

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



APRIL 5, 2020  
PALM SUNDAY

# WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

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:

“Settle yourself in solitude and you will come upon God in yourself.”

- Teresa of Avila

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## 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 Lent, a period of forty days leading to Easter marked by repentance and reflection on everything in our lives that separates us from God. The liturgical color of Lent is purple as signified by the paraments, wall hanging, and clergy stoles (excepting communion Sundays when clergy wear white stoles).

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## IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:

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

**A free church tour** is offered each Sunday after Worship. Meet in the 1st balcony, no reservation necessary. Tours also take place Wednesday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., as church schedule permits, leaving from the Welcome Center / Gift Shop. Reservations recommended. Visit [trcnyc.org/visit](http://trcnyc.org/visit).

**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*

### ORGAN

March Religieuse on "Lift Up Your Heads"

*Alexandre Guilmant*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

One: O faithful God of all in life and death, lead us to your everlasting love.

**All: Let us come together to say: "God's faithful love lasts forever!"**

One: Save us from the fear of despair, even when it seems that darkness is near.

**All: Let us succeed in embracing your Holy light and the hope that comes with your divine love.**

One: You are our God, the pillar of our strength.

Let us rejoice in your love and protection! Let us lift you up high!

**All: God's faithful love lasts forever! We give thanks to our faithful God!**

### OPENING HYMN 88

**All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

*Valet Will Ich Dir Geben*

*Refrain:*

All glory, laud and honor

To Thee, Redeemer, King!

To whom the lips of children

Made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel,

Thou David's royal Son,

Who in the Lord's name comest,

The King and blessed One. *(Refrain)*

The people of the Hebrews

With palms before Thee went;

Our praise and prayers and anthems

Before Thee we present. *(Refrain)*

To Thee, before Thy passion,

They sang their hymns of praise;

To Thee, now high exalted,

Our melody we raise. *(Refrain)*

Thou didst accept their praises;

Accept the prayers we bring,

Who in all good delightest,

Thou good and gracious King! *(Refrain)*

### INVOCATION

## LISTENING

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

### ANTHEM

**Hosanna!**

*Victor C. Johnson*

Hosanna, hosanna let the nations sing! Hosanna, hosanna to the coming King! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Behold our King, hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, hosanna let the nations sing! Hosanna, hosanna to the coming King! Lift up your heads, O ye gates! Be lifted up you everlasting doors and the King of Glory shall come in! Hosanna, hosanna let the nations sing! Hosanna, hosanna to the coming King! Hosanna to the King! (Based on Psalm 24:7)

*The Riverside Rising Voices Choir*

*Matthew Hommez, director*

*Yuliya Basis, accompanist*

### A MOMENT FOR LENT

*Amanda Meisenheimer*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Rev. Bruce Lamb*

The minister offers words of confession, to which the congregation responds as follows:

One: Lord have mercy.

**All: Christ have mercy.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### PSALTER LESSON

*Chloe Landers*

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 *from the Common English Bible translation*  
(page 565 Old Testament)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL LESSON

*Isabella Soto*

Matthew 21:1-11 *from the Common English Bible translation*  
(page 23 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Rev. Debra Northern*

**Hosanna!**

### INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

*Rev. Livingston*

## OFFERTORY SOLO

**My Song Is Love Unknown**

*Malcolm Archer*

My song is love unknown, my savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die? He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow; but men made strange, and none the longed for Christ would know. But oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend. Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing; resounding all the day Hosannas to their King. Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry. Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine; never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend. Amen.

