The Riverside Church in the City of New York

APRIL 19, 2018
GOOD FRIDAY
WHAT ABIDES

You will know this blessing by how it does not stay still, by the way it refuses to rest in one place.

You will recognize it by how it takes first one form, then another:
now running down
the face of the mother who watches the breaking
of the child she had borne,
now in the stance of the woman who followed him here and will not leave him bereft.
Now it twists in anguish on the mouth of the friend whom he loved;
now it bares itself in the wound, the cry, the finishing and final breath.
This blessing is not in any one of these alone. It is what binds them together.
It is what dwells in the space between them, though it be torn and gaping.
It is what abides in the tear the rending makes.

- Jan Richardson

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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
ORGAN
Come, Sweet Death, Come, Blessed Rest                J. S. Bach arr. Virgil Fox

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER             Rev. Amy Butler

HYMN 85
What Wondrous Love is This            Wondrous Love

REFLECTION                            David Vaughn, & Rev. Ellen Robison
He Will Walk - Iona Community

SOLO
Recitative and Aria from St. Matthew Passion                J. S. Bach
Dear Savior, if your disciples foolishly quarrel about this pious woman with
oils wanting to prepare your body for the grave, then in the meantime permit
me to anoint your head with a flood of tears from my eyes. Repentance and
remorse gnash my sinful heart in two, that my teardrops might bring forth
sweet spices for you, faithful Jesus.

Nicole Mitchell, alto
Christopher Johnson, & Lisa Johnson, flutes

REFLECTION                                    Rev. Robison
Mary, of Bethany, at your feet a third time - Andrea Skevington

REFLECTION                            David Vaughn
The Last Supper - Rainer Maria Rilke

REFRAIN
    Stay With Me¹                          Jacques Berthier, Taize Community

David Orcutt, cantor

†All who are able, please stand
“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” - Luke 23:33-34

SILENT MEDITATION

A time for reflection, prayer and contemplation.

SOLO

He Was Despised

he was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He gave his back to the smiters, and his cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: He hid not his face from shame and spitting.

Nicole Mitchell, alto

REFLECTION

Chile: ‘Our Father’

as prayed by ten people detained in the Central Police Station, Santiago

REFRAIN

Stay With Me

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.

(Repeat)

SECOND WORD

“Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” - Luke 23:39-43

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN 101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

REFLECTION

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross - 9th century

Martha Wiggins & Jocardo Ralston

All who are able, please stand
REFRAIN

Stay With Me
Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community

*Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.*
(Repeat)

THIRD WORD

Amanda Meisenheimer
Associate Minister of Children & Families

“He said to his mother, ‘Woman, here is your son.’ Then to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ - John 19: 25b-27

SILENT MEDITATION

SOLO

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child
Spiritual, arr. John Carter

Sometimes I feel like a motherless child, a long way from home. Sometimes I feel like I’m almost gone. True believer, a long way from home.

Meghann Vaughn, mezzo-soprano

REFLECTION

Martha Wiggins

Argentina: anonymous poem

REFRAIN

Stay With Me
Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community

*Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.*
(Repeat)

FOURTH WORD

Rev. Kevin VanHook
Minister of Justice, Advocacy, & Change

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” - Matthew 27: 45-46

SILENT MEDITATION

SOLO

Calvary
Spiritual, arr. M. Simpson & E. Simpson-Curenton

Christopher Johnson, flute
Christopher Creaghan, piano
REFLECTION
Rev. Jan Powell, Rev. George Walker
I Thirst for You - Mother Teresa

REFRAIN
Stay With Me
Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.
(Repeat)

FIFTH WORD
Rev. Christian Peele
Executive Minister of Institutional Advancement
“I am thirsty.” - John 19:28

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN 92
Beneath the Cross of Jesus
St. Christopher

REFLECTION
Rev. Walker
Cameroon - meditation on the XIth Station

REFRAIN
Stay With Me
Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.
(Repeat)

SIXTH WORD
Rev. Bruce Lamb
Minister of Faith Formation
“It is finished.” - John 19:29-30

SILENT MEDITATION

SOLO
Oh, Glory!
Spiritual, arr. Hall Johnson
Oh, Glory! There is room enough in Paradise to have a home in Glory. Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone to have a home in Glory; He whom I fixed my hopes upon, to have a home in Glory. Oh, Glory! There is room enough in Paradise to have a home in Glory. His track I see - and I'll pursue, to have a home.
Diana Solomon-Glover, soprano

All who are able, please stand
REFLECTION

O God of My Heart - Ann Weems

Rev. Powell

SILENT MEDITATION

REFRAIN

Stay With Me

Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.
(Repeat)

SEVENTH WORD

Rev. Alisha Gordon
Executive Minister of Programs

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” - Luke 23:46

SILENT MEDITATION

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

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Rev. George Walker, Rev. Jan Powell, Martha Wiggins, Jocardo Ralston
& David Vaughn

A special thank you to our acolytes for this service:
Isabella & Santiago Soto, Athena & Latoya Wilkinson

Liturgical Resources for Today:
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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.
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