

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



MAUNDY THURSDAY
MARCH 28, 2024 | 7:00 PM

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Welcoming · Affirming

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

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

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 death. 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 to 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's time on earth.

What's happening at Riverside?

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



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*Inspired by our Lenten theme "True Religion: Love Poured Out,"
Mark 14:22-25, and John 13:1-20.*

*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

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

WELCOME

Rev. Adriene Thorne

HYMN 93 *standing as able, sung by all*

Ah, Holy Jesus

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

CALL TO WORSHIP *remain standing*

One: Tonight, we remember Jesus's Last Supper.

***All:* We remember the covenant created with broken bread and wine.**

One: Together, we recall the story of Jesus's betrayal and solitary prayer.

***All:* We remember His suffering and His sacrifice as if we were there.**

One: Through God's grace all are continually invited to Jesus's table.

***All:* Let us worship together at this feast of God's love poured out and offered in Jesus.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE¹

Rev. Adriene Thorne

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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!**

¹ Based on "Invitation" from *Book of Worship: United Church of Christ*.

ANTHEM

Here, O My Lord

Percy Whitlock

*Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face. Here, faith can touch and handle things unseen.
Here, would I grasp with firmer hands thy grace; and all my weariness upon thee lean.
Here, would I feed upon the bread of God. Here, drink with thee, the royal wine of Heaven.
Here, would I lay aside each earthly load and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

HYMN 97 *please remain seated*
Go to Dark Gethsemane

REDHEAD

LISTENING

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

LESSON I

Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

Jesus's disciples fall asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane

Matthew 26:36-46

ANTHEM

Jesus, Lay Your Head in the Window

arr. Moses Hogan

*Jesus, lay your head in the window, and hear some sinner pray. The wind blows east, and
the wind blows west. It blows like judgment day, and every soul that never did pray will
be glad to pray on that day. O Lord, please hear my prayer. Please forgive me, for I have
fallen short of thy glory. Please Lord, deliver me.*

Irene King, *alto*

LESSON II

Rev. Jim Keat

Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss

Matthew 26:47-56

ANTHEM

Ah, Holy Jesus

Daniel Ficarri

*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. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

Jesus before the Sanhedrin

Matthew 26:57-68

MOTET

O Vos Omnes

Pablo Casals

O vos omnes, qui transitis per viam,
attendite et videte
si est dolor sicut dolor meus.

*All you who pass by,
stop and see if you have witnessed
any sorrow like mine.*

LESSON IV

Rev. Jabe Ziino

Peter's Denial

Matthew 26:69-75

SOLO

Erbarme dich, mein Gott
from *St. Matthew Passion*, BWV 244

Johann Sebastian Bach

Erbarme dich,
Mein Gott, um meiner Zähren willen!
Schaue hier,
Herz und Auge weint vor dir
Bitterlich.

*Have mercy,
My God, for the sake of my tears!
Look here,
My heart and eyes weep before you
bitterly.*

Sishel-Claverie, mezzo-soprano

LESSON V

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

Jesus before Pilate

Matthew 27:15-26

ANTHEM

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. Lynn Casteel Harper

The soldiers mock Jesus

Matthew 27:27-44

ANTHEM

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

Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

The death of Jesus

Matthew 27:45-50

ANTHEM

Jesus, So Lowly

Harold Friedell

*Jesus, so lowly, child of the earth: christen me wholly, bring me new birth. Jesus, so lonely,
weary and sad; teach me that only love maketh glad. Jesus, so broken, silent, and pale; be
this the token love will not fail. Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; teach me how glorious
death is to be.*

STRIPPING OF THE NAVE

Riverside Clergy

LESSON VIII

Rev. Adriene Thorne

Truly, this man was God's Son
Matthew 27:51-54

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?