*Liz Lang, soprano*

## RESPONDING

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

## THE DOXOLOGY

**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 & DEDICATION

*Rev. Lamb*

*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.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Rev. Livingston & Rev. Debra Northern*

*Following each petition, please join in the following response:*

**One:** God, our healer and help in times of trouble,

**All:** **hear our prayer.**

## 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.**



## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

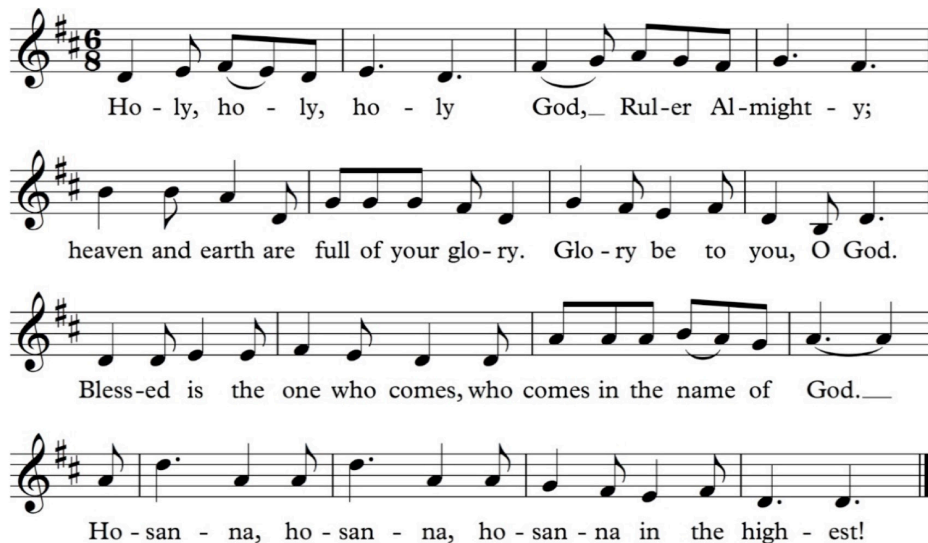
One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

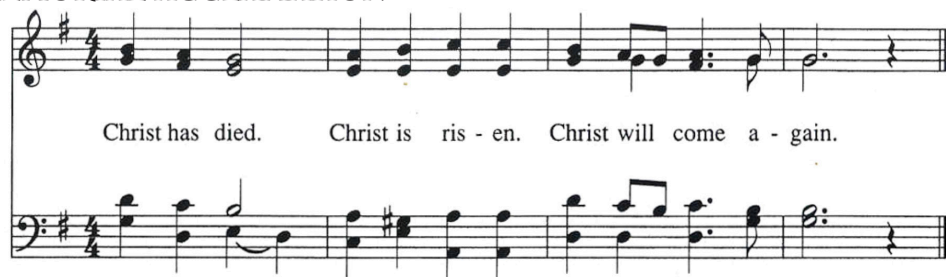
## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul-er Al-might - y;  
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Glo-ry be to you, O God.  
Bless-ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.—  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

## 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!**

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

## PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Livingston

God of hope you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love, and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## OPENING HYMN 89

### Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Ellacombe*

Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple  
The joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them  
Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises,  
The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed  
'Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving,  
And chanting clear and loud;  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
Ride on in lowly state,  
Nor scorned that little children  
Should on His bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"  
The little children sang;  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
The Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise Him  
With heart and life and voice,  
And in His blissful presence  
Eternally rejoice.

