

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



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EASTER 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:

“It’s true that Mark’s gospel ends with the witnesses to the resurrection suspended in their moment of fear—and that this moment has repeated itself again and again through the millennia. It’s equally true that Mark’s Gospel ends with a divine event so powerful that it echoes forward and backward through time, its resonances coming to life again and again, transforming past and present and future.”

-Elizabeth Palmer

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.

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Women Arriving at the Tomb by He Qi



GATHERING

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

CARILLON

O Filii et Filiae

George Matthew, Jr.

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Resurrection

Larry King

Lament - The Rising - Ecstasy - Reflection

Christopher Johnson, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister Charlene Wingate

One: Christ is risen!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

One: On this glorious day, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. Hope is alive!

All: Hope is alive indeed!

One: God, You are our strength and our might. We thank you for your gracious love. Let it resurrect in us a new hope, a new love and a new spirit, inspired by the risen Christ.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever! Alleluia to the Living risen Christ!

SWINGING OF THE GREAT TOWER BELLS

OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

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.**

INVOCATION

Rev. Bruce Lamb

LISTENING

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

INTROIT

Moses Hogan

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.

The Riverside Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Hsien -yu Wang

One: Lord have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Amanda Meisenheimer

Isaiah 25:6-10

(page 652 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

The Strife is O'er

Victory

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

Jewel Clarke

Mark 16:1-8

(pages 54 & 55 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN *(continues)*

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! Alleluia!

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

Finish It

RESPONDING

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Jim Keat

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Text: George Herbert

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King.
The heavens are not too high,
God's praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low,
God's praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King.
The church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out:
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King.

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. Kevin VanHook

Today we celebrate the work of our Children and Families Ministries, which provide a worshipful space for children and families to engage the stories of our faith through the lens of love and justice.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

Following our petition, please join in the following response:

One: God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

RESPONDING

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

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.

CHORAL AMEN

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Amanda Meisenhiemer

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Livingston

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 God 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

Rev. Northern

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



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!

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One

Healey Willan

Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.

For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear upon the earth.

The time of singing of birds is come.

Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.

(Song of Solomon 2: 10-12)

SENDING

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

THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS

G. F. Handel

BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

VOLUNTARY

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

Special thanks to our congregational leader: Jewel Clarke

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

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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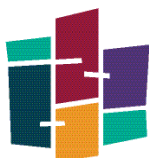
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