

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



APRIL 15, 2022  
GOOD FRIDAY-SEVEN LAST WORDS

# WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

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

During the final hour of this service, we invite you to visit these four prayer stations in the Nave:

Light a candle for the hope that persists in these times.

Write a prayer of confession to release something to God.

Pray with a member of our clergy.

Pick up a Scripture to carry with you today.

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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).

### 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*

### ORGAN

**Ah, Holy Jesus**

*Dale Wood*

### WELCOME

Rev. Michael Livingston

### †GATHERING WORDS

Merciful God, we meet each other today at this cross as inhabitants of one world. As those who inflict wounds on each other:

**Have mercy on us.**

As those who deny justice to others:

**Have mercy on us.**

As those who seize wealth:

**Have mercy on us.**

As those who put others on trial:

**Have mercy on us.**

As those who refuse to receive:

**Have mercy on us.**

As those afraid of this world's torment:

**Have mercy on us.**

### †OPENING PRAYER

### †HYMN 101

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

*Hamburg*

†*All who are able, please stand*

**REFLECTION**

He Will Walk - Iona Community

Jeremiah Drake  
Victoria Anderson  
Eva Cordero

† **HYMN 92**

**Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

*St. Christopher*

**FIRST WORD**

*A Lament of Rikers Island*

Min. Richard X III

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” - Luke 23: 33-34

**SILENT MEDITATION**

*A time for reflection, prayer and contemplation.*

**HYMN 98, verse 1**

**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

*Passion Chorale*

**SECOND WORD**

*A Lament of Child Abuse*

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

“Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” - Luke 23:39-43

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**HYMN 98, verse 2**

**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

*Passion Chorale*

**THIRD WORD**

*A Lament of Unimaginable Loss*

Rev. Phil Tom

“He said to his mother, ‘Woman, here is your son.’ Then to the disciple,  
‘Here is your mother.’” - John 19: 25b-27

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**HYMN 98, verse 3**

**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

*Passion Chorale*

† *All who are able, please stand*

**FOURTH WORD**

*A Lament of Conservative Fundamentalism*

Rev. Jim Keat

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” - Matthew 27: 45-46

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**HYMN 93, verse 1**

**Ah, Holy Jesus**

*Herzliebster Jesu*

**FIFTH WORD**

*A Lament of LGBTQ Discrimination*

Rev. Bruce Lamb

“I am thirsty.” - John 19:28

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**HYMN 93, verse 3**

**Ah, Holy Jesus**

*Herzliebster Jesu*

**SIXTH WORD**

*A Lament of COVID Deaths*

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

“It is finished.” - John 19:29-30

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**HYMN 93, verse 2**

**Ah, Holy Jesus**

*Herzliebster Jesu*

**SEVENTH WORD**

*Lament for the Unsheltered*

Rev. Dr. Debra Northern

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” - Luke 23:46

**SOLO**

**Were You There**

*Spiritual*

+ *All who are able, please stand*

## SILENT MEDITATION

## INVITATION TO VIGIL

Rev. Michael Livingston

## MEDITATION

Jesus, Remember Me <sup>1</sup>

Taizé

Two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

## READING

### “The Crucifixion”

by James Weldon Johnson

Jeremiah Drake  
Victoria Anderson  
Eva Cordero

## SILENCE

## TOLLING OF THE BELL

*The congregation departs in silence.*

Musicians in this service, in order of appearance:

Kendra Berentsen, soprano

Christopher Judd, baritone

Irene King, mezzo-soprano

David Orcutt, baritone

Kristina Giles, violin

Lisa Johnson, flute

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Victoria Anderson, Jeremiah Drake & Eva Cordero*

Liturgical Resources for Today:

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✚ *All who are able, please stand*

## **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**

Are you receiving our weekly emails? Check your junk folder and add [communications@trcnyc.org](mailto:communications@trcnyc.org) to your "safe sender list" or visit [trcnyc.org/email](http://trcnyc.org/email) to sign up. We want to make sure that you know all the latest news and events at The Riverside Church!

## **DOWNLOAD THE RIVERSIDE APP**

Take Riverside with you, wherever you go. Text TRCNYC to 833.833.4035 or visit [trcnyc.org/app](http://trcnyc.org/app) to download the app and stay connected to all the videos, podcasts, and events from The Riverside Church.

## **SUNDAY AFTERNOON CARILLON RECITALS**

Fall and Winter 2022 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 - 04/15/2022

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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