

# THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

## IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



MAUNDY THURSDAY  
APRIL 2, 2026 | 7:00 PM

# Welcome to The Riverside Church

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Everyone is invited to bring “30 pieces of silver to the Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service at 7:00 pm. This can be paper or coin money or anything else you wish to release to help you feel nearer to Jesus on the cross. Your real or metaphorical “silver” will be dropped into metal pots as you enter the Nave for Tenebrae.

*Assisted listening devices are available to anyone who needs them. Speak to an usher to secure one for service. They can be returned to any usher at the end of service.*

*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.

## CELLO

Thapelo Masita, *cellist*

## ORGAN

Harmonies du Soir

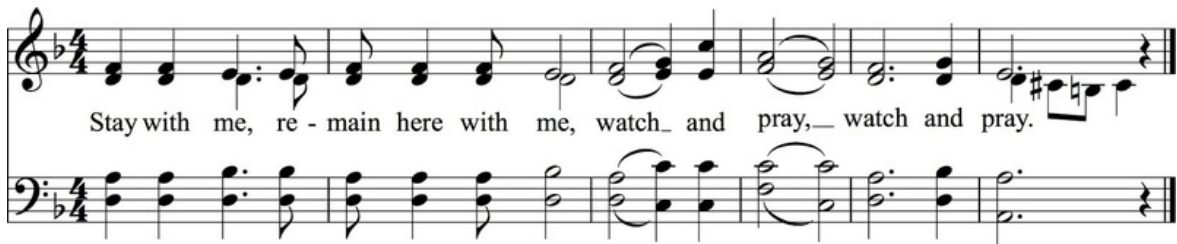
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Dr. Nathaniel Gumbs, *organist*

## INTROIT

Stay with Me

TAIZE



Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch\_ and pray, - watch and pray.

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Rev. Adriene Thorne

*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.**

### **HYMN #97**

Go to Dark Gethsemane

REDHEAD

## LISTENING

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

### **LESSON ONE**

**Jesus Prays**

Luke 22:39-46

### **HYMN #92**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

### **LESSON TWO**

**The Betrayal**

Luke 22:47-53

## ANTHEM

Abide With Me

arr. Wendel P. Whalum

*Abide with me; 'tis eventide.  
The day is past and gone;  
The shadows of the evening fall;  
The night is coming on.  
Within my heart a welcome guest,  
Within my home abide.*

### *Refrain:*

*O Savior, stay this night with me;  
Behold, 'tis eventide.  
O Savior, stay this night with me;  
Behold, 'tis eventide.*

*Abide with me; 'tis eventide.  
Thy walk today with me  
Has made my heart within me burn,  
As I communed with thee.  
Thy earnest words have filled my soul  
And kept me near thy side. [Refrain]*

*Abide with me; 'tis eventide,  
And lone will be the night  
If I cannot commune with thee  
Nor find in thee my light.  
The darkness of the world, I fear,  
Would in my home abide. [Refrain]*

## LESSON THREE

### **The Denial**

Luke 22:54-62

**HYMN #93**  
Ah, Holy Jesus

*Stanzas 1 and 2*

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

**LESSON FOUR**

**The Arrest**  
Luke 22:63-71

**HYMN #76**  
My Song Is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

**LESSON FIVE**

**The Trial**  
Luke 23:1-12

# HYMN

## The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug ged cross, the\_ em - blem of suf - fr'ing and shame; and I  
2. O that old rug - ged cross, so des - pised by the world, has a won - drous at - trac - tion to me;\_ for the  
3. To the old rug ged cross, I will ev - er be true, its\_ shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;\_ then he'll

love that old cross where the dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain. \_  
dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove to\_ bear it to dark Cal - va - ry. \_ So I'll  
call me some - day to my home far a - way, where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

### *Refrain:*

che - rish the old rug - ged cross, \_ Till my tro - phies at last I lay down;\_ I will  
(old rug - ged cross)

cling to the old rug - ged cross, \_ and ex - change it some - day for a crown.  
(old rug - ged cross)

# LESSON SIX

## The Verdict Luke 23:13-25

**HYMN #98**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

**LESSON SEVEN**

**The Crucifixion**

Luke 23:26-38

**ANTHEM**

Drop, Drop, Slow Tears

W.R. Voris

*Drop, drop slow tears, and bathe those beautiful 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 EIGHT**

