



The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



For such a time as *this*



MARCH 28, 2021
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:

“If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, these women together ought to be able to turn it back, and get it right side up again!”

-Sojourner Truth

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.



GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Prelude on "The King's Majesty"

Milford Myhre

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

O Lamb of God, Innocent (BWV 656)

J. S. Bach

Christopher Johnson, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Hsien Wang

One: Come! Come rejoice with a mighty praise!

All: **Come to let our voices be heard!**

One: Come to awaken our ears to listen.

All: **Let our silence make way for our healing.**

One: Come! Let us stand stronger together.

All: **Let us rejoice in God's love and protection!**

Come! Let us worship our faithful God!

INVOCATION

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)**

LISTENING

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

A MOMENT FOR LENT

Rev. Livingston

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Lord have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Ride On, King Jesus

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for this work is almost done. Children, don't get weary, for this work is almost done. Darker midnight lies before us, for this work is almost done. Lo, the morning soon is breaking, for this work is almost done. Children, don't get weary, for this work is almost done. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for this work is almost done.

*Kendra Berentsen and Jasmine Ismail, sopranos
Meghann Vaughn and Kim Walton, altos
Matthew Krenz and Erik Rasmussen, tenors
Christopher Judd and Russell Saint John, basses*

GOSPEL LESSON

Danielle Hartley

Mark 14:1-9

(pages 51 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Debra Northern

Ride On, King Jesus, No One Can Hinder Me!

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Livingston

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

Rev. Livingston

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Meighan Corbett

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Alice Parker

God moves in a mysterious way, great wonders to perform; God plants great footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm. Deep in unfathomable mines of never failing skill, She treasures up Her vast designs and works Her sov'reign will. Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds ye so much dread are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust God's matchless grace; Behind a frowning providence God hides a smiling face. God's purposes will ripen fast, unfolding every hour; The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r. Blind unbelief is sure to err and scan His work in vain; God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain. Amen. (from Melodious Accord)

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. Wang

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Riverside Kids Worship, which provides a sacred space for children to connect with God in song, movement, art, and storytelling

LITANY FOR HEALING

Jabari St. Louis

One: As we go forth on this Lenten journey, may “healing” be our watchword, a healing based on truth and justice, grounded in the love of Christ Jesus, the Crucified One.

All: **O Christ, we rejoice that you are the Great Physician,
by your wounds we are healed.**

One: Heal our hurting Earth, nation, city, and church.

All: **By your wounds we are healed.**

One: Heal our weary spirits and broken hearts.

All: **By your wounds we are healed.**

One: Heal our ailing bodies and fractured minds.

All: **By your wounds we are healed.**

One: We give thanks for the hope of Resurrection,
for the promise of renewal and healing.

All: **By your wounds we are healed.**

CLOSING 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!”
That ancient song we sing,
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

Toccata from “Plymouth Suite”

Percy Whitlock

Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Danielle Hartley, Meighan Corbett & Jabari St. Louis

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹Inspired by Isaiah 50

Featured on the cover left to right:

The Crucifixion by Jesus Mafa

Lezley McSpadden, the mother of Michael Brown

Our Lady Of Ferguson by Mark Doox

The family of Daniel Prude

A Burning Madonna by Jyoti Sahi

The family of Rayshard Brooks

Erma Johnson, the mother of Dion Johnson

Gwen Carr, the mother of Eric Garner

The Crucifixion by He Qi

Tamika Palmer, the mother of Breonna Taylor

Weep Not For He Will Return by Alix Beaujour

Larcenia Floyd, the mother of George Floyd

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

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WORSHIP ONLINE & ALL WEEK LONG

If you need more Riverside worship throughout the week, visit trcnyc.org/online 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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