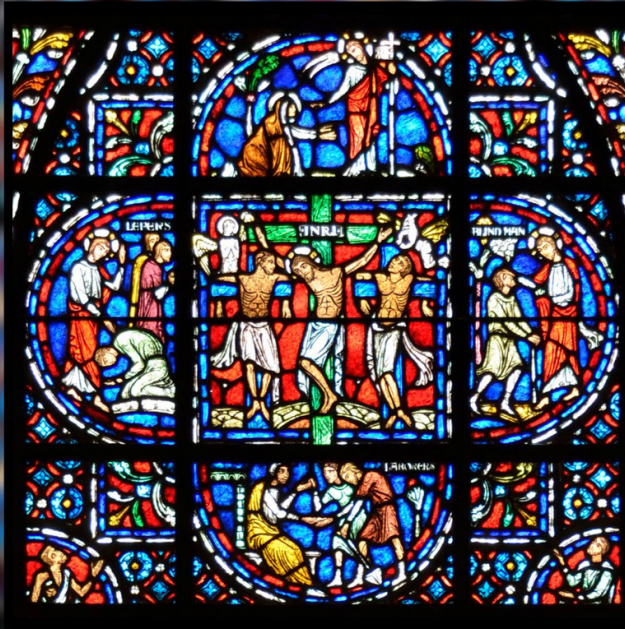


# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



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✠ Lent 2023

APRIL 6, 2023  
MAUNDY THURSDAY - TENEBRAE SERVICE

# WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

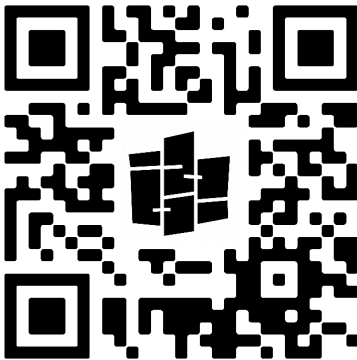
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WORSHIP is at the center of the life of The Riverside Church.

A tenebrae service typically takes place in a dark room lit by a number of candles. A series of Scripture readings chronicles Jesus's final week, ending with his burial. After each reading a candle is snuffed out, until only the Christ candle remains lit. This service includes the stripping of the Nave, a practice which dates back from the seventh century and is done in absolute silence and in an unhurried, orderly fashion. In silence and shadows, communion vessels and paraments are removed or covered symbolizing the end of Jesus' time on earth.

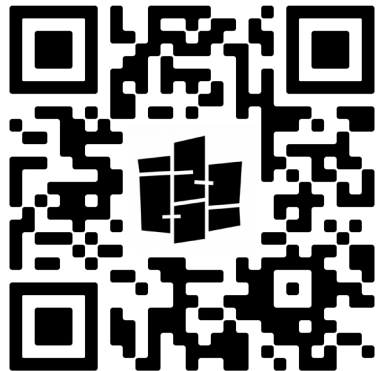
## What's happening at Riverside?

You can find a printed calendar listed in the back of your bulletin!



## Give by your phone

Text TRCNYCGIVE to 833.833.4035.



*Riverside worship services are filmed, recorded, and broadcast online.  
If you do not want to appear in any videos or photos we invite you to sit in the balcony.*



## GATHERING

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

### ORGAN

Ah, Holy Jesus (Op. 65)

*Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

*Christopher Creaghan, organist*

### WELCOME

Rev. Adriene Thorne

### †HYMN 93

Ah, Holy Jesus

*Herzliebster Jesu*

### †CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

One: Come and remember the love of Jesus, gathered at the 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.**

†*All who are able, please stand*

## † INVOCATION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE<sup>1</sup>

Rev. Dr. Debra Northern

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION<sup>2</sup>

#### 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!**

*For everyone worshiping online, visit [trcnyc.org/communion](http://trcnyc.org/communion) to take communion together on Zoom.*

### MUSIC AT COMMUNION

#### ORGAN

**Erbarm Dich mein, o Herre Gott (BWV 721)**

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

### PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Thorne

#### HYMN 97

**Go to Dark Gethsemane**

*Redhead*

*Please remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>United Church of Christ, Book of Worship

<sup>2</sup>Cheryl Lawrie

## **LISTENING**

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

### **LESSON I**

Rev. Adele Smith-Penniman

Matthew 26:36-46

*Jesus' disciples fall asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane*

### **MOTET**

#### **In Monte Oliveti**

*Nancy Wertsch*

On Mount Olivet he prayed to the Father: Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak: your will be done. Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation.

