the **MCCNY Men's E-Group** to receive our e-newsletter. The e-newsletter provides a short reflection and information for queer self-identified men. If you want to subscribe, email Rev. Edgard at [RevEdgard@mccny.org](mailto:RevEdgard@mccny.org). *The Men's Group of Metropolitan Community Church of New York is committed to creating a loving, trusting space for queer self-identified men to come together and be their true selves in a supportive Christian environment.* See Rev. Edgard for more information.

**CHRISTIANS OF AFRICAN DESCENT (C.A.D.)** is part of the overall spiritual environment of MCCNY. We have general meetings open to all on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month following the 11am celebration September through March. For more information see Deacon Montel Cherry or call the Church office at 212-629-7440. All are welcome. **CAD will resume in September. Watch the bulletin for details!**

**GENDERPEOPLE OF MCCNY meets every Sunday at 12:30 pm**, hosted by Moshay Moses. We are a dynamic and confidential spirituality group of Transgender, Transsexual, Androgynous, Two-Spirit, and people with other than man–male or female–woman gender experience. For further information, see Moshay Moses or call 212-629-7440, x221. **The next “Bread of Life” dinner (Trans Community) and Finishing School will be on April 29<sup>th</sup>!**

**ARCO IRIS LATINO:** Arco Iris Latino es un grupo “virtual” de reflexión espiritual para personas con identidad latina. Si estás interesado/a en recibir reflexiones de carácter espiritual o información sobre actividades de interés para la comunidad latina, envía un mensaje al Rev. Edgard Francisco y solicita ser incluido/a en nuestra lista de correo-e. [RevEdgard@mccny.org](mailto:RevEdgard@mccny.org)

Arco Iris Latino is a “virtual” group of spiritual reflection for people who identify themselves as Latinos or Latinas. If you're interested in receiving our monthly spiritual reflections and information about events of interest for the Latino community send an email to Rev. Edgard Francisco and ask to be included in our email list. [RevEdgard@mccny.org](mailto:RevEdgard@mccny.org)

**Want to help CHANGE the World?** Bring your week's accumulated change to church each Sunday and donate it to the Capital Campaign by placing it in one of the clear receptacles at the door. A single bin can hold almost \$400 and that can make a big difference in our quest to build a House of God for All the People of God. **Blessings!**



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**Sublet available April–July 2010.** \$2,250/Month, no broker's fees or taxes. Located only steps away from Central Park and Riverside Park. Everything is included: utilities + high speed internet access + wi-fi. Contact Thomas at [aqua108@hotmail.com](mailto:aqua108@hotmail.com).

After this Joseph of Arimathea, who was a secret disciple of Jesus, asked Pilate for the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him leave to take it. So Joseph took the body. Nicodemus also, who had at first come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight. They took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with spices. Now in the place where the crucifixion had taken place, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb. So because of the day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

+ Selection "I Surrender All" MCCNY Choir  
Carolyn Eufrazio-Traore, soloist

**SERMON** The Rev. Dr. Elder Troy D. Perry  
Founder, Metropolitan Community Churches

+ THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

+ SPECIAL MUSIC "Bye and Bye" Aaron Lee Battle, soloist

**BENEDICTION**

+ Please receive the light as it is passed to you  
+ Lifting up of the names

**POSTLUDE**

+ Deacons are available to pray privately with you +

*Please join in a light reception in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Gallery,  
immediately following our worship celebration.*

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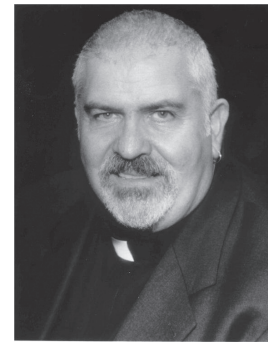
**Easter Banquet, Saturday, April 3, 3:00 p.m.**  
Union Theological Seminary

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.**  
The Reverend Troy D. Perry preaching!

**Easter Sunday, Sunday, April 4**  
**9:00 a.m. Traditional Liturgy,**  
**11 a.m. Celebration Liturgy,**  
**7 p.m. Praise and Worship Liturgy**  
The Reverend Troy D. Perry preaching!

**Gala Receptions following all services!**

## MCCNY Welcomes the Founder of Metropolitan Community Churches



From his earliest memories, **The Rev. Troy Perry** heard God's call to preach. The influence of his aunts, who themselves hosted services in their homes, as well as the death of his father when Troy was a boy, cemented his resolve.

