

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York

LAMENT  to Alleluia



APRIL 3, 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

WORSHIP is at the center of the life of The Riverside Church.

Throughout the season of lent we will be reflecting on the final words of Jesus as he suffered on the cross. As you prepare your heart for worship, consider John 19:28.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), 'I am thirsty.'

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).

Whats happening at Riverside?

Learn about the events and activities of the Life of Our Community by opening your camera and scanning the code below.



Give by your phone

Make an offering using your smartphone by opening your camera and scanning the code below.

Or text TRCNYCGIVE to
833.833.4035.



Following industry standard, Riverside has secured rapid onsite COVID testing services for the health and safety of performers singing together, allowing us to permit unmasked singing. All performers will remain masked at all other times, but will unmask for anthems and singing in the chancel.



GATHERING

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

CARILLON

"Old Style Variations on 'Kingsford' (Hymn 434)

Geert D'Hollander

Bread of Angels

Peter Benoit, arr. Ludo Geloen

Aus der Tiefe rufe Ich

arr. Don Cook

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Chorale Prelude on 'Approach, My Soul, Thy Mercy Seat' (Abridge)

Ashley Grote

Adagio in D Minor

Tomaso Albinoni

Christopher Creaghan, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN 85

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

+CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Geraldine Howard

One: Family of God, we gather as who we are, and we bring what we have.

All: **Together let us remember the marvelous works of our God.**

One: Our God split rocks open in the wilderness, quenching our thirst with the deep springs.

All: **God made streams come out of the rock; like downward rivers the waters flow.**

One: In this space, we meet the Creator of new pathways and changed circumstances

All: **Let us encourage the new design God has for us. Let us worship!**

+INVOCATION

+All who are able, please stand

LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

A City Called Heaven *Spiritual, arr. Leonard de Paur*

I am a poor pilgrim of sorrow, I'm tossed in this wide world alone. No hope have I for tomorrow, I've started to make heaven my home. Sometimes I am tossed and driven. Lord, sometimes I don't know where to roam. I heard of a city called heaven, I've started to make it my home. My mother has reached that pure glory, my father still walkin' in sin. My brothers and sisters won't own me, because I am tryin' to get in.

A MOMENT FOR LENT

Julian Wharton

During this liturgical season, lay leaders of Riverside will offer prayers of lament, framed by verses from the book of Lamentations, chapter 3.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 69²

Jeremy Bankson



An-swer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; in your great com-pas-sion, turn to me.

Jessica Marsten, cantor

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Nora Cloud

Isaiah 43:16-21

(page 672 in the Old Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 310

St. Agnes

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark Yim

John 19:28-29

(page 62 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

†All who are able, please stand

SERMON

Water, is taught by thirst

Dr. Randal Jelks

SERMONIC SELECTION

Steal Away

Spiritual, arr.Harry Thacker Burleigh

David Jackson, tenor

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Geoff Martin

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; Love so amazing so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

Nancy Wertsch, conductor

AT THE PRESENTATION: Through These Days of Penitence

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

A musical score for a hymn. The music is in common time (indicated by a 'C') and consists of two staves of four-line staff paper. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics are: "And through these days of penitence, And through Thy Pas-sion-tide, A-bide with us, that so, this life Of suf-fering o-ver-past,". The second staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics continue: "Yea, ev-er-more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a-bide. An Eas-ter of un-end-ing joy We may at-tain at last!".

+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Rev. Howard

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Church School teachers, who provide our children with wisdom and inspiration for their faith journeys, and demonstrate to all of us how to serve our youngest siblings in Christ.

+All who are able, please stand

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Livingston, Rev. Howard

Following our petition, please join in the following response:

One: God of love,
All: hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray in the language or version of your heart.

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your 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.

CHORAL AMEN

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

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.

†*All who are able, please stand*

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Ruler 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 AT COMMUNION

ORGAN

Herzliebster Jesu

arr. Robert Hebble

CHOIR

We Shall Walk Through the Valley

Spiritual, arr. Undine Smith Moore

We shall walk through the valley in peace, if Jesus, himself shall be our leader,
we shall walk through the valley in peace. There will be no trials there, if Jesus,
himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Livingston

+RECESSIONAL HYMN

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Detroit

BENEDICTION

Please be seated.

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Minor (BWV 542)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Mark Yim, Nora Cloud, Julian Wharton & Geoff Martin

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹*Inspired by Psalm 78*

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+*All who are able, please stand*

Randal Maurice Jelks is a clergy in the Presbyterian Church USA and a Professor of African and African American Studies and American Studies. He is the co-editor of the academic journal *American Studies* (AMSJ). He is also an award winning author, as well as a documentary film producer. His books are *African Americans in the Furniture City: The Struggle for Civil Rights Struggle in Grand Rapids*, *Benjamin Elijah Mays, Schoolmaster of the Movement: A Biography*, *Faith and Struggle in the Lives of Four African Americans: Ethel Waters, Mary Lou Williams, Eldridge Cleaver and Muhammad Ali and Letters to Martin: Meditations on Democracy in Black America*. Jelks has recently contributed to a collection of essays titled *42 Today: Jack Robinson and His Legacy* edited by Michael Long. His writings have appeared in the *Boston Review*, the *Los Angeles Review of Books* as well as national blogs, journals, magazine and newspapers.



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

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.

JOIN OUR WEEKLY SERMON TALKBACK

Go deeper with the sermons from The Riverside Church every Sunday after worship for a sermon talkback as part of Virtual Coffee Hour. Visit trcnyc.org/VirtualCoffeeHour to join us online or go to 311 MLK to join us in person. If you are unable to join the live conversation you can listen to After the Amen, our weekly sermon talkback podcast, as Riverside clergy and congregants talk with Sunday's preacher about how their sermon resonates in our lives and in our world. Visit trcnyc.org/AfterTheAmen to listen now.

RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON CARILLON RECITALS

Fall and Winter 2021 Sunday afternoon carillon recitals take place most weeks at 3:00 p.m. and can be best heard outdoors listening from Sakura Park, immediately north of The Riverside Church at 122nd Street. Visit trcnyc.org/CarillonRecitals for the complete schedule.

PARKING - 04/03/2022

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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