The Riverside Church
in the City of New York

APRIL 1, 2018
EASTER SUNDAY
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:

“We are called to say yes
To a God who still holds fast
To the vision of the Kingdom
For a trembling world of pain.

We are called to say yes
To this God who reaches out
And asks us to share
[God’s] crazy dream of love.”

- From Called to Say Yes by Edwina Gateley

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.

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 directly after Worship.

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

EASTER OFFERING

The theme of Riverside’s 2018 giving and serving campaign is Grateful. We’re all grateful for the love, community, and prophetic ministry of our church, so we’re expressing how we feel by giving and serving more than ever before.

In the spirit of the campaign, today’s offering supports the Social Services of The Riverside Church, including the Food Pantry, Barber Training Program, Clothing Distribution, Shower Project, Safe Haven Shelter, and Direct Aid. These programs offer fresh food, groceries, warm clothes, hot showers, and safe places to rest to nearly 30,000 men, women, and children every year.

You’re invited to join us. To give, simply place your gift in an Easter envelope or write “Easter” on your check or any envelope.

To learn more and get involved, please visit www.trcnyc.org/donate.

LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

For announcements of programs and events in the church, please pick up the Life of Our Community bulletin located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center. Or visit our website www.trcnyc.org.
CARILLON
O filii et filiae

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

EASTER BRASS PRELUDE
Canzon V
Al Folgorante Sguardo
Pavane
Fancy à 6

EASTER BRASS PRELUDE

Giovanni Gabrieli
Giovanni Coperario
Anthony Bassano
Giovanni Coperario

ORGAN
Resurrection

Lament - The Rising - The Ecstasy - Reflection

Lent - The Gift - The Presence - The Victory

SWINGING OF THE GREAT TOWER BELLS

HYMN IN PROCESSION
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, Christ all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted head, Alleluia!
Made like Christ, who bids us rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia! AMEN.

WELCOME
Rev. Amy Butler

CALL TO WORSHIP
One: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All: Christ is risen indeed!
One: This is the Easter festival of life. We celebrate the birth of new possibilities,
of re-creation and new life as gifts from God.
All: All creatures rejoice in the powerful work of God's salvation!
One: In Christ’s resurrection, hope triumphs over despair!
All: Love triumphs over hate!
One: Good triumphs over evil!
All: Joy triumphs over fear and life triumphs over death!
One:   Glory and honor and praise to Christ who lives and reigns among us!
All:    Alleluia to the Living Christ!
One:   Christ is risen.
All:    Christ is risen indeed!

INVOCATION

INTROIT
O Magnify the Lord  
Magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt God's name together. Praise the Lord. Magnify Him. Praise the Lord and let us magnify Him. Praise God's holy name. For our heart shall rejoice because we have trusted in God's holy name. Let us exalt God's name together. Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON
Acts 10:34-43
One:   The Word of God for the People of God.
All:    Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM
Christ, Our Passover
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

EPISTLE LESSON
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
One:   The Word of God for the People of God.
All:    Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN
The Strife Is O’er
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
The strife is o’er, the battle done:
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun;
Alleluia!
The powers of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst;
Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON
Mark 16:1-8
One:   This is the Gospel of Christ.
All:    Thanks be to God.
GRADUAL HYMN

The three sad days are quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead;
All glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death’s dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to Thee;
Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON

Rev. Butler

#FoolsToo

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Michael Livingston

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pray in the language or version of your heart.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Kevin Wright / Rev. Bertram Johnson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

John Rutter

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those of good will. We praise You, we bless You, we adore You, we glorify You, we give You thanks for Your great glory.

AT THE PRESENTATION

Minister Christian Peele / Rev. Rachel Johnson

THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS

G. F. Handel

The congregation stands and sings with the choir.
**HYMN**

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
All creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding,
See a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
Bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning,
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
Nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
“Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna, everyone!

**VOLUNTARY**

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Easter Brass:
Raymond Mase, Robert Haley, Alex Wilborn, Aleksei Wyeth – trumpets
Mike Lormand, Sebastian Vera, Nicholas Schwartz – trombones
Anthony Korf – timpani

A special thank you to our congregational leaders today, Rev. Geraldine Howard, Eric McFadden, Valerie Henning-Piedmont, & Len Leach, and our crucifers Adedayo Perkovich.

Cover art: Resurrection, 2007, Jyoti Sabi
About the front cover
Artist: Jyoti Sahi

Jyoti Sahi (b. 1944) is an artist-theologian and is one of the founding members of the Asian Christian Art Association.

Sahi was born to a British Christian mother and Punjabi Hindu father. He studied art under Sudhir Khastigir and studied in London at the Camberwell School of Arts and Crafts (now Camberwell College of Arts). He uses his art to create a dialogue between Hinduism and Christianity.

One of his interests is the role of art and culture in the church especially in the Indian context. In 1986, he published his book, “Stepping Stones: Reflections on the Theology of Indian Christian Culture.” He describes this book as “a pilgrimage, a search for homeland... not just in the past but in something beyond.”
Hallelujah

From Messiah

Revelation 11:15, 19:6, 16

George Frideric Handel
1685-1759

Allegro

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, for the Lord

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, for the Lord

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, for the Lord

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, for the Lord

God Omnipotent reigneth, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, for the Lord

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for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah!

The Kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His
Hallelujah!

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Hallelujah!

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Hallelujah!

Christ, and of His Christ,

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Christ, and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever,

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Easter Flower Gifts

We celebrate today the ministry of Ms. Vera Smith who for over 20 years has brought beauty to our community, including today’s Easter floral display, through the Riverside Flower Ministry. Thank you for your faithful service.

Clarence Anderson
Clarence C. Anderson and Emily B. Anderson, in memory of their parents Albert Anderson, Bertha Anderson and Curtis Butler and Justine Butler.

Anonymous

Gordon K. Balkcom
In memory of Nathaniel and Sharon Balkcom.

Donald Bickford
In memory of my parents C. Allen and Gertrude Bickford.

Pastor Amy Butler
With deep love and gratitude for the faithful, prophetic congregation of The Riverside Church.

Lorraine Burchall
In loving memory of my sister, Ruth Burchall-Sanseviro, friends and mentors Cathryn Glover, Dorothy Russell and friend Deborah Noble.

Patricia Clark
In memory of my beloved mother, Rosalie M. Clark.

Christopher Creaghan
In memory of Dominic Creaghan from Christopher Creaghan.

Evelyn Davis, M.D.
In loving memory of my mother, Lillie Elizabeth Davis, my father, Ashley Davis and my brother, Daniel Keith Davis.

Aida Montero
In remembrance of Joseph Montero, beloved husband, father and Papa. Your cheerful heart continues to brighten our lives as you are ever present in your absence.

Joan C. Ricketts-McMorris
In memory of Khary S.A. Ricketts, Elisabeth Stroud, Alberta Lomax, Martha Davidson and Stanley and Celestina, Joan Ricketts, for their Unconditional Love.

Jean Schmidt
Angela Aidala and Jean Schmidt - In loving memory of John Schmidt and our parents Jennie and James Aidala and Virginia and Hank Schmidt.

Valeria Spann

H. Edward Tang

Michael Winger
Michael Winger, Jane Curtis, Emma Curtis Winger and Steven B. Van Dyke, in fond memory of Howard and Helen Winger, John and Barbara Curtis, and David Curtis Winger.
TALK WITH THE PREACHER

Read Pastor Amy's blog online at talkwiththepreacher.org.
Printed copies are also available in the Welcome Center/Gift Shop.
Pastor Amy is available for conversations with members by appointment.
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PARKING - 4/1/2018

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