**Jesus Dies**

Luke 23:39-46

**HYMN #95**

He Never Said a Mumblin' Word

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

*Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 5*

## LESSON NINE

### **The Burial** Luke 23:47-56

#### **ANTHEM**

Were You There

Harry T. Burleigh

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

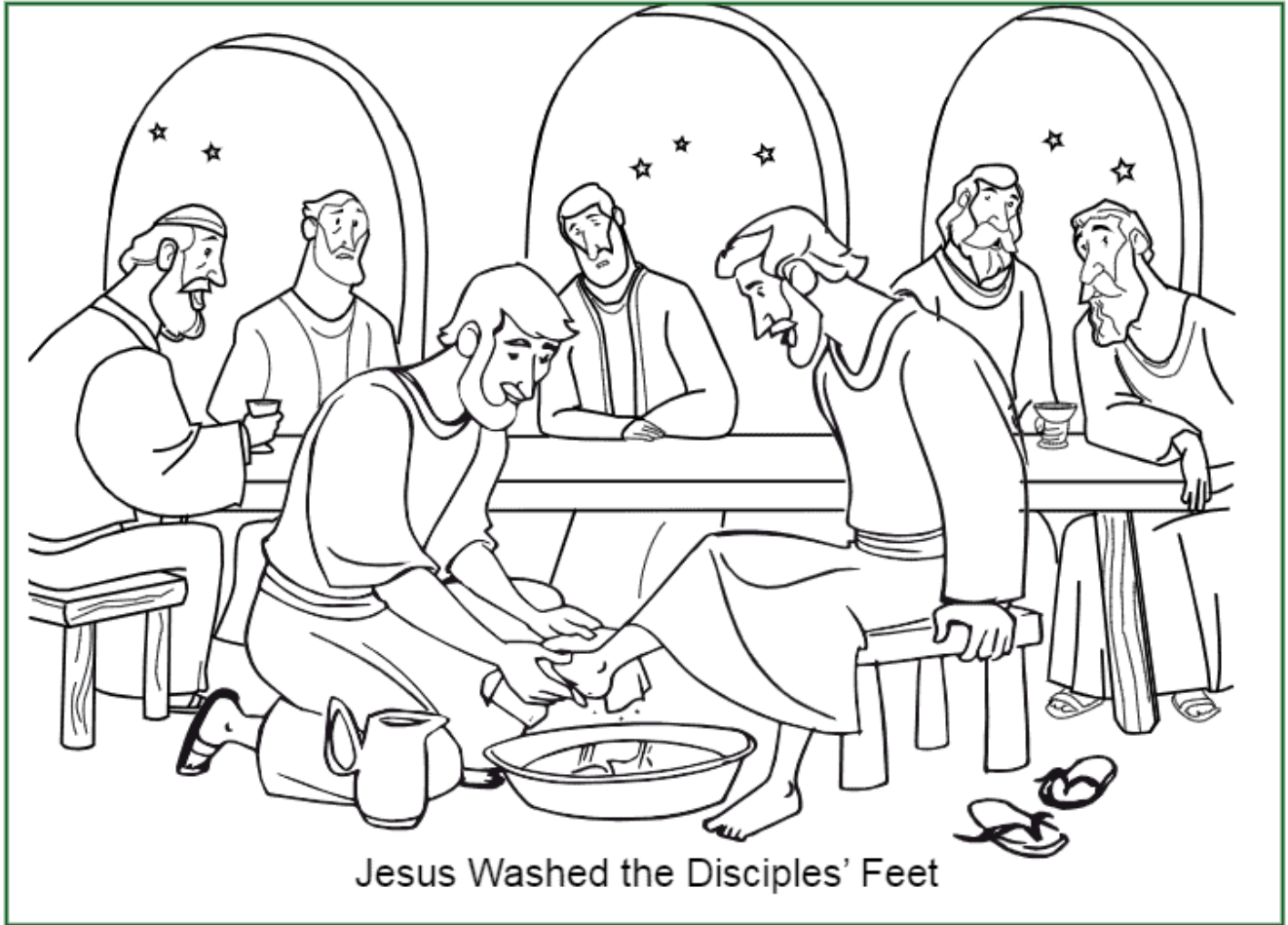
#### **SILENT MEDITATION**

*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.*

#### **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Adriene Thorne

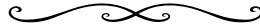
It is finished.  
It is done.  
It is completed.  
It is executed  
It is ended  
It is settled.  
It  
is  
finished.  
Always, it causes us to tremble...



## **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



### **ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES & ASL INTERPRETATION**

Assisted listening devices are available for those who need them, and ASL interpretation is provided on select Sundays. Please see an usher to request a device or to find the best seating for viewing the interpreters.

### **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

### **GRACE SPACE NURSERY**

Babies and toddlers are not too young to start learning about God's love for them. The grace space 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.

### **SUNDAY AFTERNOON CARILLON RECITALS**

Recitals take place most weeks at 1:30 PM and can be best heard outdoors listening from Sakura Park, north of The Riverside Church at 122nd Street. Visit [trcnyc.org/carillonrecitals](http://trcnyc.org/carillonrecitals) for the complete schedule and programs.

### **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](http://trcnyc.org/membership) to find out more.

### **VOLUNTEER AT RIVERSIDE**

Riverside offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, from ushering to providing support in our social services programs, and so much more! Discover the joy of giving back, and make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve. Visit [trcnyc.org/volunteer](http://trcnyc.org/volunteer) for more information.

### **RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST**

Get the latest news and events at The Riverside Church from our weekly emails. Sign up at [trcnyc.org/email](http://trcnyc.org/email). Be sure to add [communications@trcnyc.org](mailto:communications@trcnyc.org) to your "Safe Sender list."

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## PASTORAL TEAM AND MINISTERIAL STAFF



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Ministerial Staff



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Associate Director of Education  
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## PROGRAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

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