By age 15, Perry was a licensed Baptist preacher. Marrying his pastor's daughter and fathering two sons, Rev. Perry moved his family from Florida to Illinois to attend Midwest Bible College and Moody Bible Institute. By the age of 19, having been accused of relationships with men, Rev. Perry found himself immediately removed from his pastorate with the Church of God.

He and his young family moved across the country to California, where he became the Pastor of a Church of God of Prophecy. Once again, he was excommunicated with the revelation of his sexual orientation.

It would be several years before Rev. Troy Perry would return to the God whose love and passion had claimed him since boyhood. On October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1968, in the living room of his small pink house on the outskirts of Los Angeles, he held the 1<sup>st</sup> worship service of what would become Metropolitan Community Churches.

Today MCC is the largest LGBT organization of any kind in the world, with congregations and communities of faith in 29 countries. Rev. Perry's life is a testament to the Good News that God loves each of us, has a purpose for our lives, and will never abandon us. The author of four books and the recipient of numerous awards and honorary degrees, his name is synonymous with the quest for human equality around the globe.

## MCCNY 11am Celebration Service now available on iTunes!

Just go to iTunes.com and put in "mccny" in the search/keyword box. You can choose to download for free audio and/or video recordings of the 11am service every Sunday. You can subscribe to either or both weekly recordings and they will automatically download each week!

*Special thanks to Sarah Lewis  
for making this a reality!*

**I TOLD YOU THAT I AM JESUS OF NAZARETH; SO IF YOU SEEK ME. LET THESE OTHERS GO.**

This was to fulfill the word Jesus had spoken, "Of those whom thou gavest me, I lost not one." Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's slave and cut off the slave's right ear. Jesus said to Peter,

**PUT YOUR SWORD IN ITS SHEATH; SHALL I NOT DRINK THE CUP WHICH GOD HAS GIVEN ME?**

So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the religious leaders seized and bound Jesus. First they led him to Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had given counsel that it was expedient that one should die for the many.

Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. The maid who kept the door said to Peter, "Are you not one of Jesus' disciples?" Peter said, "I am not...."

The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and teaching. Jesus answered,

**I HAVE SPOKEN OPENLY TO THE WORLD; I HAVE ALWAYS TAUGHT IN SYNAGOGUES AND IN THE TEMPLE, WHERE EVERYONE COMES TOGETHER; I HAVE SAID NOTHING SECRETLY. WHY DO YOU ASK ME? ASK THOSE WHO HEARD ME, WHAT I SAID TO THEM; THEY KNOW WHAT I SAID.**

When Jesus had said this, one of the officers standing nearby struck him, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered,

**IF I HAVE SPOKEN WRONGLY, BEAR WITNESS TO THE WRONG; BUT IF I HAVE SPOKEN RIGHTLY, WHY DO YOU STRIKE ME?**

Annas then sent Jesus bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself by a fire out in the court. Someone said to him, "Are you not one of Jesus' disciples?" Simon Peter denied it and said, "I am not." One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the servant whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with Jesus?" Peter again denied it; and at once the cock crowed.

Then Jesus was led from the house of Caiaphas to the praetorium. Pilate came out and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Jesus?" Those guarding Jesus answered, "If he were not an evildoer, we would not have handed Jesus over."

Pilate then said to them, "Take Jesus yourselves and judge by your

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own law." The people said to Pilate, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." This was to fulfill the word which Jesus had spoken to show by what death he was to die.

Pilate entered the praetorium and called Jesus, and said, "Are you a king—a ruler?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me; what have you done?" Jesus answered,

**MY REIGN IS NOT OF THIS WORLD; IF MY REIGN WERE OF THIS WORLD, MY SERVANTS WOULD FIGHT, THAT I MIGHT NOT BE HANDED OVER, BUT MY REIGN IS NOT FROM THIS WORLD.**

Pilate said, "So you are a Ruler?" Jesus answered,

**YOU SAY THAT I AM. FOR THIS I WAS BORN, AND FOR THIS I HAVE COME INTO THE WORLD, TO BEAR WITNESS TO THE TRUTH. EVERYONE WHO IS OF THE TRUTH HEARS MY VOICE.**

Pilate responded, "What is truth?", and went out to the crowds again and told them, "I find no crime here. But you have a custom that I should release someone for for you at the Passover; will you have me release for you your Ruler?" They cried out, "Not Jesus, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

**+ Solo** "Videotape" John Fischer, Soloist  
(written by Radiohead)

Then Pilate had Jesus scourged. And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on Jesus' head, and arrayed Jesus in a purple robe; they came up saying, "Hail O Ruler!" and struck Jesus with their hands.

