

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York

LAMENT  to Alleluia



MARCH 6, 2022
FIRST 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.

Throughout the season of lent we will be reflecting on the final words of Jesus as he suffered on the cross. As you prepare your heart for worship, consider Luke 23:34.

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.

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).

Whats happening at Riverside?

Learn about the events and activities of the Life of Our Community by opening your camera and scanning the code below.



Give by your phone

Make an offering using your smartphone by opening your camera and scanning the code below.

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833.833.4035.



Following industry standard, Riverside has secured rapid onsite COVID testing services for the health and safety of performers singing together, allowing us to permit unmasked singing. All performers will remain masked at all other times, but will unmask for anthems and singing in the chancel.



GATHERING

We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

CARILLON

Canticus Reflectionis (The Hour of the Banquet)

arr. Sally Slade Warner

When Jesus was on the Cross

Samuel Scheidt, arr. Roy Kroezen

Let Us Break Bread Together

Ennis Fruhauf

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Adagio

Dénis Bedard

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

arr. Dale Wood

Christopher Creaghan, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 83

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High,

Deo Gracias

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev Lynn Casteel Harper

One: Prepare us for our Lenten journey, O God:

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

One: Come with 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.

+ All who are able, please stand

+INVOCATION

LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

arr. Nancy Wertsch

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself; O, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself. You must walk this lonesome valley, you have to walk it by yourself; O, nobody else can walk it for you, you have to walk it by yourself. I must walk this lonesome valley, I have to walk it by myself; O, nobody else can walk it for me, I have to walk it by myself. I must go and stand my trial, I have to stand it by myself; O, nobody else can stand it for me, I have to stand it by myself.

*Nancy Wertsch, conductor
Nonie Donato, soprano*

MOMENT FOR LENT

Clarence Anderson

During this liturgical season, lay leaders of Riverside will offer prayers of lament, framed by verses from the book of Lamentations, chapter 3.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Bruce Lamb

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

One: Lord have mercy.
All: Christ have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rueben Martinez

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
(pages 180 & 181 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

RESPONSIVE PSALM 91¹

Michel Guimont

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trou - ble.

*Jessica Marsten, cantor***EPISTLE LESSON**

Romans 10:8b-13

(pages 157 & 158 in the New Testament)

Rev. Harper

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

All: **Thanks be to God.****+HYMN 77****Forty Days and Forty Nights***Aus der Tiefe rufe ich***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 4:1-13

Johnny Chamness

(page 62 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.****SERMON**

Rev. Livingston

Them, Us, All

SERMONIC SELECTION*Samuel Barber*

The Crucifixion

*Jennifer Borghi, soprano***RESPONDING**

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rueben Martinez

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

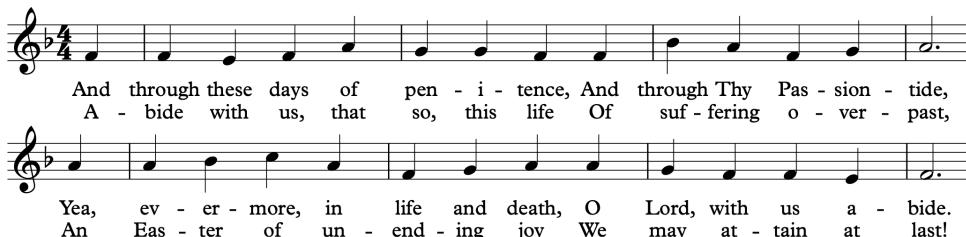
Kyrie from "Messe Solennelle"

*Jean Langlais*Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.²

+All who are able, please stand

AT THE PRESENTATION: Through These Days of Penitence

The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize the offering of our whole selves to God.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Rev. Lamb

Today we celebrate the work of the Ecclesia Ministry, which leads services and serves lunch monthly in Marcus Garvey Park, as we seek to reach people who wish to praise and worship God in community.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

Following our petition, please join in the following response:

One: O Merciful God,

All: hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray in the language or version of your heart.

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come,

Your 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.

Save us from the time of trial, but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL AMEN

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.

†All who are able, please stand

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul-er Al-might - y;
heaven and earth are full of your glo- ry. Glo - ry be to you, O God.
Bless-ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God...
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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**

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ORGAN

Song Of Peace

Jean Langlais

CHOIR

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 sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on.

†All who are able, please stand

†PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Harper

Compassionate God, you have met us in the bread and cup at 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.

†RECESSIONAL HYMN

Within Your Shelter, Loving God

St. Flavian



1. With - in Your shel - ter, lov - ing God, My ref - uge and my tower,
2. Be - cause I trust in You a - lone, No e - vil shall come near,
3. Your ho - ly an - gels bear me up And keep my feet se - cure.
4. As of - ten as I call to You, You kind - ly hear my prayer.
5. All those who know Your name on earth Shall life a - bun - dant know.



I safe - ly walk by day and night Be -neath Your guid - ing power.
The strong de - fend - er of my home, With You I have no fear.
Though fierce and an - gry foes as - sail, In You my way is sure.
In times of trou - ble and dis - tress I rest in Your own care.
On all a - bid - ing in Your love Your sa - ving grace be - stow.

SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Toccata in B minor

Eugène Gigout

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Rueben Martinez,
Johnny Chamness & Clarence Anderson*

Liturgical Resources for Today:

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²Sung in ancient Greek

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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

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

For announcements of programs and events at The Riverside Church, please visit trcnyc.org/Events for more information and to download a copy.

JOIN OUR WEEKLY SERMON TALKBACK

Go deeper with the sermons from The Riverside Church every Sunday after worship for a sermon talkback as part of Virtual Coffee Hour. Visit trcnyc.org/VirtualCoffeeHour to join us online or go to 311 MLK to join us in person. If you are unable to join the live conversation you can listen to After the Amen, our weekly sermon talkback podcast, as Riverside clergy and congregants talk with Sunday's preacher about how their sermon resonates in our lives and in our world. Visit trcnyc.org/AfterTheAmen to listen now.

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON CARILLON RECITALS

Fall and Winter 2021 Sunday afternoon carillon recitals take place most weeks at 3:00 p.m. and can be best heard outdoors listening from Sakura Park, immediately north of The Riverside Church at 122nd Street. Visit trcnyc.org/CarillonRecitals for the complete schedule.

PARKING - 03/06/2022

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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