

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



MAY 7, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

WORSHIP is at the center of the life of The Riverside Church. As you prepare yourself for Worship, we invite you to reflect quietly on these words:

“The world is before you
and you need not take it or leave it as it was
when you came in.”

James Baldwin in “In Search of a Majority,” *Nobody Knows My Name*

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the season of Eastertide, a period of 50 days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ until Pentecost. The liturgical color of Eastertide is white, which symbolizes the hope of the resurrection, as well as the purity and newness that comes from victory over sin and death, as signified by the paraments and clergy stoles.

Healing Prayer, typically offered the first Sunday of every month immediately following Worship, is available today. One of Riverside’s ministers will be at the front of the Nave to pray for anyone who desires it.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:

Complete a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate as it passes.

Join us for Fellowship Hour in South Hall Lobby directly after Worship. As you leave the Nave, take a right and follow the hallway past Christ Chapel. Signs and greeters are available to provide direction. You’ll find fair trade coffee from Javesca Coffee, a children’s play area, a greeting area to learn about membership at Riverside, and indoor seating.

A church tour is offered each Sunday after Worship free of charge. Meet in the 1st balcony. Tours also take place on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. leaving from the Gift Shop. No reservations are necessary.

Assistive hearing devices and large print bulletins are available upon request from an usher.

GATHERING

We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

CARILLON

Meditation: Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Beverly Buchanan

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Kevin Wright

✚PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 306

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusaders' Hymn

✚CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 23ⁱ

Rev. Debra Northern

Leader: As God is our shepherd we need nothing else.

People: **We rest in green pastures and walk by still waters,
which renews and refreshes our spirits.**

Leader: God guides us along paths of righteousness,

People: **and walks with us through shadowed valleys
so we are not afraid. The shepherd's staff comforts us.**

Leader: God set the banquet table for us in the presence of our enemies.

There we are anointed with oil and our cup overflows.

People: **Goodness and mercy shall never depart from us
as long as we dwell in the house of God.**

✚INVOCATION

LISTENING

We listen for the word of God through song, Scripture, and preaching

✚*All who are able, please stand*

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need *Southern Harmony, arr. Virgil Thomson*

My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name; In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake his ways; He leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; A word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread, My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days: O may thy house be mine abode, and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mr. Kevin Bentley

ACTS 2:42-47

(page 120 in the New Testament)

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

1 PETER 2:19-25

(page 233 in the New Testament)

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

+GOSPEL LESSON

Ms. Kara Dago-Clark

JOHN 10:1-10

(page 103 in the New Testament)

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Wright

The Land of Cheap Knockoffs

RESPONDING

We respond to the hearing of God's word through confession, offering, passing the peace, and monthly communion

+*All who are able, please stand*

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Ms. Farley Lord

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The One Hundred Fiftieth Psalm

Howard Hanson

Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise her with the psaltery and harp. Praise her with the timbrel and dance: praise her with stringed instruments and organ. Praise her upon the loud cymbals: praise her upon the high sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise him. Alleluia.

✠AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY

The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize offering of our whole selves to God

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION Rev. Casteel Harper

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Staff

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Leader: God of goodness and mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray in the language or version of your heart.

CHORAL AMEN

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Michael Livingston

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

✠*All who are able, please stand*

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul-er Al-might - y;
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Glo - ry be to you, O God.
Bless-ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God...
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Livingston & Rev. Wright

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

CALL TO SUPPER

Leader: The body of Christ, broken for you.

People: Thanks be to God for the bread of life!

Leader: The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

People: Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ORGAN

Élévation, from Messe Basse, Opus 30

Louis Vierne

Chorale Prelude on Dunlap's Creek

James Biery

CHOIR

Esto Les Digoⁱⁱ

Kinley Lange

This I say to you, if two of you are put in accord here in, in the earth to ask anything in prayer, my Father which is in heaven, will give it to you. Because where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I, in the midst of them.

HYMN 521

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Finest Wheat

✚PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Livingston

Leader: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out life with such abundance that death cannot claim the triumph over your universe.

People: May we who have received this bread and cup be strengthened by your love and be transformed into a people of justice and peace.

Leader: We ask this through Jesus Christ, our friend and Savior.
Amen.

SENDING

We are sent out into the world to love God and our neighbors

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Wright

✚BENEDICTION

✚RECESSIONAL HYMN 108

Christ Is Alive!

Truro

POSTLUDE

Grand Chœur in D Major, Opus 18

Alexandre Guilmant

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:

Ms. Kara Dago-Clark, Mr. Kevin Bentley & Charlotte Veenstra-VanderWeele.

Liturgical Resources for Today:

ⁱ <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/05/call-to-worship-from-psalm-23.html>

ⁱⁱ *Matthew 18:19-20, sung in Spanish*

Talk With the Preacher

Entries from Pastor Amy's blog, *talkwiththepreacher.org*, are printed and available in the Welcome Center/Gift Shop.

Pastor Amy is available for conversations with members by appointment.

Please email srminister@trcnyc.org or call 212-870-6775 to arrange an appointment.

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