The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



APRIL 9, 2023 EASTER SUNDAY

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 your heart and mind for worship, consider this quote and question:

"It is not easy to convey a sense of wonder, let alone resurrection wonder, to another. It's the very nature of wonder to catch us off guard, to circumvent expectations and assumptions. Wonder can't be packaged, and it can't be worked up. It requires some sense of being there and some sense of engagement."

A question for reflection:

How does your life tell the good news story of resurrection?

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.



GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Variations on the Easter Hymn I Know that My Redeemer Liveth Easter Triptych Charles Semowich George Frederick Handel, arr. Leen 't Hart John Diercks

- 1. Lo, Upon the Altar
- 2. The Day of Resurrection
- 3. Crown Him with Many Crowns

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

EASTER BRASS PRELUDE

Sonata, from Die Bänkelsängerlieder

Anonymous, arr. Robert King

Josquin des Prez, arr. Raymond Mase

Chansons
En l'ombre d'ung buissonet

El grillo

Plaine de dueil

De tous biens playne

N'esse pas ung grant deplaisir

Trumpets: Kevin Quill, Maximilian Morel French Horn: Chad Yarborough Trombones: Michael Lormand, Nicholas Schwartz

Timpani: Anthony Korf

ORGAN

Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn Paraphrase On A Chorus in Judas Maccabaeus Easter Hymn Meditation Johann Sebastian Bach Alexandre Guilmant Michael Bedford

Alan Montgomery, Associate Organist

SWINGING OF THE GREAT TOWER BELLS

+HYMN IN PROCESSION

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia! Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted head, Alleluia! Made like Christ, who bids us rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia! praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! praise the Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! AMEN.

+WELCOME Rev. Adriene Thorne

Easter Hymn

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We thought you were dead. We thought the cross was the end. We thought that when the stone rolled over the tomb, that was it. But,

All: the dead are living, the cross is empty, the stone is rolled. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

One: We thought You had said Your final word. We thought those with the power had won. We thought that when You cried out, that was it. But,

All: the word breathes, the powers are defeated, the final cry was only the beginning. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

One: We thought that when they crucified You, death had defeated life, and that was it. But,

All: Love is stronger than death. And here we are threatened with resurrection.

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

+INVOCATION

Please be seated.

INTROIT

The Day of Resurrection

Thomas Matthews

The Day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain. Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes together blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end. Alleluia.

LISTENING

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Jim Keat

Psalm 118:19-24

(pg. 565 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sing Ye To The Lord

Edward Bairstow

Sing ye to the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously. Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath He cast into the sea.

Mighty Victim from the sky, hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie; thou hast conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light.

Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; thou hast opened Paradise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.

Mighty Victim from the sky, hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie; thou hast conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light; thou hast opened Paradise, and in thee thy saints shall rise. Alleluia! Amen.

EPISTLE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Bruce Lamb

Colossians 3:1-4

(pg. 201 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Victory

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done: The victory of life is won; The song of triumph has begun; Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions hath dispersed; Let shouts of holy joy outburst; Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer, Isabella Soto, Alyce Dougnon Matthew 28:1-10

(pg. 33 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

+GRADUAL HYMN

The three sad days are quickly sped, Christ rises glorious from the dead; All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, From death's dread sting thy servants free, That we may live and sing to Thee; Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON To be continued... Rev. Thorne

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Debra Northern

Leader: We have heard the Word of God read and proclaimed. Now let us

respond by praying for each other, for the church, and for the

world.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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, deliver us from evil.

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

CHORAL AMEN

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Thorne

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ Our Passover

Nancy Wertsch

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more. Death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is risen from the dead, and became the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Nancy Wertsch, conductor

+AT THE PRESENTATION

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Rev. Wingate

Today we celebrate the gift of our Flower Ministry, which provides beautiful floral arrangements and landscapes throughout the year that remind us of God's creation.

+THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS

George Frederick Handel

The congregation stands and sings with the choir.