### **LESSON II**

Minister Derrick Jordan

Matthew 26:47-56

*Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss*

### **MOTET**

#### **Ah, Holy Jesus**

*Roger T. Petrich*

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason hath undone thee. Twas I, Lord Jesus, it was I denied thee: I crucified thee.

### **LESSON III**

Rev. Bruce Lamb

Matthew 26:57-68

*Jesus before the Sanhedrin*

### **MOTET**

#### **O Vos Omnes**

*Pablo Casals*

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**

Rev. Dr. Northern

Matthew 26:69-75

*Peter's Denial*

†*All who are able, please stand*

## **MOTET**

### **O Drop, Drop, Slow tears**

*William R. Voris*

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**

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

Matthew 27:15-26

*Jesus before Pilate*

## **MOTET**

### **As Jesus Went to Calvary**

*Desmond Ratcliff*

As Jesus went to Calvary, the Cross, it weighed him down. The thorn bush bent its branches black before his thorny crown. As Jesus went to die.

The thorn bush bowed in shame to see the crown of plaited thorn that men had used to wound their Lord with ridicule and scorn. As Jesus went to die.

But on the third day dawning fair our Lord rose from the tomb; and in the garden where he'd lain the thorn bush burst in bloom. As Jesus rose again.

## **LESSON VI**

Rev. Jim Keat

Matthew 27:27-44

*The soldiers mock Jesus*

## **MOTET**

### **Why Standest Thou Afar Off, O Lord?**

*Robert Elmore*

Why standest thou afar off, O Lord? Why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble? Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble. The wicked in their pride doth persecute the poor, the wicked, through the pride of their countenance, will not seek after God. Their mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under their tongue is mischief and vanity. Wherefore doth the wicked condemn God? The Lord is king for ever and ever. Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble. The Lord is king for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of God's land.

## LESSON VII

Matthew 27:45-50

Rev. Casteel Harper

*The death of Jesus*

## MOTET

### Christus Factus Est

*Felice Anerio*

Christ for us became obedient unto death, even death on the cross. Wherefore God also hath exalted him and given him a name above every name.

## STRIPPING OF THE NAVE

Riverside Clergy

## LESSON VII

Matthew 27:51-54

Rev. Thorne

*Truly, this man was God's Son*

## SOLO

Were You There?

*Spiritual*

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?

*Juan Jose Ibarra, soloist*

## SILENT MEDITATION

*The Great Bourdon Bell will toll 33 times, once for each year of the life of Jesus  
before he was crucified.*

