The Riverside Church
in the City of New York

APRIL 18, 2019
MAUNDY THURSDAY & TENEBRAE
Welcome to The Riverside Church
Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

The service for Maundy Thursday includes the Stripping of the Nave, a practice which dates from the seventh century and is done in absolute silence and in an unhurried, orderly fashion. In silence and in shadows, communion vessels, processional cross and paraments are removed or covered symbolizing the end of Jesus’ time on earth.

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**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Good Friday: Seven Last Words**
Friday, April 19 | 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Nave

**Jesus in Harlem: A Pilgrimage For Good Friday**
Friday, April 19 | 7:00 pm | begins in Christ Chapel

**Self-Guided Labyrinth Walk**
Saturday, April 20 | 11:00 am - 4:00 pm | South Hall

**Easter Sunday Worship Celebration**
Sunday, April 21 | 9:00 am | 11:00 am | Nave
Preacher: Rev. Amy Butler

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**HOLY WEEK OFFERING**
The theme of Riverside’s 2019 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, our Holy Week 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. Visit trcny.org/donate to find out more and make a donation.
ORGAN
Ah, Holy Jesus (Op. 65) Sigfrid Karg-Elert

WELCOME
Rev. Amy Butler

†HYMN 93
Ah, Holy Jesus Herzliebster Jesu

†CALL TO WORSHIP
Rev. Rachel Johnson

One: Come and remember the love of Jesus, gathered at table with his friends.
All: We come to receive from Christ the bread of life and the cup of blessing.

One: Come, receive the tender service Christ offers each of us.
All: We come to receive the challenge of the new commandment: “Love one another.”

One: Come and contemplate the many temptations of a world that would entice us, like Judas, to betray the trust of a suffering God.
All: We come to travel with Jesus the way of the Cross.

One: Let us worship together and meditate upon the life of Christ,
All: that we might remember what discipleship will cost, and what it may reap.

†INVOCATION
Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

PSALTER
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
(page 564 in the Old Testament)

One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON
Rev. Butler

1 Corinthians 11:23-26
(page 173 in the New Testament)

One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 94
An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare O Waly Waly

†All who are able, please stand
GOSPEL LESSON
Rev. Debra Northern & Rev. Michael Livingston
John 13:1-17, 33-35
(page 107 in the New Testament)
One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Rev. Ellen Robison

Holy Savior,
You command us to love one another as you have loved us,
but we are afraid of being hurt.
You call us to serve one another as you kneel to wash our feet,
but we prefer to be served.
You ask us to follow you to the cross,
but we say the cost is too high.
On this night as you gather with the disciples of your church,
you look into our eyes and see that we are capable
of denying and betraying you and one another.
Forgive us, strengthen us and guide us to follow your example
of love, service and sacrifice.
Hear now the confessions of our hearts.
(time of silence)
In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HOMILY
Rev. Butler

Good Company

REFRAIN
Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community
Jessica Marsten, cantor

All who are able, please stand.
INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CALL TO SUPPER
One: The body of Christ, broken for you.
All: Thanks be to God for the bread of life!
One: The blood of Christ, poured out for you.
All: Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!

PRAYER
Prayer from South India

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ORGAN
Erbarm Dich mein, o Herre Gott (BWV 721) Johann Sebastian Bach

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Rev. Butler

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this meal, shared among friends in the strength of your Spirit. We give you thanks for Jesus who has given himself to us. May his presence be the delight and pleasure of our souls, our strength and salvation in all temptations, our joy and peace in every trial, and our light and guide through the darkness of these holy days. Amen.

READING
This Day

HYMN 97
Go to Dark Gethsemane Redhead
Please remain seated.

LESSON I
Rev. Johnson
Matthew 26:36-46
Jesus’ disciples fall asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane

MOTET
Herbert Howells
O Savior of the world, who by Thy cross and precious blood has redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.
The Riverside Chamber Singers
LESSON II
Matthew 26:47-56
Rev. Northern

Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss

MOTET
Nick Strimple
From whence doth this union arise, that hatred is conquer’d by love? It fastens our souls with such ties that nature and time can’t remove. It cannot in Eden be found nor yet in a paradise lost. It grows on Immanuel’s ground, and Jesus’ dear blood it did cost.

LESSON III
Matthew 26:57-68
Rev. Casteel Harper

Jesus before the Sanhedrin

MOTET
Tomás Luis de Victoria
All you who pass by, stop and see if you have witnessed any sorrow like mine. All you nations, stay and look upon my sorrow.

LESSON IV
Matthew 26:69-75
Victoria Anderson

Peter’s Denial

HYMN
Orlando Gibbons
Drop, drop slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet, which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace. Cease not, wet eyes, His mercies to entreat; to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease. In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears; nor let His eye see sin, but through my tears.

LESSON V
Matthew 27:15-26
Robert Hartley

Jesus before Pilate

MOTET
Chandler Carter
When my Lord came before the court, he refused to say a word in defense. Soldiers took him away where they stripped him. They mocked him, and beat, and spat on my Lord. With a wreath of thorns they crowned my Lord, and they led him away to crucify. They bound him and nailed him to the cross, they silenced him and left him there to die. Mother Mary stood by one of the disciples. From the cross Jesus said to them “Behold your son, dearest mother. Behold your mother, dearest friend.” “I thirst” he exclaimed, then he cried out: “It is finished!” and bowed his head and died. Bounded, they took him from the cross. Silent, they laid him in the grave.

Diana Solomon-Glover, soprano

LESSON VI
Matthew 27:27-44
Rev. Robison

The soldiers mock Jesus
HYMN
Carl Haywood
Calvary, surely he died on Calvary, Don’t you hear him, calling his Father? O my Father, Thy will be done.

LESSON VII
Rev. Livingston
Matthew 27:45-50
The death of Jesus

MOTET
Francis Poulenc
Darkness fell upon the earth, when he was crucified, on the cross. And behold, at the ninth hour, crying out with a loud voice, Jesus exclaimed: “My God, my God, wherefore hast Thou forsaken me?” Thus saying, he bowed down his head, gave up his spirit, and he died. Exclaiming, Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying: “Father, into Thy loving hands I commend my soul!” Thus saying, he bowed down his head, gave up his spirit, and he died.

STRIPPING OF THE NAVE
Riverside Clergy

LESSON VIII
Rev. Butler
Matthew 27:51-54
Truly, this man was God’s Son

SOLO
Nicole Mitchell, alto
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

SILENT MEDITATION
The congregation departs in silence.
Anyone who wishes may remain for silent meditation and prayer.

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Victoria Anderson and Robert Hartley
Naomi Umlauf and Ryan-Michelle Woodford, acolytes

Liturgical Resources for Today:
1Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-717132
2United Church of Christ, Book of Worship
3Cheryl Lawrie
4Emily Polis Gibson

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