

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 24, 2024 | 11:00 AM

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Welcoming · Affirming

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

As you prepare your heart and mind for worship, consider this quote:

“You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them.”
— St. Therese of Lisieux

A question for reflection:

What are you doing to be of service to Jesus?

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



Cover art by Jamil De Honney.

Inspired by Mark 11:1-11.

*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.

CARILLON

Prelude on The King's Majesty
Variations on Coronation
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Milford Myhre
Oliver Holden, arr. Albert Gerken
arr. Beverly Buchanan

Charles Semowich, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring
Te Deum

Frederick Delius, arr. Eric Fenby
Jean Langlais

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Give Me Joy in My Heart

The Cherub Choir
Sharon Pritchard, *director*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

INTROIT

The Holy City

Stephen Adams

Kendra Petuch, *soprano*

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: All God's people shout Hosanna! Hosanna!

***All:* Hosanna to the One who comes in the name of God!**

One: With joyful hope we wave our palms of deliverance.

***All:* Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

One: Let us praise Christ today and remember how they called Him to the cross.

***All:* Hosanna! Hosanna! Let us worship with praise!**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 88 *remain standing, sung by all*
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DER GEBEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Jim Keat

In a moment of silence, offer your own prayers of confession.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Hosanna, We Build a House

West Indies Folk Song
arr. Russell Robinson

*Hosanna! Hosanna, we build a house! We build a house, Hosanna! A house that's built
on a weak foundation, will not stand alone. The story's told to all creation, it will not stand
alone. Hosanna, we build a house! A house that's built on the solid ground, it will stand
alone! Hosanna, we build a house! We build a house, Hosanna!*

The Rising Voices Choir & The Riverside Youth Choir
Matthew Hommez, *director*
Yuliya Basis, *accompanist*

LISTENING

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

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

PSALTER SCRIPTURE READING

Denise Woods

Psalms 118:25-29

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

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

HYMN 90 *standing as able, sung by all*
Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

THE KING'S MAJESTY

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11; 14:3-9

Micah Niang, Christina Woods,
Robert Woods, Mark Yim

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God Looks at Our Love

Rev. Adriene 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. Charlene A. Wingate

We have heard the word of God read and proclaimed. Now let us pray together.

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

All: 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.

CHORAL AMEN

PASSING OF THE PEACE *standing as able*

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Way to Jerusalem

Harold W. Friedell

And it came to pass when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to Jerusalem. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way. Others cut down branches from the trees and strewed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. And when he was come near, he beheld the city and wept over it, saying, "if thou had'st known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace, but now they are hid from thine eyes, Jerusalem!"

Who watched while majesty rode on to die, crying hosanna in a joyous song, could'st thou not heed the distant warning cry of heaven's apprehensive waiting throng. Hosanna to our King! Thine acclamations ring, while God the Father veils his face, and God the Son his griefs embrace, sing thine own griefs, Jerusalem! Jesus saith, "Father, save me from this hour: But for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name." Then came there a voice from heaven saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." Jesus answered and said, "this voice came not because of me, but for your sakes."

Nathaniel Mattingly, bass-baritone

AT THE PRESENTATION:

THROUGH THESE DAYS OF PENITENCE *standing as able, sung by all*

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

And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through Thy Pas - sion - tide,
A - bide with us, that so, this life Of suf - fering o - ver - past,
Yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION *remain standing* Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

Today we celebrate the work of our Greeters Ministry, which offers hospitality and welcomes everyone each Sunday as we enter into Christian fellowship at The Riverside Church.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 148 *remain standing, sung by all*

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE

The Palms

Jean Langlais

Stephen Tharp, *guest organist*



Stephen Tharp (guest organist) is a Grammy-nominated concert organist and recording artist based in New York City. His more than 60 world tours earned him the 2011 International Performer of the Year Award from the American Guild of Organists, considered the highest honor given to organists by a professional American musicians' guild.

Noteworthy performances include The Royal Albert Hall, London; Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris; the Elbphilharmonie, Hamburg; Dvorak Hall, Prague; the Duomo, Milan; The Hong Kong Cultural Centre; The Opera House, Sydney; Symphony Center, Chicago; Walt Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles; The Meyerson Symphony Center, Dallas; and Alice Tully Hall, New York City.