*The congregation departs in silence.*

*Anyone who wishes may remain for silent meditation and prayer.*

✝ *All who are able, please stand*

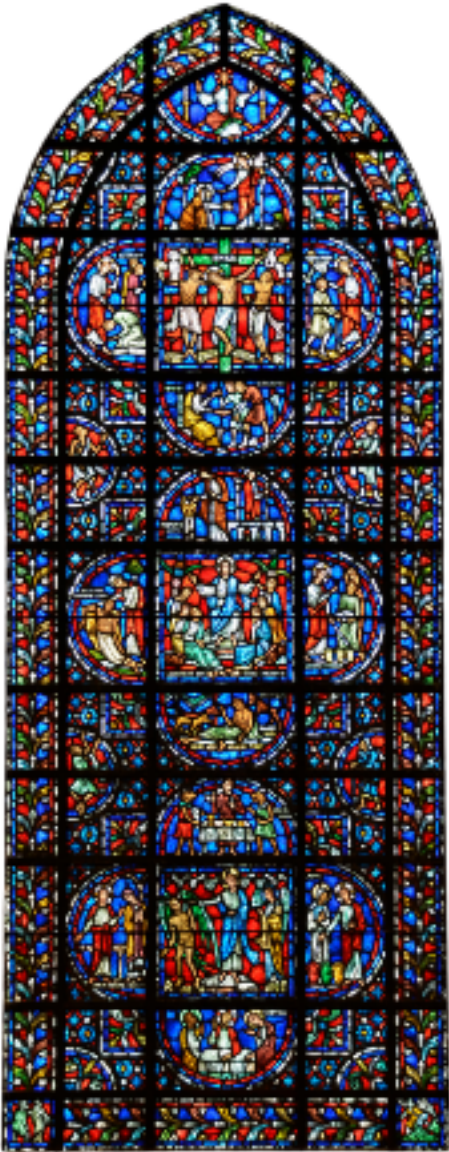
## **FOLLOW THE LEADER**

The childhood game of “Follow the Leader” invites players to mimic the actions of a designated leader, to watch closely and do what they do in order to win. As disciples of Christ, we, too, are invited to Follow the Leader—to watch and mirror the spiritual practices and commitments of Jesus. While this is not a game we “win,” it is a daily challenge to enter deeper into the heart of worship, community, and prayer. During this Lenten season, we will focus on Following the Leader, as we journey with Jesus on the road of love and justice, on the way from death to new life. In a culture where authority is too often abused and power is misused, let us deepen our commitment to following the Crucified Christ, the One True Authority.

Visit [trcnyc.org/Lent](http://trcnyc.org/Lent) to find out more.

The image on the cover is a panel from the Christ and Humanity window.

