# The Riverside Church in the City of New York



APRIL 21, 2019 EASTER SUNDAY

# 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:

> "We are called to say yes To a God who still holds fast To the vision of the Kingdom For a trembling world of pain.

> We are called to say yes To this God who reaches out And asks us to share [God's] crazy dream of love."

- From Called to Say Yes by Edwina Gateley

## 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 Coffee Hour in South Hall Lobby directly after Worship.

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

## EASTER OFFERING

The theme of Riverside's 2019 giving and serving campaign is Grateful. We're all grateful for the love, community, and prophetic ministry of our church, so we're expressing how we feel by giving and serving more than ever before.

In the spirit of the campaign, today's offering supports the Social Services of The Riverside Church, including the Food Pantry, Barber Training Program, Clothing Distribution, Shower Project, Safe Haven Shelter, and Direct Aid. These programs offer fresh food, groceries, warm clothes, hot showers, and safe places to rest to nearly 30,000 men, women, and children every year.

You're invited to give, simply place your gift in an Easter envelope or write "Easter" on your check or any envelope.

To learn more and get involved, please visit trcnyc.org/donate.

## CARILLON

Prelude on "O Filii et Filiae"

Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

### PREPARATION

#### EASTER BRASS PRELUDE

Sonata "La Facca" Al Folgorante Sguardo Pavane Fancy à 6 Cesario Gussago Giovanni Coperario Anthony Bassano Giovanni Coperario

Trumpets: C.J. Camerieri, Robert Haley, Wyeth Aleksei Trombones: Michael Lormand, John Sebastian Vera, Nicholas Schwartz Timpani: Anthony Korf

## ORGAN

Resurrection

Lament - The Rising - The Ecstasy - Reflection

## SWINGING OF THE GREAT TOWER BELLS

## + HYMN IN PROCESSION

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Dying once, Christ all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? 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!

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!

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! AMEN. Easter Hymn

Larry King

George Matthew, Jr.

## + WELCOME

## + CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- All: Christ is risen indeed!
- One: This is the Easter festival of life. We celebrate the birth of new possibilities, of re-creation and new life as gifts from God.
- All: All creatures rejoice in the powerful work of God's salvation!
- One: In Christ's resurrection, hope triumphs over despair!
- All: Love triumphs over hate!
- One: Good triumphs over evil!

## All: Joy triumphs over fear and life triumphs over death!

- One: Glory and honor and praise to Christ who lives and reigns among us!
- All: Alleluia to the Living Christ!
- One: Christ is risen.
- All: Christ is risen indeed!

## + INVOCATION

## INTROIT

O Magnify the Lord

Magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt God's name together. Praise the Lord. Magnify Him. Praise the Lord and let us magnify Him. Praise God's holy name. For our heart shall rejoice because we have trusted in God's holy name. Let us exalt God's name together. Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee.

### **HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Isaiah 65:17-25 (page 696 in the Old Testament) One: The Word of God for the People of God. All: Thanks be to God.

## ANTHEM

Let Their Celestial Concerts All UniteG. F.Let their celestial concerts all unite, ever to sound God's praise in endless morn of light.

## **EPISTLE SCRIPTURE LESSON**

1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (page 176 in the New Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God. G. F. Handel

Doug Miller / David Vaughn

Rev. Jim Keat / Rev. Kevin VanHook

Moses Hogan

## + GRADUAL HYMN

The Strife Is O'er

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

Jean Schmidt / Dr. Malva Wise-White

John 20:1-18 (page 114 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!

### SERMON

It All Depends On How You See It

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

- All: And with your spirit.
- One: Lift up your hearts.
- All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Rev. Butler

Rev. Michael Livingston

Victory

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray in the language or version of your heart.
Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## + PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you. **All:** And also with you.

## INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

### from "A German Requiem"

For here we have no eternal city, but we seek one to come. Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be incorruptible, and we shall be changed. Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting! O grave, where is thy victory! Lord, you are worthy to receive praise and glory and power, for you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

Sidney Outlaw, baritone

## + 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 AND DEDICATION

## + THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS

The congregation stands and sings with the choir.

+ BENEDICTION

Johannes Brahms

Rev. Christian Peele / Rev. Debra Northern

Rev. Peele/ Rev. Northern

G. F. Handel

Rev. Butler

## + HYMN

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, See a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding Bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits From the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning, See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, Not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven Nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation Where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, everyone!

## VOLUNTARY

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

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Welcome to the newest members of our Riverside Church family who joined April 14, 2019

Chira Bell Ada Garcia-Casellas Bennett Chiles Chris Chiles Leila Colom Evelyn Crowther Jamie Crowther Reggie Creole Prince Evans Jeffrey D. Holman Christine Kim Jae Kim Jose Lantigua Adrienne Newcomb Zachary Tyler Newton Michelle Peterson Tycho Peterson Marian Rogers Bilan Stribling Valarie Williams

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A special thank you to our congregational leaders today, Doug Miller, Jean Schmidt, Dr. Malva Wise-White, David Vaughn, Micah McVoy & Julian Veenstra-Vander Weele, crucifers

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Hymn to Joy

## Hallelujah

From Messiah





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# EASTER FLOWER GIFTS

We celebrate today the ministry of Ms. Vera Smith Holzman who for over 20 years has brought beauty to our community, including today's Easter floral display, through the Riverside Flower Ministry. Thank you for your faithful service.

## Clarence C Anderson and Emily B Anderson

In memory of their parents Albert Anderson, Bertha Anderson and Curtis Butler and Justine Butler.

## Lorraine Burchall

In loving ministry of my sister, Ruth Burchall Sanseviro, and of my Riverside mentors, Catherine Glover and Dorothy Russell.

## Michael Winger and Jane Curtis

In loving memory of Howard and Helen Winger, John and Barbara Curtis, and David Curtis Winger.

## Evelyn Davis, M.D.

In loving memory of my mother, Lillie Elizabeth Davis, my father, Ashley Davis and my brother, Daniel Keith Davis.

## Alexa Donaphin

To the Glory of God!! "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

-Romans 8:1

## John H. Johnson and Esmas Johnson

In memory of Phyllis E. Johnson.

## Linda Fentiman and Arthur Levine

In loving memory of Janet Crandell, Donald Fentiman, and Jean Fentiman.

## Barbara Mellor

In memory of her parents Don and Edith Poulman.

## Aida Montero

In remembrance of Joseph Montero, beloved husband, father, and papa. Your love continues to be our steadfast anchor as you remain ever present in your absence.

## Valeria Spann

In loving memory of my devoted mother Bessie B. Goodloe, and wonderful friends: Felice Dodson, Janet Carter, Harriette Henderson, Catherine Van Buren, Shirley Woods, Annie B. Flanders, Phyllis Smith, and step mother Lillian Dunn Thomas.

## **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. Rev. Dr. Amy Butler is the seventh senior minister of the church and the first woman to serve in this position at the church. Whoever you are: You are safe here. You are loved here. You are invited into full participation in our life together.

> Rev. Dr. Amy Butler, Senior Minister Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Senior Minister Emeritus

## TALK WITH THE PREACHER

Read transcripts of Pastor Amy's sermons online at **trcnyc.org/sermons**. Follow Pastor Amy on Twitter at @PastorAmyTRC.

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

For announcements of programs and events at The Riverside Church, please pick up the Life of the Community newsletter located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center.

Visit trcnyc.org/Events for more information and to download a copy.

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## PARKING - 4/21/2019

**Parking is available** in the garage below the building. Present this bulletin to the attendant before 6:00 p.m. for a reduced rate of \$5.00.

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