+HYMN

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Llanfair

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia! Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia! Jesus died, our souls to save; Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia! Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

+BENEDICTION

Rev. Thorne

VOLUNTARY

Toccata, from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

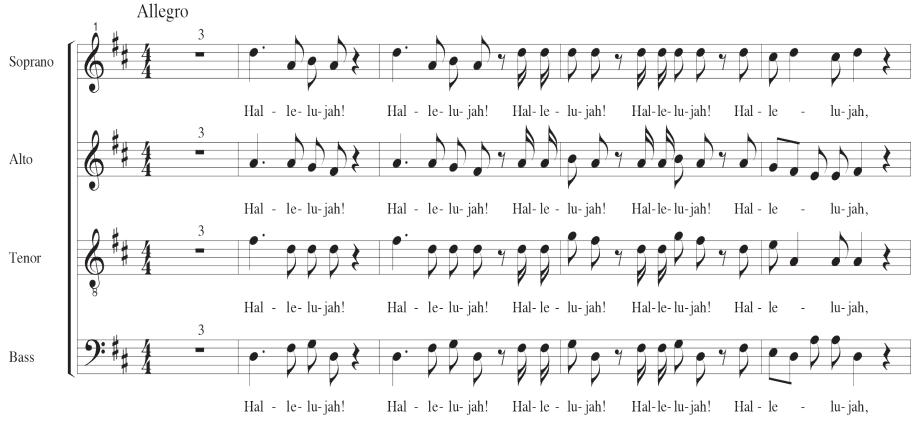
Christopher Creaghan, organist

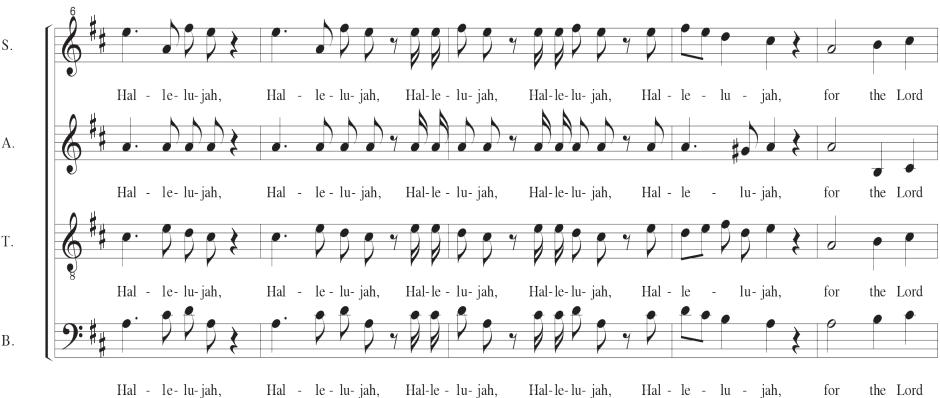
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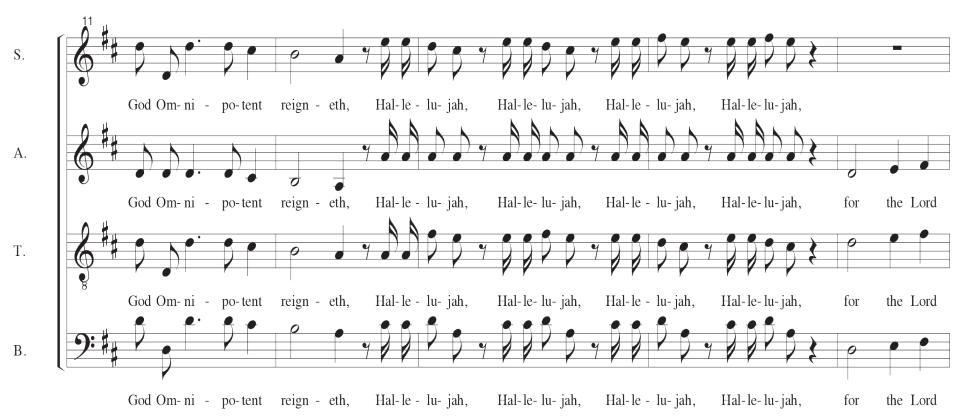
From Messiah