Stephen Tharp is known for commissioning new music for the organ, with works dedicated to him by Samuel Adler, George Baker, Thierry Escaich, Jean Guillou, Anthony Newman and others. He is himself a composer, with commissions from Cologne Cathedral and Walt Disney Concert Hall. His choral music has been sung by ensembles in the U.S. and Europe, including the St. Thomas Choir of Men and Boys (NYC).

Tharp has taught at Yale University; the Eastman School of Music; Rice University, Houston; Westminster Choir College; and the Cleveland Institute of Music. He has also adjudicated for competitions at the Juilliard School and Northwestern University and served as a member of the jury for the 2018 Chartres International Organ Competition.

For more information see www.stephentharp.com.

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Fresh Start	Online	8:30 AM
Breakfast (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	8:30 AM
The Seekers Book Study	323 MLK & Online	9:00 AM
Absolute Beginners Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Onsite Open Bible Study	316 MLK	9:30 AM
Virtual Open Bible Study	Online	9:30 AM
Cherub Choir Rehearsal	717 MLK	9:30 AM
Rising Voices Rehearsal	Chapel of the Cross	9:30 AM
Ecclesia Ministry	Assembly Hall Kitchen	10:00 AM
Youth Choir Rehearsal	Chapel of the Cross	10:15 AM
Church Nursery Open	See Usher or Security for Location	10:30 AM
Limitless Kids Worship & Youth Group	Chapel of the Cross	11:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	Nave & Online	11:00 AM
Coffee Hour	South Hall Lobby	After Service
Lunch (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	After Service
Virtual Coffee Hour	Online	12:30 PM
B's & P's Bake Sale	South Hall Lobby	After Service
Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
Prison Ministry Meeting	323 MLK	1:30 PM
Social Services Committee Meeting	5T Conference Room & Online	1:30 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: Music for Spring		3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, MARCH 25

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tai Chi	13T	3:00 PM
Church Council Meeting	Online	6:30 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Older Adults French Group	321 MLK	10:30 AM
Noon Lenten Prayer Service	Nave & Online	12:00 PM
Advanced Beginners Biblical Hebrew II	Online	5:00 PM
Evening Lenten Prayer Service	Online	6:00 PM
Young Adult Bible Study	313 MLK	6:30 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service	Nave & Online	7:00 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Good Friday Worship Service	Nave & Online	12:00 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Holy Saturday Labyrinth Walk	Assembly Hall	12:00 PM
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HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT RIVERSIDE

Palm Sunday | March 24, 2024

Sunday Morning Worship | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online

Maundy Thursday | March 28, 2024

Tenebrae Worship Service | 7:00 PM | Nave & Online

Good Friday | March 29, 2024

Seven Last Words Worship Service | 12:00 PM | Nave & Online

Holy Saturday | March 30, 2024

Labyrinth Walk | 12:00 PM | Assembly Hall

Resurrection Sunday | March 31, 2024

Sunday Morning Worship | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online



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.

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 A. Forbes, Jr., Senior Minister Emeritus

RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST

Get the latest news and events at The Riverside Church from our weekly emails. Sign up at trcnyc.org/email. If you're not receiving them, add communications@trcnyc.org to your "Safe Sender list."

MEMBERSHIP AT RIVERSIDE

Membership is about 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

Take Riverside with you wherever you go. Text TRCNyc to 833.833.4035 or visit 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

These 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 and programs.

