

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



MARCH 15, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY IN 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:

“Jesus talks longer to the woman at the well than he does to anyone else in all the Gospels—longer than he talks to any of his disciples, longer than he talks to any of his accusers, longer than he talks to any of his own family. She is the first person he reveals himself to in the Gospel of John. She is the first outsider to guess who he is and tell others. She is the first evangelist, John tells us, and her testimony brings many to faith.”

-Barbara Brown Taylor

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).

Throughout the season of Lent we will be focusing on **Close Encounters**, exploring the ways that people encounter God in the lectionary texts and the ways we continue to have closer encounters with Christ in our world today.

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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

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

Don Cook

To God, the Glory

Lee Cobb

Choral Variations, Harmony of Zion

John Knox

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Pange Lingua

Mary Beth Bennet

Prelude in B Minor (BWV 544)

J. S. Bach

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

✚CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Geraldine Howard

One: O come, let us sing to our GOD; let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation!

**All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing
joyful songs of praise!**

One: Our God is great, omnipotent above all others

**All: From the depths of the earth to the heights of mountains, the
sea, and the land. Our God is the creator of it all.**

One: O Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before
the Holy One, Our Maker!

**All: Yes! God is our God, and we are God's people. O that today we
would listen to God's voice!**

✚*All who are able, please stand*

+INVOCATION

LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

I Must Tell Jesus

Mattie L. Robertson

I must tell Jesus all of my trials; I cannot bear these burdens alone. In my distress he kindly will help me; he ever loves and cares for his own. I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear my burdens alone. I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me, Jesus alone. I must tell Jesus all of my troubles; He is a kind, compassionate friend. If I but ask him, he will deliver; make of my troubles quickly an end.

A MOMENT FOR LENT

Rev. Livingston

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

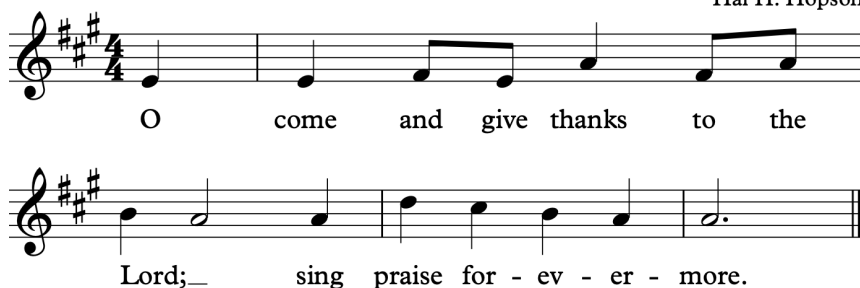
The minister offers words of confession, to which the congregation responds as follows:

One: Lord have mercy.

All: **Christ have mercy.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM 95²

Hal H. Hopson



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Jessica Marsten, cantor

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

+All who are able, please stand

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Bryant Harris

Exodus 17:1-7

(pg. 64 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 510

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Quebec

+GOSPEL LESSON

Amanda Meisenheimer

John 4:5-26

(pg. 94 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

High Noon At The Well

PASTORAL PRAYER

Farley Lord

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

RESPONDING

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

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

+*All who are able, please stand*

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Farley Lord

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Wondrous Love

traditional, arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

What wondrous love is this, O my soul. What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul. When I was sinking down, O my soul. When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, who is the great 'I am', while millions join the theme, I will sing. And when from death I'm free I'll song on. And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on.

+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

Min. Derrick Jordan

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

+RECESSIONAL HYMN 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

BENEDICTION

Please be seated.

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Fugue in B Minor (BWV 544)

J. S. Bach

+All who are able, please stand

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*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Rev. Geraldine Howard & Bryant Harris*

Liturgical Resources for Today:

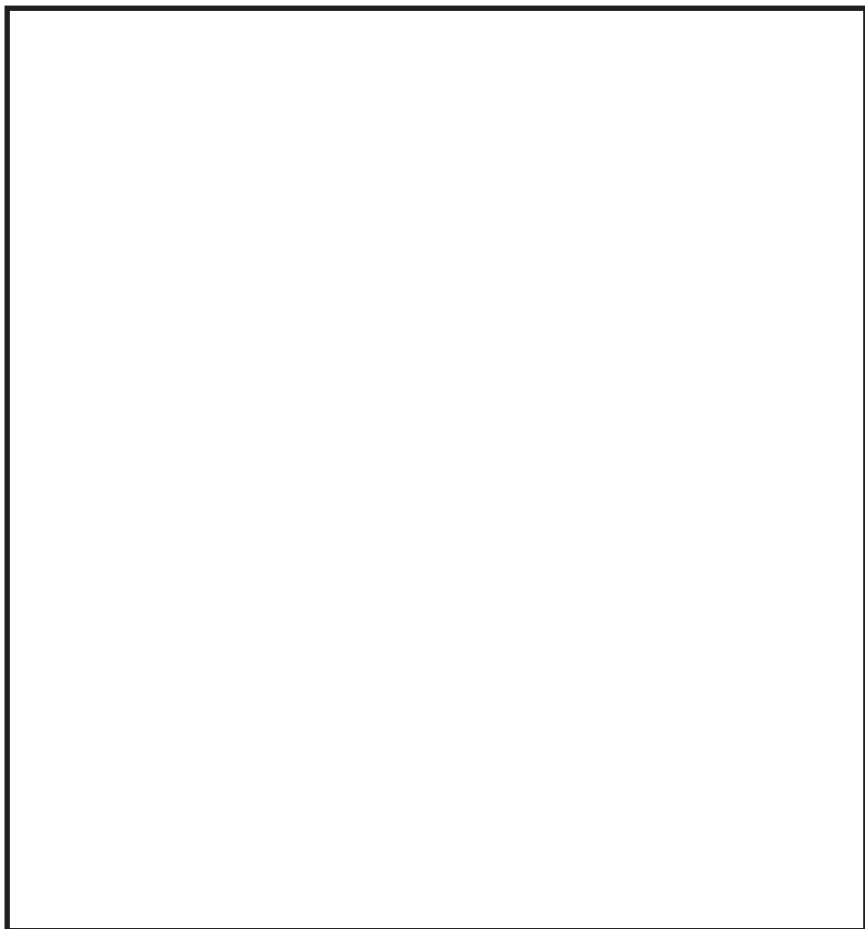
¹*Based on Psalm 95*

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DRAW IT

Psalm 95 tells us to sing, kneel, and make joyful noises with thankful hearts to praise God! **Draw a picture of how you like to praise God.**



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DISAPPOINT

US

COLOR ^{IN} THE WORDS



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. Whoever you are: You are safe here. You are loved here. You are invited into full participation in our life together.

Rev. Michael Livingston, Interim Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Senior Minister Emeritus

RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST

Are you receiving our weekly emails? Check your junk folder, add us to your “safe sender list,” or visit **trcnyc.org/Email** to sign up. We want to make sure that you know all the latest news and events at The Riverside Church!

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.

WORSHIP ONLINE & ALL WEEK LONG

If you're out of town or in need of more Riverside worship throughout the week, visit **trcnyc.org/DigitalDiscipleship** to watch the Sunday morning Livestream, videos of the sermon and the choirs, and more. Be sure to watch The Word Made Fresh, our weekly video Bible Study, and catch up on Be Still and Go, our devotional podcast.

PARKING - 03/15/2020

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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