

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York

LAMEN  to Alleluia 



MARCH 27, 2022  
FOURTH 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  
Matt 27:45-46:

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

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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

Partita Diverse Sppra 'O Gott, Du frommer Gott' BWV 767

*Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. Roy Kroezen, (In honor of Bach's birthday)*

*Charles Semowich, carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Méditation, from Symphonie I

*Charles-Marie Widor*

Ah, Jesu Christ With Us Abide

*Sigfrid Kard-Elert*

Love Unknown

*Matthew H. Corl*

*Christopher Creaghan, organist*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

### †PROCESSIONAL HYMN 280

**Amazing Grace**

*Amazing Grace*

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

One: Guide us on our Lenten journey, O God;

**All: Give us the courage to venture into the challenging places  
of heart and spirit.**

One: Support us on our Lenten journey, O God;

**All: Strengthen us that we might learn and grow as disciples of Jesus  
Christ.**

One: Be with us through the end of our Lenten journey, O God;

**All: In faithful solidarity, we will name the forces of oppression  
and work together for equality and justice for everyone.  
Let us worship to understand the gift of your love.**

### †INVOCATION

†*All who are able, please stand*

## LISTENING

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

### ANTHEM

**Cudn't Keep it To Myself**

*Lyrics by Rev. Alex Bradford and Shelton Becton*

*Music by Shelton Becton*

Said I wudn' gonna tell nobody, Said I wudn' tellin' nobody. Said I wudn't gonna tell nobody but I cudn't keep it to myself, no I cudn't keep it to myself. Said I wudn't gonna run fo' Jesus but I cudn't keep it to myself what the Lord has done for me. You ought'a been there when He saved my soul. You oughta been there when He put my name on the roll. Then I started walkin', started talkin', started singin', started shoutin' about what the Lord has done for me. Said I wudn' gonna tell nobody, said wudn' tellin' nobody. Said I wudn' gonna shout for joy but I cudn't keep it to myself what the Lord has done. Oh I said I wud'n gonna tell nobody but He picked me up and He turned me 'round. He placed my feet on solid ground. He gave me peace where none was found. That's what He's done. Look what He's done for me. I said I wudn't gonna tell nobody but I cudn't keep it to myself what the Lord has done for me.

*Inspirational Choir*

*Nedra Olds-Neal, director*

### MOMENT FOR LENT

*Susan Wersan*

*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 34<sup>1</sup>

*Luke Mayernik*



Taste and see the good - ness, the good - ness of the Lord.

*Jessica Marsten, cantor*

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Hillary Puckett*

Exodus 17:1-7

*(page 64 in the Old Testament)*

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

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

†HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Kingsfold



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2. I heard the voice of Jes - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head u - pon my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirs - ty one; stoop down and drink and live."  
Look un - to me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav' - ling days are done.

GOSPEL LESSON

Minister Derrick Jordan

John 4:5-42

(pages 94 & 95 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas

SERMONIC SELECTION

Shelton Becton

Oh Glory, What He's Done For Me

Jamet Pittman, soprano

Matt King, piano

## 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 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

Viril Andrick

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Blessed Are All Those Who Fear Him, from "Elijah"

*Felix Mendelssohn*

Blessed are all those who fear him, they ever walk in the way of peace. Through darkness riseth light, light to the upright. He is gracious, compassionate, he is righteous.

### 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. Harper

*Today we celebrate the young voices of Riverside's Cherub Choir and Rising Voices, who share their beautiful ministry of music with the church and community.*

**†RECESSIONAL HYMN 379**

**My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**

*Solid Rock*

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Livingston

*Please be seated.*

**POSTLUDE**

Intermezzo, from Symphonie VI

*Charles-Marie Widor*

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*Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Hillary Puckett & Viri Andrlick*

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Liturgical Resources for Today:

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**About The Very Reverend Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas** The Very Reverend Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas was named Dean of the Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary and Professor of Theology at Union College in September 2017. She was named the Bill and Judith Moyers Chair in Theology in November 2019. She also serves as the Canon Theologian at the Washington National Cathedral and Theologian in Residence at Trinity Church Wall Street. Her

groundbreaking and widely taught book *Sexuality and the Black Church: A Womanist Perspective* (1999) was the first to address the issue of homophobia within the Black church community. Her 2015 book, *Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God*, examines the challenges of a “Stand Your Ground” culture for the Black church. Dean Douglas is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Denison University where she earned a bachelor of science summa cum laude in psychology. She went on to earn a master of divinity and a doctoral degree in systematic theology from Union Theological Seminary under James Cone, Ph.D., the premier Black theologian. A native of Dayton, Ohio, Dean Douglas was ordained at St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church in 1983 — the first Black woman to be ordained an Episcopal priest in the Southern Ohio Diocese, and one of only five nationwide at the time. She also was the first to receive the Anna Julia Cooper Award by the Union of Black Episcopalians (July 2012) for “her literary boldness and leadership in the development of a womanist theology and discussing the complexities of Christian faith in African-American contexts.”







## **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 - 03/27/2022**

**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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