## SENDING

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

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Northern

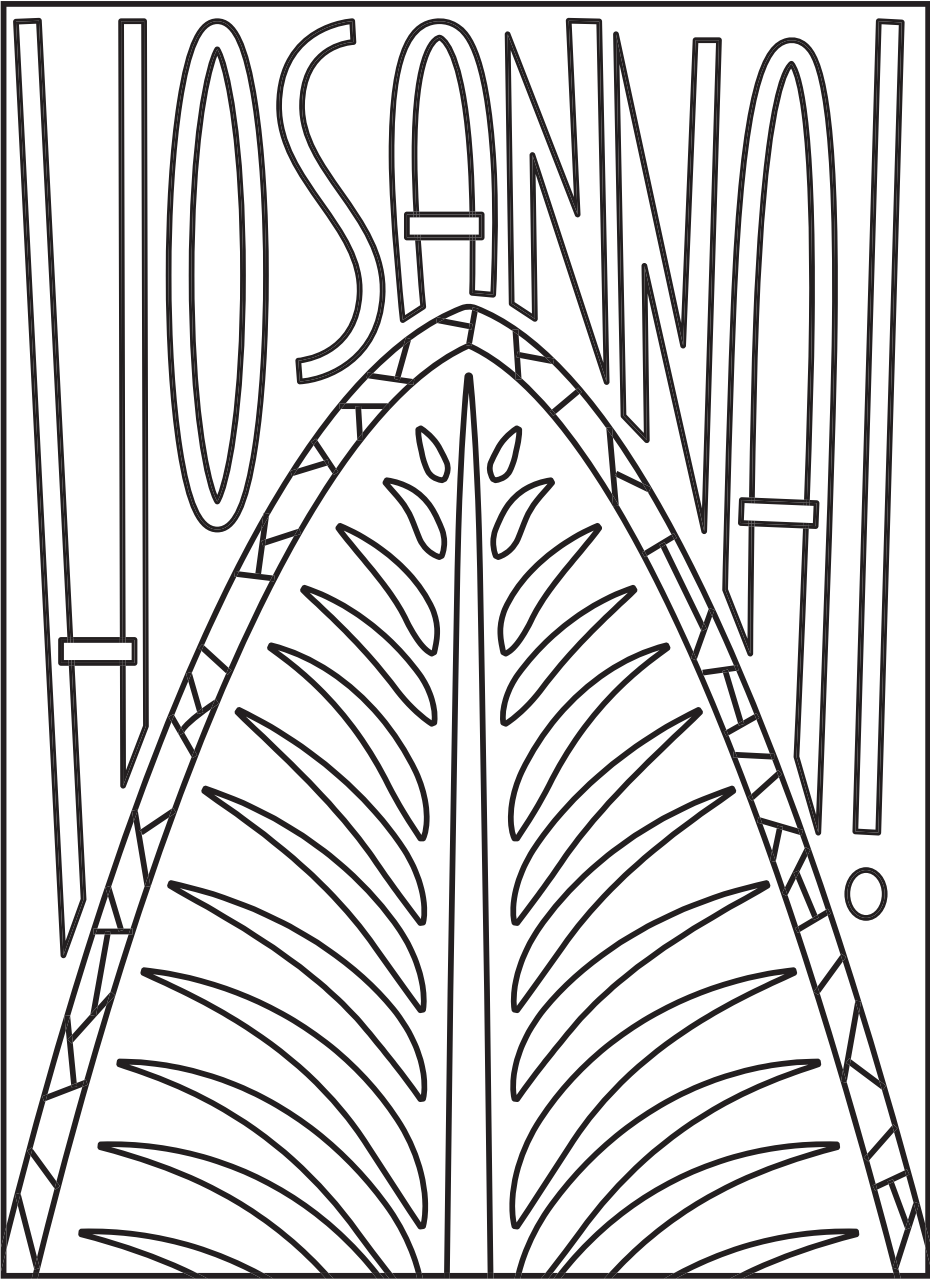
## POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (BWV 735) *J. S. Bach*

Liturgical Resources for Today:

<sup>1</sup>*Inspired by Psalm 118*

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Chloe Landers & Isabella Soto*





# WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Mathew 21:1-11 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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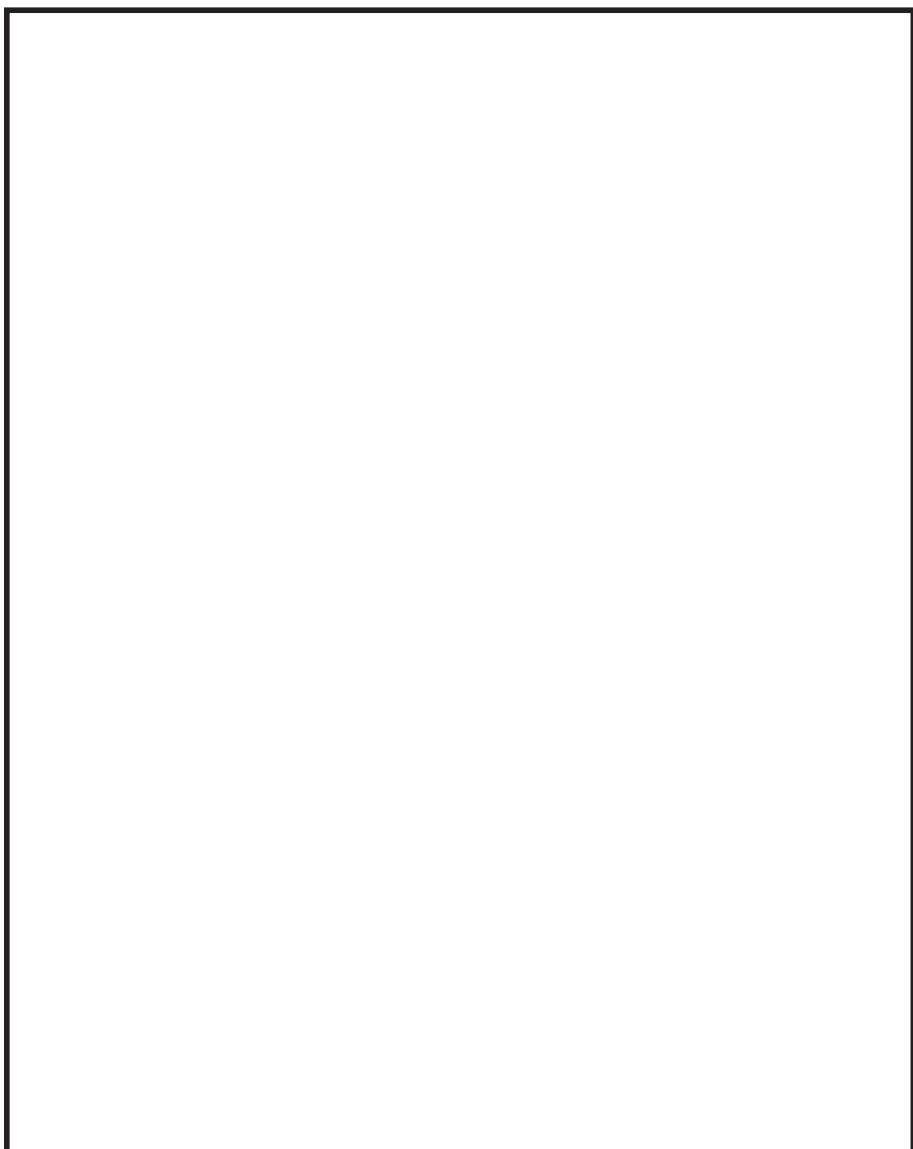
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SHOUT  
HOSANNA

DAVID  
BLESSED  
HEAVEN  
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PROPHET  
NAZARETH



# DRAW IT

Matthew 21 describes Jesus riding a donkey into Jerusalem as the crowds cheered with palm branches. If you were going to wave and cheer for Jesus, what would you do and what would you use? Draw yourself welcoming and praising Jesus.



## **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. Michael Livingston, Interim Senior Minister  
Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Senior Minister Emeritus

## **RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST**

Are you receiving our weekly emails? Check your junk folder, add us to your “safe sender list,” or visit **[trcnyc.org/Email](http://trcnyc.org/Email)** to sign up. We want to make sure that you know all the latest news and events at The Riverside Church!

## **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](http://trcnyc.org/Events)** for more information and to download a copy.

## **WORSHIP ONLINE & ALL WEEK LONG**

If you're out of town or in need of more Riverside worship throughout the week, visit **[trcnyc.org/DigitalDiscipleship](http://trcnyc.org/DigitalDiscipleship)** to watch the Sunday morning Livestream, videos of the sermon and the choirs, and more. Be sure to watch The Word Made Fresh, our weekly video Bible Study, and catch up on Be Still and Go, our devotional podcast.

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