Revelation 11:15, 19:6, 16

George Frideric Handel 1685-1759







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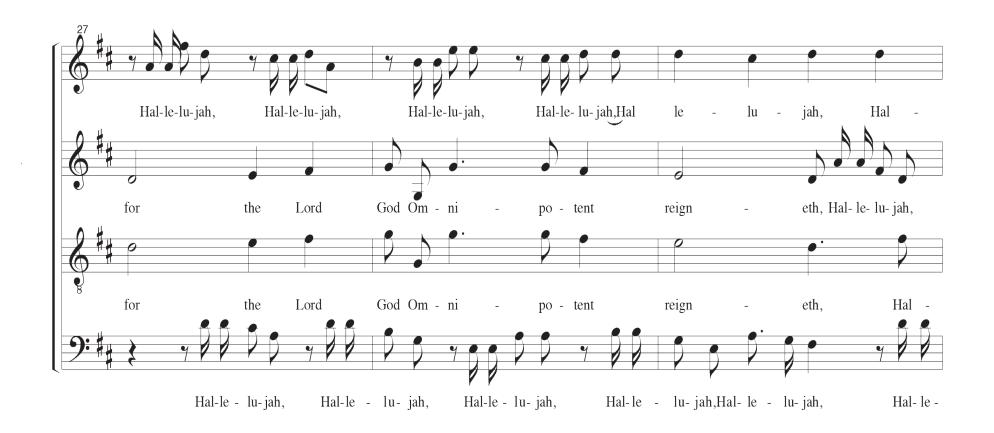
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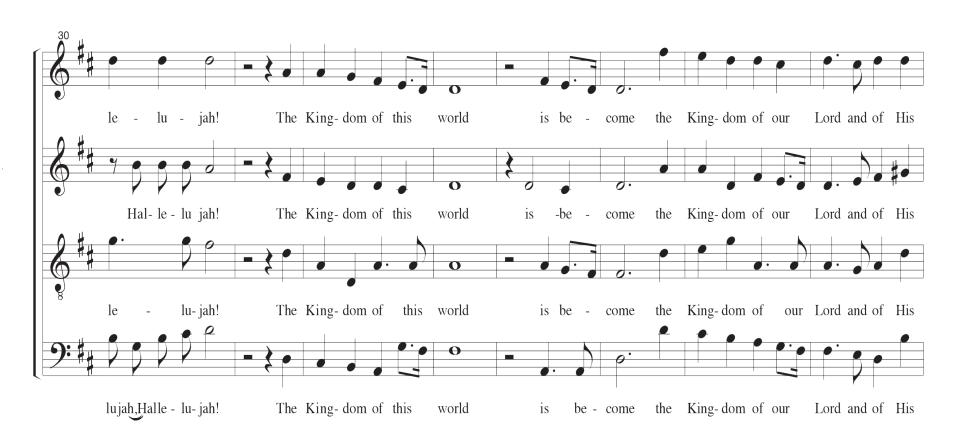


