

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



APRIL 30, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

WORSHIP is at the center of the life of The Riverside Church. As you prepare yourself for Worship, we invite you to reflect quietly on these words:

“The meeting of Christ in us with the Christ in others will mean that we shall be willing to expose ourselves in openness to others without fear, seeing each person we meet as having significance because both of us are accepted and loved by God.”

Douglas Rhymes

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the season of Eastertide, a period of 50 days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ until Pentecost. The liturgical color of Eastertide is white, which symbolizes the hope of the resurrection, as well as the purity and newness that comes from victory over sin and death, as signified by the paraments and clergy stoles.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:

Complete a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate as it passes.

Join us for Fellowship Hour in South Hall Lobby directly after Worship. As you leave the Nave, take a right and follow the hallway past Christ Chapel. Signs and greeters are available to provide direction. You'll find fair trade coffee from Javesca Coffee, a children's play area, a greeting area to learn about membership at Riverside, and indoor seating.

A church tour is offered each Sunday after Worship free of charge. Meet in the 1st balcony. Tours also take place on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. leaving from the Gift Shop. No reservations are necessary.

Assistive hearing devices and large print bulletins are available upon request from an usher.

GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Meditation on Sililoquy

Jean Miller

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Andante, from Symphonie No. 1

Louis Vierne

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 461

God Is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

✚CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 116

Rev. Jim Keat

Leader: I love the Lord, because the Lord has heard
my voice and my supplications.

**People: Because God inclined God's ear to me,
therefore I will call on the Lord as long as I live.**

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord
for all God's bounty to me?

**People: I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader: O Lord, I am your servant;
You have loosed my bonds.

**People: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader: I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people,

**People: in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord! Come let us worship!**

✚INVOCATION

✚*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

Trad., arr. Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen. As victor in the strife and knowing no surrender, he comes to bring us life: a risen life of splendor. Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus cross'd the river. Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mr. Eugene Melino

Acts 2:14, 36-41

(page 119 in the New Testament)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ms. Lakeisha McCoy

1 Peter 1:17-23

(page 232 in the New Testament)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 495

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engelberg

†GOSPEL LESSON

Ms. Farley Lord

Luke 24:13-35

(page 90 in the New Testament)

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Butler

Signs of Life: Clue

†*All who are able, please stand*

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Ms. Christian Peele

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray in the language or version of your heart.

CHORAL AMEN

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Ms. Lord

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Po' Wayfaring Stranger

arr. Shelton Becton

I am a po' wayfaring stranger, a-traveling thru this world of woe. Yet there's no secret, toil nor danger in that bright land to which I go. I know dark clouds will gather 'round me, I know my way is rough and steep. But golden fields lie out before me, where God's redeemed no more shall weep. I'm going there to see my mother; she said she'd meet me when I come. I'm just a going over Jordan, I'm just a going over home. I'll soon be free from ev'ry trial; my body sleep beneath the sward. I'll drop the cross of self denial, and enter on my great reward. I'm going there to see my Savior, to sing His praise forevermore. I'm just a going over Jordan, I'm just a going over home.

The Combined Choirs

Nedra Olds-Neal, conductor

Matt King, piano Christopher Creaghan, organ

+All who are able, please stand

✚AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY

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

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Ms. Peele

SENDING

We are sent out into the world to love God and our neighbors

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Butler

✚BENEDICTION

✚RECESSIONAL HYMN 118

The Day of Resurrection!

Lancashire

POSTLUDE

Grand Chœur Dialogué

Eugène Gigout

*Special thanks today to our congregational readers:
Eugene Melino and Lakeisha McCoy.*

✚*All who are able, please stand*

LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

For announcements of programs and events in the church, please pick up the *Life of Our Community* bulletin located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center. Or visit our website www.trcnyc.org.

Talk With the Preacher

Entries from Pastor Amy's blog, *talkwiththepreacher.org*, are printed and available in the Welcome Center/Gift Shop.

Pastor Amy is available for conversations with members by appointment.

Please email srminister@trcnyc.org or call 212-870-6775 to arrange an appointment.

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