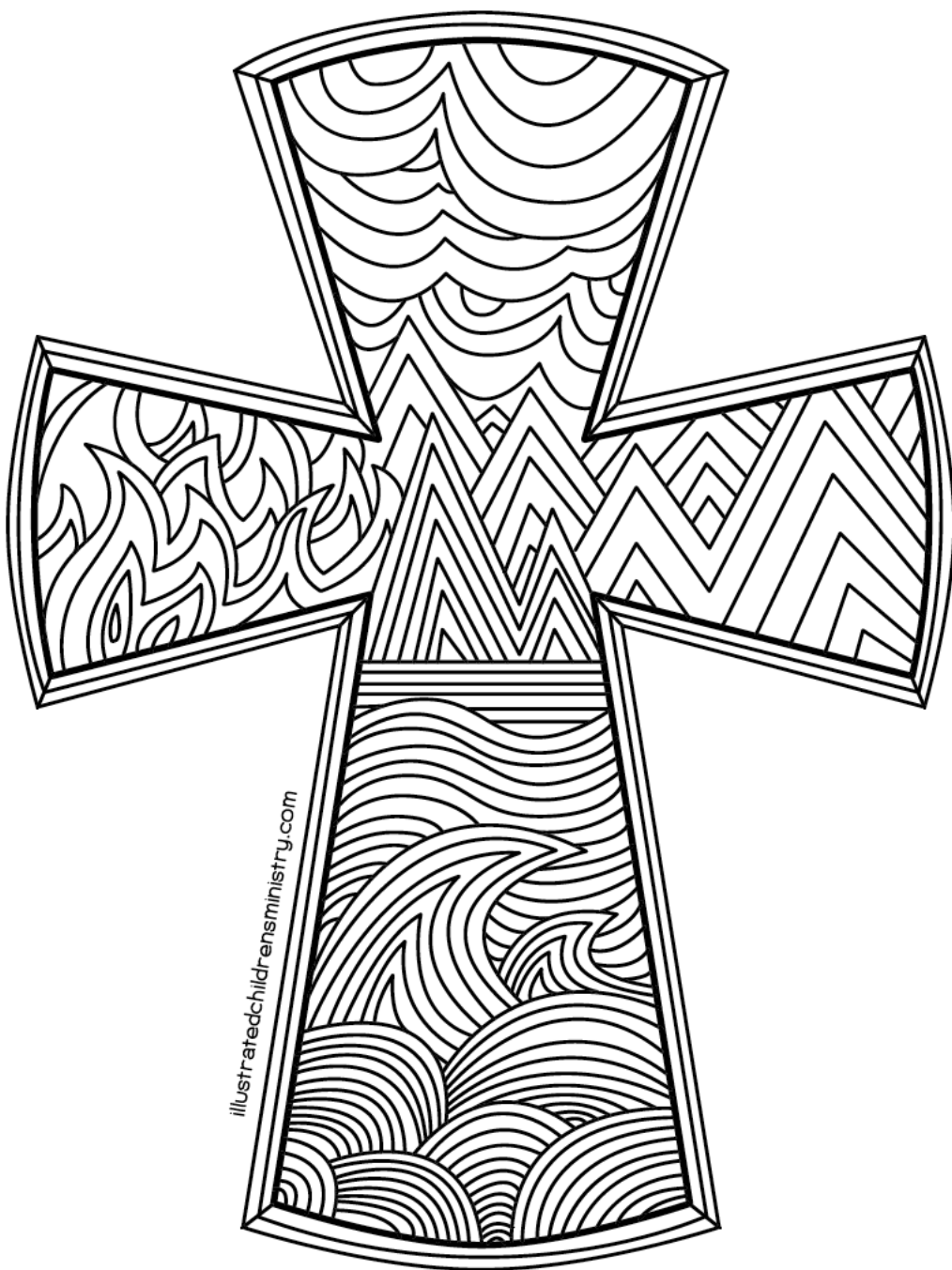




One of ten aisle stained glass windows, the Christ and Humanity Window is the second from the back of the nave, in Bay 9 on the east side. Each aisle window is a story that depicts a particular theme. This one, in the Gothic Arch form, tells its story through figures and scenes in three quatrefoils vertically down the center and five semi-circle medallions, with one at the top and two on either side.

The Christ and Humanity Window portrays fifteen scenes in which Christ's attitudes toward three types of human need or experience are suggested. Five of these scenes concern his attitude toward the rich, five reflect on his contacts with the poor, and five deal with his disposition to alleviate suffering or forgive sin. The scenes are as follows: Supper at Emmaus; Rich Young Ruler; Wedding in Cana - First Miracle; Parable of the Rich Fool; Temptations of Christ (center quatrefoil); Lazarus at the Rich Man's Door; Parable of the Good Samaritan; Miracle of Loaves and Fishes; Parable of Widow's Mite; The Sermon on the Mount (center quatrefoil); Parable of Laborers in Vineyard; Ten Lepers Healed - Gratitude of One Healing the Blind Man; "Noli me tangere;" Christ Forgives the Thief on the Cross (center quatrefoil); and Christ Blessing.

In the corners of the border are the temptations of a woman and St. Michael slaying the dragon. In the four small semi-circles are figures of people seeking healing and liberation from poverty.



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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. Adriene Thorne, 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/loc](http://trcnyc.org/loc) for more information.

## **RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST**

Are you receiving our weekly emails? Check your junk folder and add [communications@trcnyc.org](mailto:communications@trcnyc.org) to your "safe sender list" or visit [trcnyc.org/email](http://trcnyc.org/email) to sign up. We want to make sure that you know all the latest news and events at The Riverside Church!

## **VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR**

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](http://trcnyc.org/VirtualCoffeeHour) to join us online or go to 318 MLK to join us in person.

## **MEMBERSHIP AT RIVERSIDE**

Membership is about you responding to God's call on your life to step up and belong to this community as you pursue the passion God has set in your heart. By joining The Riverside Church you are taking the next step to partner with us as we seek to cultivate a community of justice, peace, and love that transforms the world. Visit [trcnyc.org/membership](http://trcnyc.org/membership) to find out more.

## **DOWNLOAD THE RIVERSIDE APP**

Take Riverside with you, wherever you go. Text TRCNYC to 833.833.4035 or visit [trcnyc.org/app](http://trcnyc.org/app) to download the app and stay connected to all the videos, podcasts, and events from The Riverside Church.

## **SUNDAY AFTERNOON CARILLON RECITALS**

Sunday afternoon carillon recitals take place most weeks at 3:00 PM and can be best heard outdoors listening from Sakura Park, immediately north of The Riverside Church at 122nd Street. Visit [trcnyc.org/CarillonRecitals](http://trcnyc.org/CarillonRecitals) for the complete schedule.

## **CHURCH NURSERY**

Babies and toddlers are not too young to start learning about God's love for them. The nursery is open every Sunday from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM during worship staffed by trained nursery workers. For location please see an usher or security guard.

## **SUNDAY MORNING PARKING**

Visit the Security Desk on the Claremont Level to pick up a \$5 parking coupon. Bring this coupon and your parking ticket to the attendant to receive this discounted rate.

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