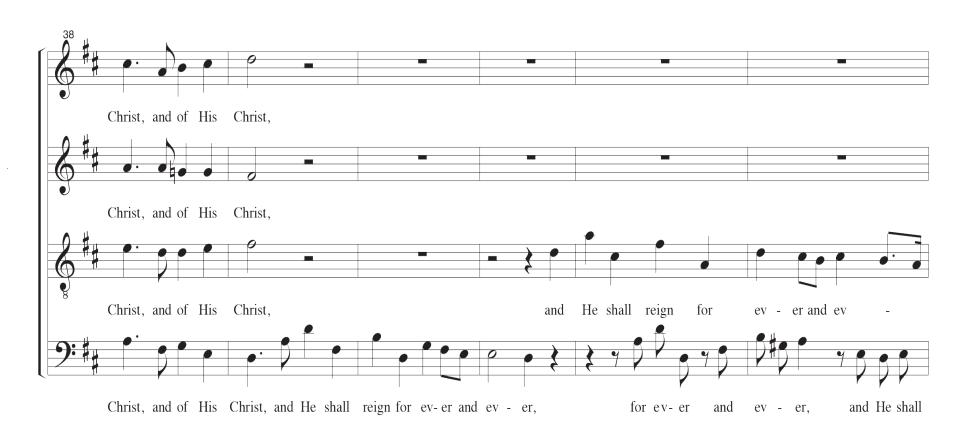
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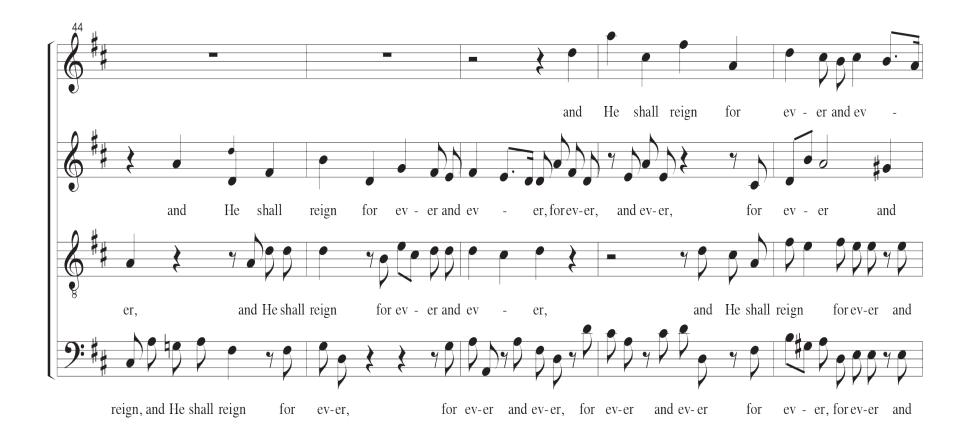
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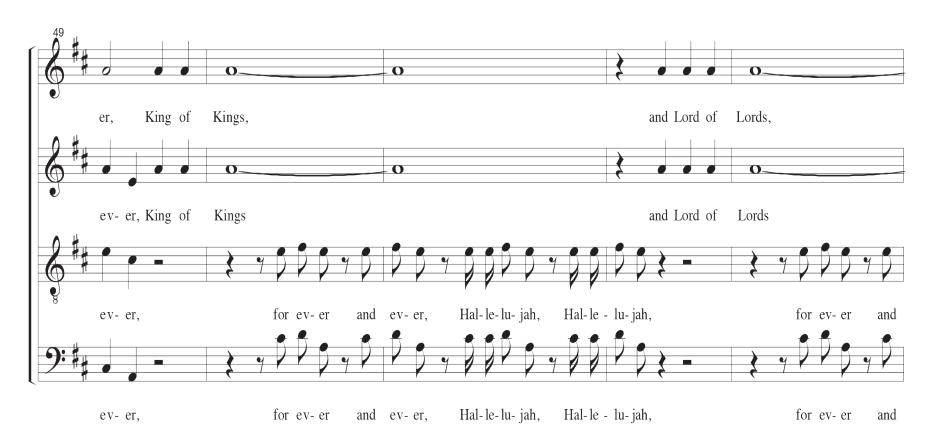
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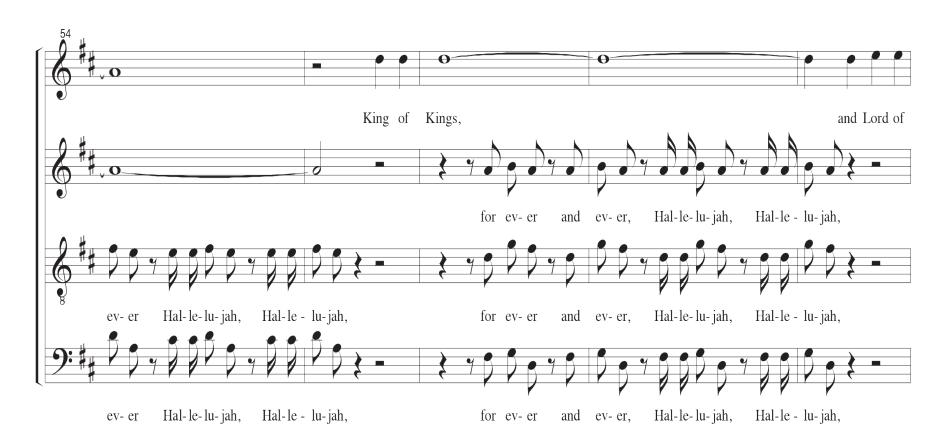