Then Pilate went out again and said, "See, I am bringing Jesus out to you, that you may know that I find no crime here." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.... When the religious leaders and officers saw Jesus, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate responded, "Take Jesus and crucify him yourselves, for I find no crime here." The people responded, "We have a law and by that law Jesus ought to die, because he has blasphemed."

When Pilate heard this, he was the more afraid; going into the praetorium again Pilate said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate then said, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have the power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered,

**YOU WOULD HAVE NO POWER OVER ME UNLESS IT HAD BEEN GIVEN YOU FROM ABOVE. THEREFORE THE ONE WHO DELIVERED ME TO YOU HAS THE GREATER SIN.**

Upon this Pilate sought to release Jesus, but the people cried out, "If you release Jesus, you are not Caesar's friend; anyone who makes himself a ruler sets himself against Caesar." Upon hearing these words, Pilate brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgement seat at a place called The Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gabbatha.

## Send Words of Support To Malawian Couple In Prison For Their Relationship

Join the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission in sending cards and letters to Steven Monjeza and Tiwonge Chimbalanga, who have been imprisoned in Malawi on criminal charges of "unnatural offenses" and "indecent practices between males" after their traditional engagement ceremony. They are awaiting ruling in their case on March 22, 2010. These cards will show Steven and Tiwonge—and relevant authorities—that the international community is watching and stands in solidarity with them.

"I love my husband and laws should not prohibit love." – Tiwonge Chimbalanga

### Contact Information:

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## Join the MCCNY Team for AIDS Walk New York!

Have fun with other MCCNYers and friends and help raise much needed funds for Gay Men's Health Crisis by participating in AIDS Walk New York! GMHC is the world's leading provider of HIV/AIDS prevention, care and advocacy. The walk takes place on Sunday, May 16, 2010 in and around Central Park.

To register, visit <http://www.aidswalk.net/newyork/> and click to join a team then select Metropolitan Community Church of New York. Our goal is to have 35 walkers and to raise \$3,500. Please help us meet or beat our goals!

## TOP TEN REASONS TO COME TO MCCNY:

**"Every time I come to MCCNY, I'm filled with the spirit!"**

(To submit your reason for coming to MCCNY, contact [bradley@mccny.org](mailto:bradley@mccny.org))

Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. Pilate said, "Behold your Ruler!" the people cried out, "Away with this one, crucify him!" Pilate responded, "Shall I crucify your Ruler?" The religious leaders answered, "We have no ruler but Caesar." Then Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified.

So Jesus went out bearing his own cross, to a place called The Place of the Skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha. There Jesus was crucified, and two others, one on either side...



The soldiers who had crucified Jesus took his garments and divided them among themselves, casting lots for his tunic. This was to fulfill the scripture, "They parted my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and her sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said, "Woman, behold your child!" Then to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

After this Jesus, knowing all was now finished, said to fulfill the scripture, "I thirst." A bowl of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished," bowed his head and gave up the spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the bodies were removed from the crosses. The soldiers broke the legs of those crucified with Jesus, but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead they did not break his legs. But one pierced Jesus' side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. The one who saw it has borne witness — this testimony is true, and this witness tells the truth — that you may also believe. For these things took place that the scripture might be fulfilled, "Not a bone shall be broken." And again another scripture says, "They shall look on the one whom they have pierced."

## SYLVIA'S PLACE a ministry of MCCNY Homeless Youth Services

Every night, 26 LGBTQ runaway and homeless youth rely on Sylvia's Place for emergency shelter. Six nights a week, 40 additional LGBTQ youth come to Sylvia's Place for specialized social services. These youth face violence and homophobia at mainstream shelters, and they need your help to ensure that they have a safe space to move towards self-sufficiency.

MCCNY Homeless Youth Services is always in need of volunteers to spend time with Sylvia's Place youth, lead or assist with drop-in workshops and programming, tutoring laundry, cooking, fundraising, and advocacy. If you are able to donate, contributions of toiletries, clothing, and hygiene products are always needed. If you are interested in volunteering, donating or joining the Homeless Youth Services fundraising team, contact Frances Wood, Charities Administrator at [frances@mccny.org](mailto:frances@mccny.org) or (212) 629-7440 x 226.

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