SUNDAY MORNING PARKING

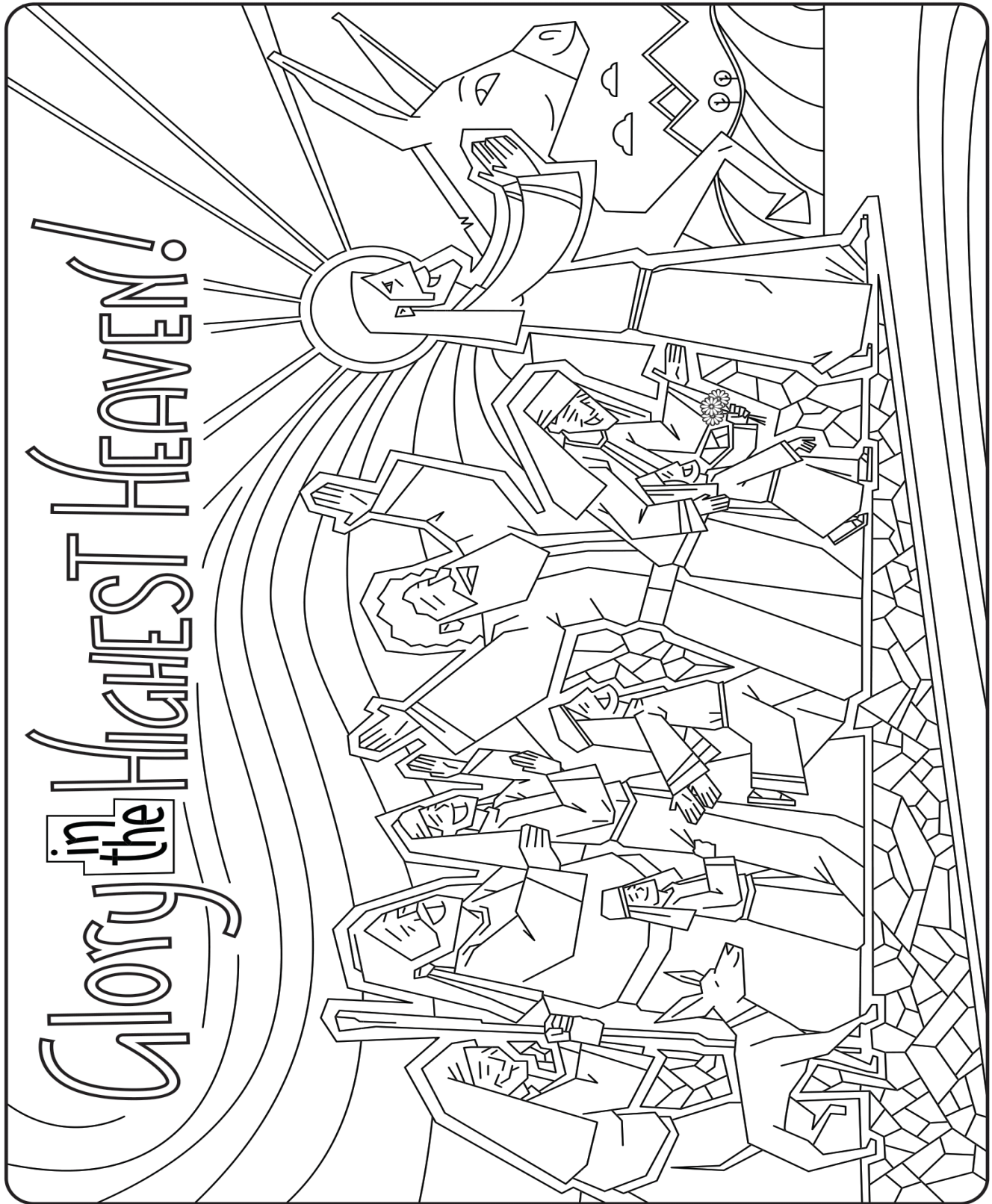
Visit the Security Desk on the Claremont Level to pick up a \$5 parking coupon. Bring this bulletin and your parking ticket to the attendant on the upper level to receive this discounted rate, pay, and pick up your car. This discounted rate applies to Sundays only.

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 and is staffed by trained nursery workers. For location, please see an usher or security guard.

VOLUNTEER AT RIVERSIDE

Riverside offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, from ushering to serving in our Communion and Greeters ministries, providing support in our Food Pantry and Clothing Distribution programs, to making a digital impact through our Digital Ministry, and so much more! Discover the joy of giving back, establish connections with those who share your passion and purpose, and make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve. Join Riverside's volunteer family, and let your light shine in all the ways that matter. Visit trcnyc.org/volunteer for more information.



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