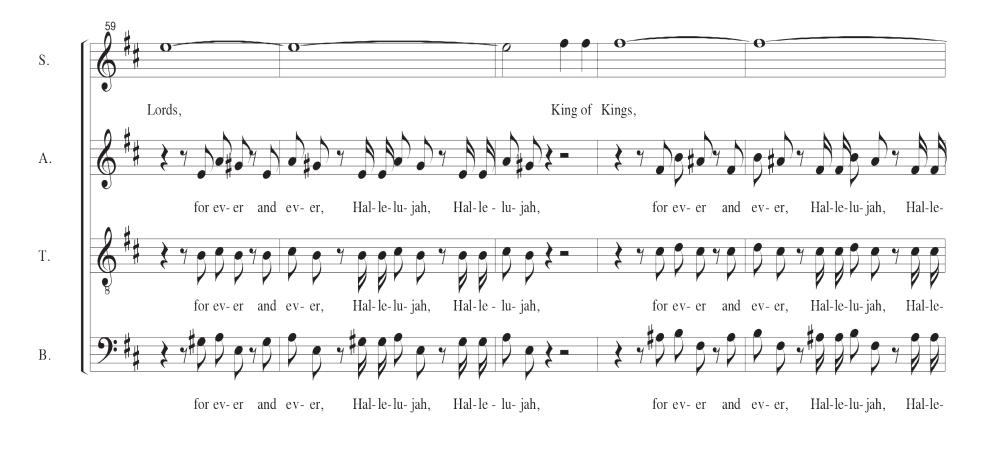


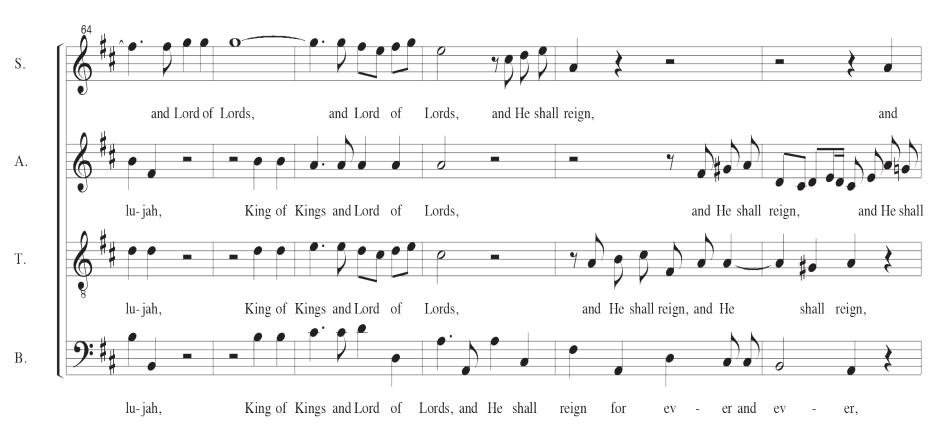


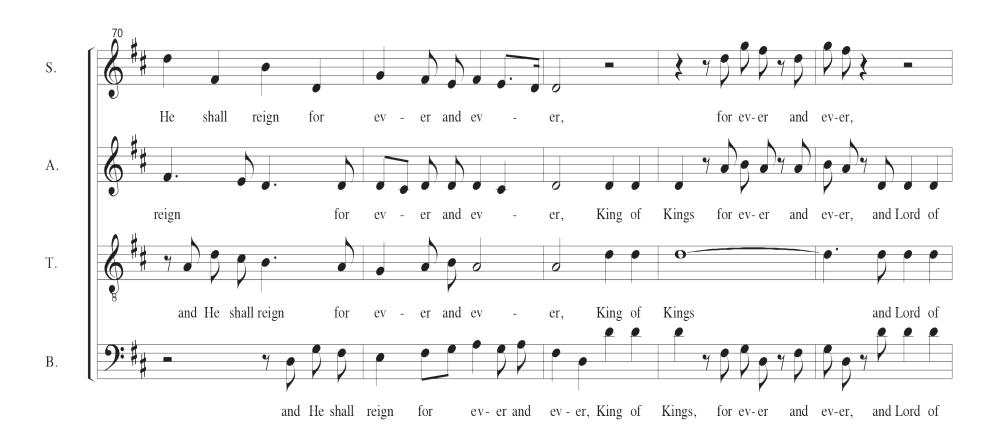


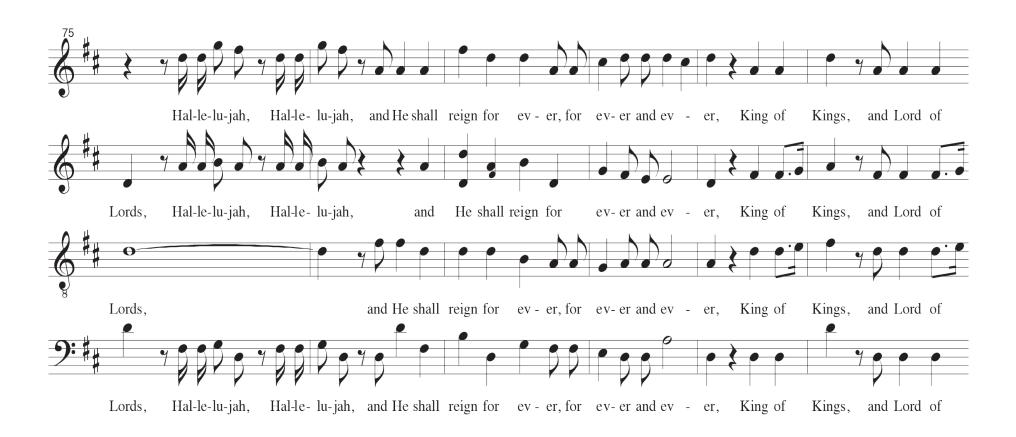




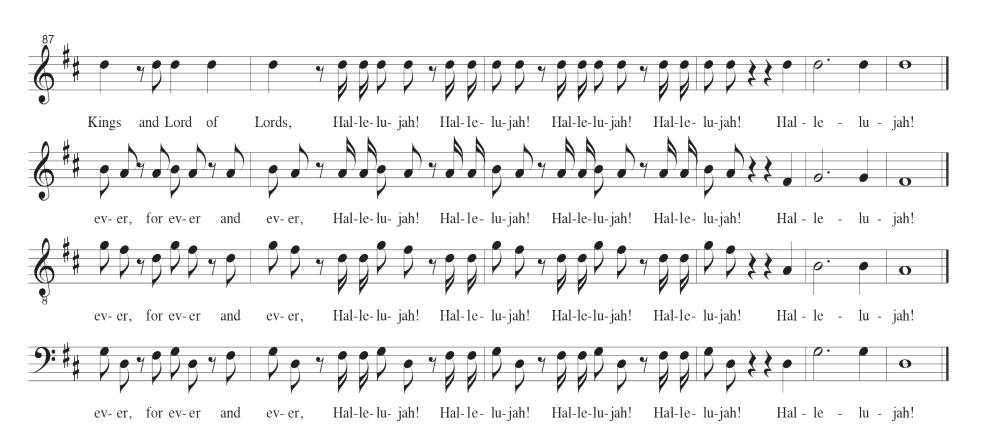


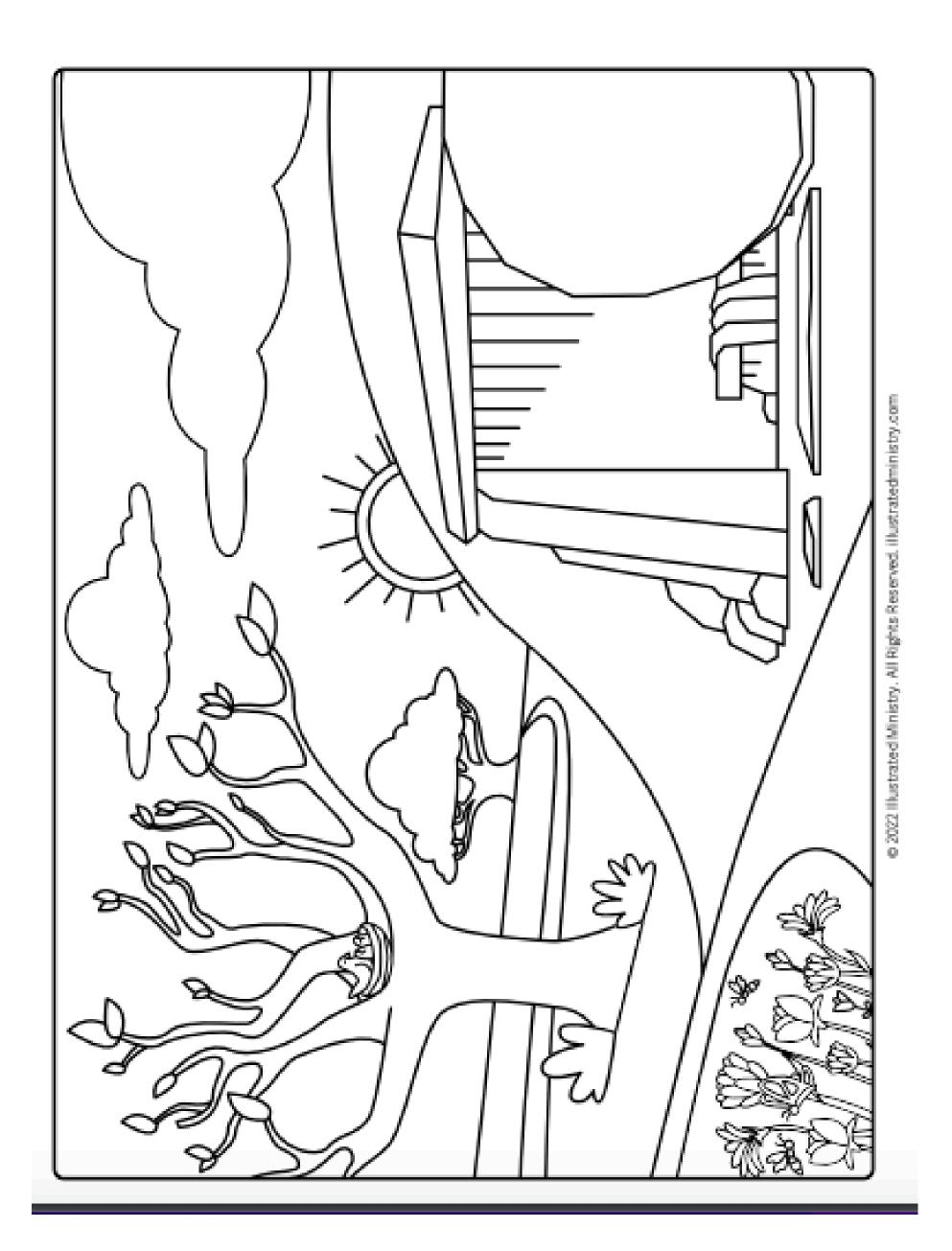






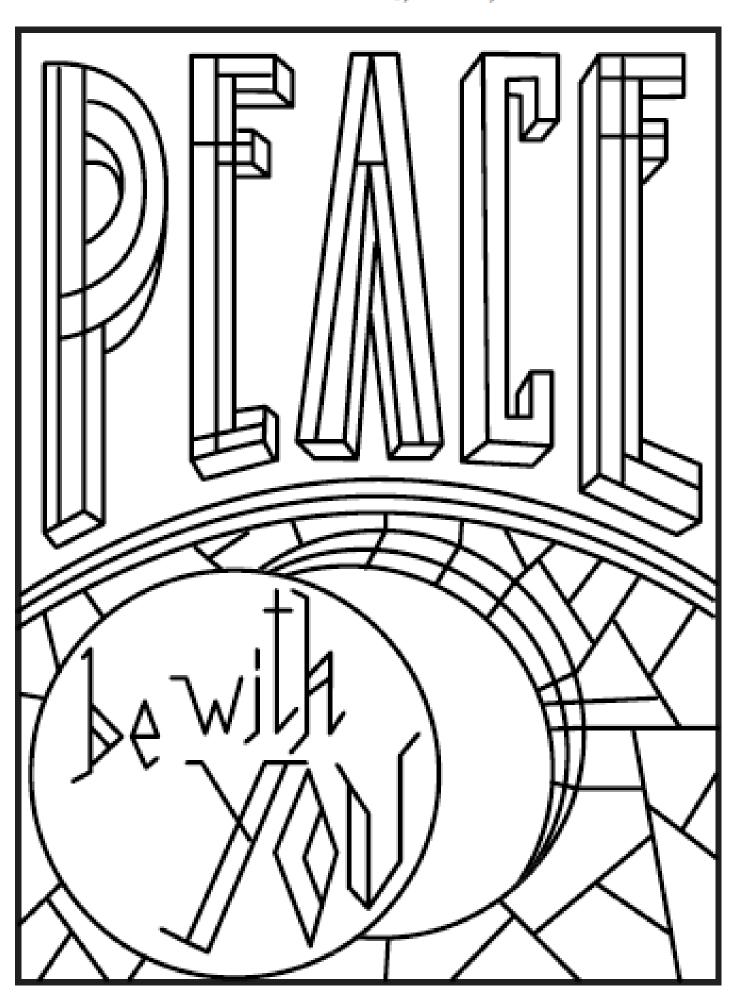






CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Isaiah 65, Psalm 18, John 20.



TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

Sunday, April 9

Fresh Start | 8:30 AM | Online

Church Nursery Open | 10:30 AM

Sunday Morning Worship | 11:00 AM Prelude begins at 10:30 AM | Nave & Online

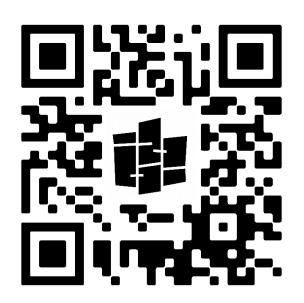
Virtual Coffee Hour | After Worship | 318 MLK & Online

Welcome Coffee Hour | After Worship | Cloister Lounge

Easter Brunch (Ticketed Event) | 12:00 PM | South Hall

Easter Egg Hunt | 12:30 PM | Cloister Lounge & Outdoor Garth

Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital | 3:00 PM



Visit trcnyc.org/LOC or scan the QR code to find out more about all the programs and events happening in the life of our community.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

Monday, April 10

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Church Closed for Easter Monday. All church programs are canceled except Columbia University.

