

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York

LAMEN  to Alleluia 



MARCH 20, 2022  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

# WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

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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 19:26.

When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.”

And this quote from Guimaraes Rosa in *Corpo de Baile*, (Rio De Janeiro: Editora Nova Fronteira, 1984).

“Mom, but why is it, what is it for, what does everything happen for?!”  
“- hug me my little boy, that I have so much love for you ...”

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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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### 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

Ach wie Nichig  
Forty Days and Nights  
Prelude on 'How Fleeting is Life'

*Georg Boehm, arr. Arie Abbenes  
arr. Betty Buchanan  
John Knox*

*Charles Semowich, carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Ave Maria  
Aria on a Chaconne

*M. Enrico Bossi  
Joel Martin*

*Christopher Creaghan, organist*

### STRING ENSEMBLE

Andante, from String Quartet No. 1

*Franz Josef Haydn*

*The Riverside Youth String Ensemble  
Kristina Giles, director*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

*Rev. Bruce Lamb*

### ✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 303

**Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

*Aberystwyth*

### ✚CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

*Rev. Lamb*

One: Come, everyone who thirsts, to the waters, to the wells.

**All: Our souls thirst for you, O God..**

One: Come, feast upon true riches. Be filled with that which sustains you.

**All: Our flesh hungers for you, O God. We lift up our hands and call on your name.**

One: Come, without cost and incline your ears to listen.

**All: Our souls are satisfied in you, O God. In the shadow of your wings, let us hear your Word as we worship.**

### ✚INVOCATION

## LISTENING

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

✚*All who are able, please stand*

## †ANTHEM

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Thomas Tallis, arr. D. Busarow

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus and I was so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your days be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk 'til traveling days are done.

*Kristina Giles, violin*

## MOMENT FOR LENT

Desirée Baxter

*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 103<sup>2</sup>

Luke Mayernik



The Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful, the Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful.

*Jessica Marsten, cantor*

## PSALTER

Minister Derrick Jordan

### Psalm 148

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## †HYMN 370

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Woodworth

## GOSPEL LESSON

Danielle Hartley

John 19:25b-27

*(page 114 in the New Testament)*

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Dr. Cláudio Carvalhaes

Our Mother...

## SERMONIC SELECTION

arr. Clayton White

Take My Mother Home

*Kendra Berentsen, soprano*

*Jasmine Ismail, soprano, Yiselle Blum, alto*

*Eric Rasmussen, tenor, Jonathan Guss, bass*

†All who are able, please stand

## RESPONDING

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

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lamb

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 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial, deliver us from evil.**

**For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### CHORAL AMEN

### †PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Luvon Roberson

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ave Maria

*Javier Busto*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death. Amen.

### 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.*



And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through Thy Pas - sion - tide,  
A - bide with us, that so, this life Of suf - fering o - ver - past,



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!

†All who are able, please stand

## †PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Rev. Lamb

*Today we celebrate the work of our prison ministries, which conduct advocacy and outreach programs on behalf of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people, their families, and their communities.*

## †RECESSIONAL HYMN

### Sometimes a Light Surprises

*Merles Tune*



1. Some - times a light sur - pris - es the child of God who sings;  
2. In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue  
3. It can bring with it noth - ing but God will bear us through;  
4. Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their longed-for fruit should bear,



it is the Lord who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings;  
the theme of God's sal - va - tion and find it ev - er new;  
who gives the lil - lies cloth - ing will clothe her peo - ple too;  
though all the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there,



when com - forts are de - clin - ing, God grants the soul a - gain  
set free from pre - sent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,  
be - neath the spread - ing heav - ens no crea - ture but is fed;  
yet God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;



a sea - son of clear shin - ing to cheer it af - ter rain.  
"Let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may."  
and she who feeds the ra - vens will give her chil - dren bread.  
for while in God con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.

## BENEDICTION

Dr. Carvalhaes

*Please be seated.*

## POSTLUDE

Toccata on Aberystwyth

*David Bednall*

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*Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Danielle Hartley, Luvon Roberson & Desirée Baxter*

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### Liturgical Resources for Today:

<sup>1</sup>*Liturgical resources inspired by <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/lent-3c-march-20-2022/>*

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Originally from Brazil, Dr. **Cláudio Carvalhaes** is an artist, liturgist and eco-theologian. Currently, he is the Associate Professor of Worship at Union Theological Seminary. He is the author of *Praying with Every Heart: Orienting Our Lives to the Wholeness of the World*. Married to Katie, they have three children.







## **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://trcnyc.org/CarillonRecitals) for the complete schedule.

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### **PARKING - 03/20/2022**

**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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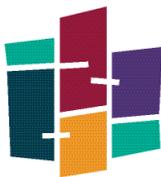
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