

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



GOD

AND US

stories of sin and loss

APRIL 7, 2019
FIFTH 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:

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

– Hebrews 13:2

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.

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 Passion Hymn (Hymn #98)

Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

John Courter

ORGAN

Two Preludes on "Wondrous Love"

David Johnson

Craig Phillips

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

✚PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

✚CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Debra Northern

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 name the forces of oppression
and work together for equality and justice for everyone.**

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

BAPTISMS BY IMMERSION

Rev. Butler

Che Rose
Jordana Rose

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Michael Livingston

Harrison Bagdonas
Julian Barnes
Ndeye Sow
Jude Tienabeso

✚*All who are able, please stand*

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

Rev. Livingston

A MOMENT FOR LENT

Rev. Butler

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

Two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a fermata over the word 'me'. The second staff continues the melody and also ends with a fermata over 'me'.

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

LISTENING

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 18:16-19; 19:1-14a; 24-29; Ezekiel 16:48-50
(page 14 & 782 in the Old Testament)

Rev. Jim Keat
Rev. Alisha Gordon

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM 126²

French carol melody

Two staves of musical notation in G major, common time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a fermata over the word 'ry'. The second staff continues the melody and ends with a fermata over 'joy'.

For the night _____ weep - ing may tar - ry;

with the morn - ing light comes _____ joy.

Jessica Marsten, cantor

EPISTLE LESSON

Courtney Klamar

Philippians 3:10-14

(page 198, in the New Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

†All who are able, please stand

†HYMN 85

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

†GOSPEL LESSON

Jennifer Finney Boylan

John 12:1-8

(page 106 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Butler

The Worst Sin of All

RESPONDING

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Bruce Lamb

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ah, Jesus, Lord, Thy Love to Me

Southern folk tune, arr. David Johnson

Ah, Jesus, Lord, thy love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare; O bind my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there. Thine wholly, thine alone I'd live, myself to thee entirely give. O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone; Ah, may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown. All coldness from my heart remove: May ev'ry act, word, thought, be love. O Lord, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies; care, anguish, sorrow, melt away, where'er thy healing hands arise. O Jesus, nothing may I see, and nothing seek, desire, but thee.

†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. Lamb

Today we celebrate the work of the Sojourners Ministry, which works with people currently held in detention centers in the U.S., while petitioning for asylum and providing support to those recently released.

†*All who are able, please stand*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

Following each petition, please join in the following responses:

One: God of love,

All: hear our prayer.

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 THE TABLE

Rev. Butler

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

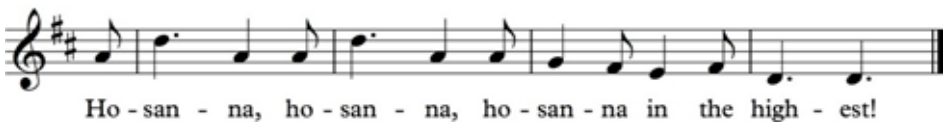
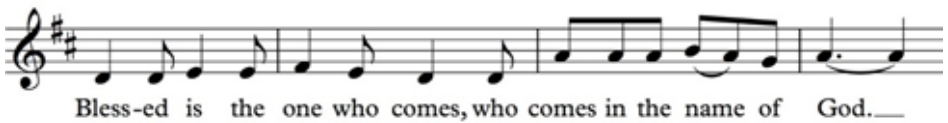
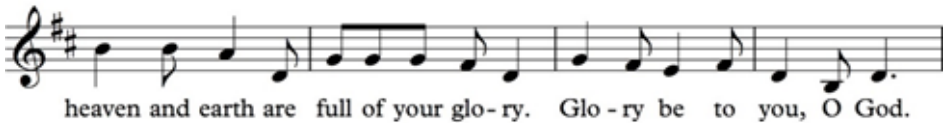
One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

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

SANCTUS



†All who are able, please stand

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



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

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!

A gluten-free option for communion bread is available upon request from a communion server.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ORGAN

Meditation

Herzliebster Jesu

Herbert Brewer

Robert Hebble

CHOIR

The Lamb of God³

Maurice Duruflé

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest. community.

HYMN 515

Now To Your Table Spread

Love Unknown

✠PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Butler

Compassionate God, you have met us in the bread and cup at this your table. As we go from this place may we receive strength to walk with all your children in peace, and witness to the truth of your reconciliation and love. Amen.

SENDING

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

✠BENEDICTION

Rev. Butler

✠RECESSIONAL HYMN 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Rathbun

✠*All who are able, please stand*

POSTLUDE

Fugue in B minor (BWV 544)

J. S. Bach

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:

Courtney Klamar, Jenny Boylan, and Jabari St. Louis, crucifer

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹CCLI Song Number 2989578

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³From “Requiem”, Op. 9

LOVING GOD
who art in
Heaven
hallowed
be thy
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THY WILL BE DONE
on EARTH as
it is in
Heaven

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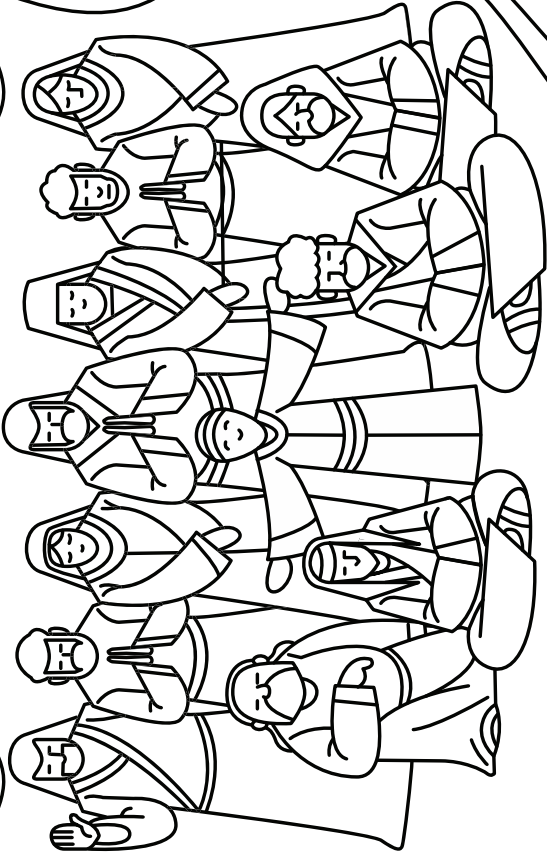
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our debts
AS WE
FORGIVE
our debtors

and
LEAD US
not into
temptation

but
DELIVER
us from
evil

LORD, teach us to

PRAY.



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 - 4/7/2019

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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