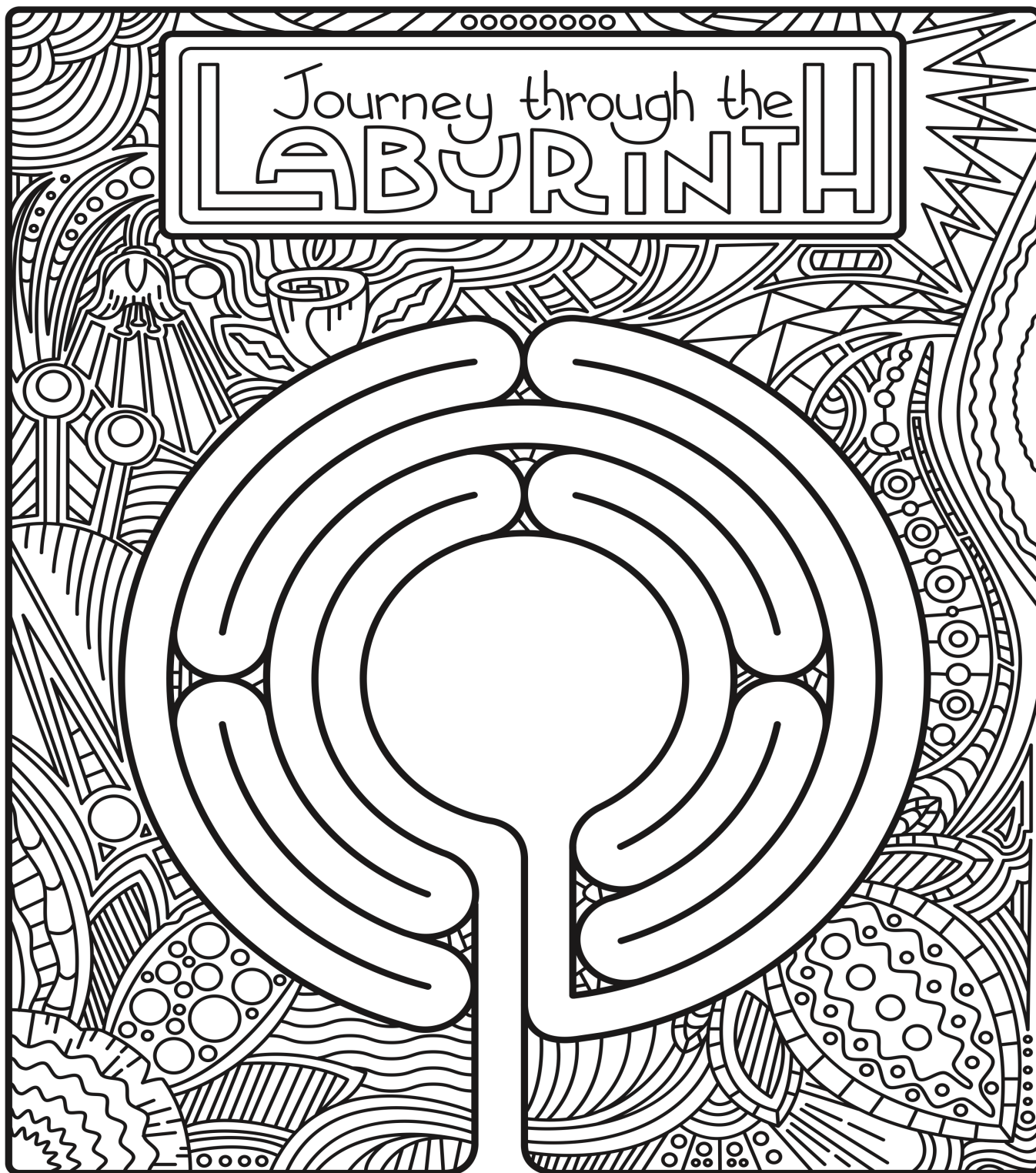
Juan Jose Ibarra, *baritone*

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.*

This space is intentionally left blank for notes and reflection.



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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 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 *(includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday)*

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.

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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES & EVENTS

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

Easter Egg Hunt | After Service | Cloister Lounge

Holy Humor Sunday | April 7, 2024

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

What's happening at Riverside?

Find out more about all the programs and events happening in the life of our community.



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