

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



GOD

AND US

stories of sin and loss

MARCH 17, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

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:

“I think the last thing you want in life is to live with regret.”

-Rob Halford

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 Lent, a period of forty days leading to Easter marked by repentance and reflection on everything in our lives that separates us from God. The liturgical color of Lent is purple as signified by the paraments, wall hanging, and clergy stoles (excepting communion Sundays when clergy wear white stoles).

GOD & US: STORIES OF SIN AND LOSS

During the season of Lent we will explore some of the stories of sin and loss from the book of Genesis. In these stories we begin to understand more fully the relationship between God and Us, and the many ways in which we suffer a loss of connection with the divine through sinful choices we make. Stories of sin and loss are stories of the human experience. In telling them we can find ourselves and we can be found by God, who always welcomes us back into relationship with the Divine.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:

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

Join us for Coffee Hour in South Hall 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. Breakfast and lunch for purchase will be in South Hall.

A free church tour is offered each Sunday after Worship. Meet in the 1st balcony, no reservation necessary. Tours also take place Wednesday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., as church schedule permits, leaving from the Welcome Center / Gift Shop. Reservations recommended. Visit trcnyc.org/visit.

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

Variations on The Lord's Prayer

N. Vallet, arr. Heleen van der Weel

Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

ORGAN

Prelude in f minor (BWV 534)

J. S. Bach

ANTHEM

We are the Church

Cherub Choir

Sharon Pritchard, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

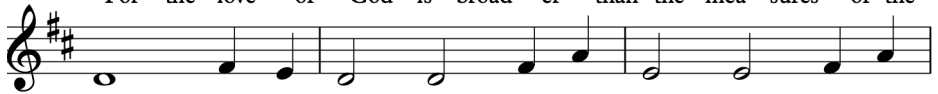
†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 303

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Nettleton



There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the
For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of the



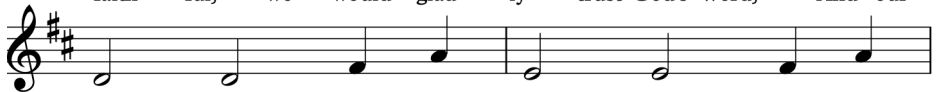
sea; There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice, which is
mind; And the heart of the E - ter - nal is most



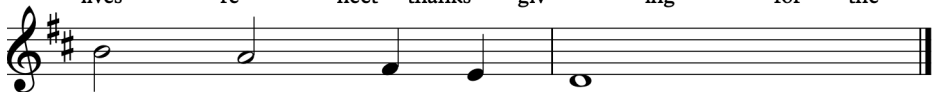
more than lib - er - ty. There is__ no place where earth's
won - der - ful - ly kind. If our__ love were but more



sor - rows are more_ felt than up in heav'n; There is
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word; And our



no place where earth's fail - ings have such
lives re - flect thanks - giv - ing for the



kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
good - ness of our God.

†All who are able, please stand

✝️CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister Derrick Jordan

One: Guide us on our Lenten journey, O God;

All: give us the courage to venture into the challenging places of heart and spirit.

One: Support us on our Lenten journey, O God;

All: strengthen us that we might learn and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

One: Join us with others on our Lenten journey, O God;

All: in faithful solidarity, we will search out dark forces of oppression and defeat them in the light of Christ.

One: Be with us at the end of our Lenten journey, O God;

All: that at the foot of the cross we might look up and understand the gift of your love.

✝️INVOCATION

Minister Jordan

ANTHEM

Somebody's Knockin'

African American Spiritual, arr. Ken Berg

Somebody's knockin' at your door. Oh, sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door. Somebody's prayin' for your soul. Oh, sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's prayin' for your soul. Somebody's liftin' up their voice. Oh, sinner, why don't you listen? Somebody's liftin' up their voice. Somebody's knockin' at your door. Oh, sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door!

*The Rising Voices Choir
Matthew Hommez, director
Yuliya Basis, accompanist*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Michael Livingston
& Anita Bryant

We welcome you with joy and friendship into the common life of The Riverside Church. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's love and grace and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

A MOMENT FOR LENT

Rev. Butler

✝️All who are able, please stand

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The minister offers words of confession, to which the congregation responds as follows:

One: Lord have mercy.

All: **Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy¹



Lord have mer - cy; Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy on _____ me. _____

Lord have mer - cy; Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy on _____ me. _____

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

✚PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

LISTENING

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

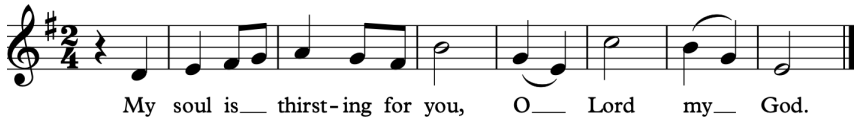
Genesis 6-9 (selected verses)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM 63²

Richard Proulx



My soul is__ thirst-ing for you, O__ Lord my__ God.

Jessica Marsten, cantor

EPISTLE LESSON

Tafari Duncan

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

(page 172, in the New Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✚HYMN 370

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Woodworth

✚*All who are able, please stand*

†GOSPEL LESSON

Barbara Mellor

Luke 13:1-9

(page 76 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Love Boat?

Rev. Butler

SILENT MEDITATION

A time for reflection, prayer and contemplation

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. 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.

CHORAL AMEN

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Harper

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Raymond H. Haan

Lord Jesus, think on me and purge away my sin; From earth-born passions set me free and make me pure within. Lord Jesus, think on me with many a care oppressed; Let me thy loving servant be and taste thy promised rest. Lord Jesus, think on me amid the battle's strife; In all my pain and misery

be thou my health and life. Lord Jesus, think on me nor let me go astray; Through darkness and perplexity point thou the heavenly way. Lord Jesus, think on me when floods the tempest high; When on doth rush the enemy, O Savior, be thou nigh! Lord Jesus, think on me that, when the flood is past, I may the eternal brightness see and share thy joy at last. Amen.

†AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY

The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize the 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 & DEDICATION

Rev. Harper

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Matthew 5:4 Grief Support Group, which offers a safe, caring community for those grieving the loss of a spouse or partner.

SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Butler

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 389

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Nyland

POSTLUDE

Fugue in f minor (BWV 534)

J. S. Bach

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Tafari Duncan and Barbara Mellor*

Liturgical Resources for Today:

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†*All who are able, please stand*



With you I am



I am well pleased.



A Prayer for...

ABOUT RIVERSIDE

The Riverside Church is an interdenominational, interracial, international, open, welcoming, and affirming church and congregation. The church is a member of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. and the United Church of Christ. Riverside cooperates with the Council of Churches in the City of New York and with the New York State, National, and World Council of Churches. Rev. Dr. Amy Butler is the seventh senior minister of the church and the first woman to serve in this position at the church. Whoever you are: You are safe here. You are loved here. You are invited into full participation in our life together.

Rev. Dr. Amy Butler, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Senior Minister Emeritus

TALK WITH THE PREACHER

Read transcripts of Pastor Amy's sermons online at trcnyc.org/sermons.
Follow Pastor Amy on Twitter at @PastorAmyTRC.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

For announcements of programs and events at The Riverside Church, please pick up the Life of the Community newsletter located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center. Visit trcnyc.org/Events for more information and to download a copy.

PARKING - 3/17/2019

Parking is available in the garage below the building. Present this bulletin to the attendant before 6:00 p.m. for a reduced rate of \$5.00.

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