Tuesday, April 11

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Wednesday, April 12

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Beginner Biblical Hebrew II | 5:00 PM | Online

Young Adult Bible Study | 6:30 PM | 313 MLK & Online

Grace Notes | 7:00 PM | Online

Thursday, April 13

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM | Online

Tower League | 2:00 PM | Online

Riverside Writing Group: Writing Spiritual Memoir and Justice | 6:30 PM | Online

Friday, April 14

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

COMING SOON

Sunday, April 16

Holy Humor Sunday | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online

44th Annual English Handbell Festival | 4:00 PM | Nave

Sunday, April 23

Creation Sunday with Special Guests - Omega Dance Company | 11:00 AM

Nave & Online

Holy Land Forum | 1:30 PM | South Hall

Sunday, April 29

Family Zoo Outing at Prospect Park Zoo in Brooklyn | 10:00 AM

Sunday, May 7

Older Adults Sunday | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online

Sunday, June 4

Queering the Bible Workshop | 1:00 PM | Assembly Hall

Stacey Robinson's One Man Show | 3:00 PM | Assembly Hall

Sunday, June 18

Juneteenth Lunch and Learn | 1:00 PM | Assembly Hall

Easter Honorees Contributions made to support Riverside's Flower Ministry and to honor these loved ones in all of our lives

Karen Diggs for my ancestors thank you for your watchful eye and guidance. Continue to lead and protect me.

Patricia Ali in honor of Marion Wyatt. My amazing Mother.

Clarence C Anderson and Emily B Anderson, in memory of their parents Albert Anderson, Bertha Anderson and Curtis Butler and Justine Butler

Lynette Lewis in honor of Logan and Vivian Lewis. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We are thankful and blessed.

Burnadette L Morton-Johnson in memory of Thomas Belton Johnson. God wedded us forty-three years my dear husband, Thomas. Rest in Peace.

In Christ, loving wife, Burnadette

Laura Miraz in honor of Alberto and Alicia Miraz. Loving and caring parents who taught my sister, brother and me to live justly.

Martha Butler in memory of J Richard and Barbara Butler resting now in God's eternal embrace

Dr. Barbara Hampton in honor of Riverside's Young Adult professionals

Mary Josephine Page-Phillips in loving memory of my parents Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Farrand & Mary Rebecca Page.

Dorothy Garvin in honor of Yvonne Garvin. Through every setback/adversity, Yvonne has remained strong in her faith and continues to forge ahead.

Evelyn Davis in loving memory of my parents Lillie and Ashley Davis and brothers William Ashley and Daniel Keith Davis.

Julian Wharton in memory of Etta M. Wharton. Mom, loving and compassionate, wishing you Birthday Blessings in Heaven, God bless you. Love always & forever, Jules.

Barbara Mellor in honor of Edith and Don Pohlman. To my parents who raised me in faith.

Peter Wilds-Bethea in the Holy Season of Easter, I would like to honor the memory of my late Parents: Dr Percy A. Bethea, Janie Wilds and my Paternal Grandparents, Dr Andrew J. Bethea and Annie Marie Allen.

Aida Montero in remembrance of Joseph Montero, beloved husband, father and Papa. Your love continues to shine on us every day as you remain ever present in your absence.

Valerie Henning-Piedmonte in memory of Frances Alice Henning. Your memory is forever sealed in my heart.

Patricia Clark in memory of Maynor Sisters. Rosalie, Margaret, Ruth, and Louise - forever in my heart.

Shirley Bolden in memory of a gifted florist Vera Smith-Holzman.

Shirley Bolden In memory of all past members of The Riverside Flower Guild who labored with Vera to beautify Riverside Church.

Shirley Bolden in honor of Nedra Neal to honor all past and present members of The Riverside Inspirational Choir who raised voices of praise and worship to our Savior.

Patricia Titley in memory of Patricio, Elizabeth, Eugene, & Sharon Marquis. Rise in glory. Rest in Peace.

Jennifer James Soto in honor of Janet Peters Mauceri McCain. You make me Dance- Love you, Churl!

Natalie Williams in honor of Jacqueline Williams. To my dearest mother, for the blessing you are in my and our family's lives.

Karyn Byrd in loving memory of Patricia E. Grant.

Jennifer Morgan in loving memory of John and Claudia Morgan.

Alexa Donaphin in honor of Samuel and Olga Barnes. With thanksgiving to God for the blessing of my wonderful parents and for the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ!!

Bobbie Maneice-Harrison in memory of my parents John and Susie Maniece; siblings: Morris, John Jr., Governor, Thomas, Norma and Olivia Maniece; friends and former Riversiders: Constance Guice-Mills, Dr. Robert LaPrince, Dr.John L.S. Holloman and my mentor Dr. Wilhelmina Glanville.

Bobbie Maneice-Harrison in honor of Mildred Norman and Margaret Madden.

Julian Suez in Loving Memory of Mother, Rhoda How.

Lorraine Burchall in loving memory of my sister Ruth Burchall-Sanseviro.



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.

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 for more information.

RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST

Are you receiving our weekly emails? Check your junk folder and add communications@trcnyc.org 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!

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/VirtualCoffee-Hour 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 to find out more.

DOWNLOAD THE RIVERSIDE APP

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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 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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