

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



APRIL 2, 2023  
PALM 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 your heart and mind for worship, consider these quotes and question:

“When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the back of a donkey, and everyone was waving palm branches and throwing garments onto the road, and singing praises, do you think that for one moment it ever entered the head of that donkey that any of that was for him? If I can be the donkey on which Jesus Christ rides in his glory, I give him all the praise and all the honor.”

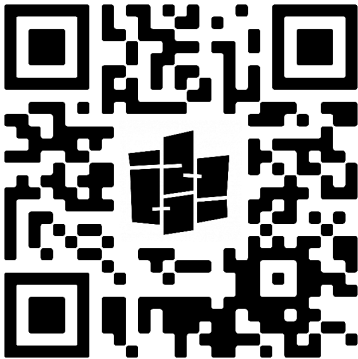
*-Corrie ten Boom*

## **A question for reflection:**

What does Palm Sunday mean for you?

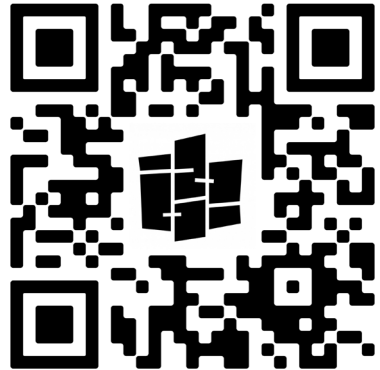
## **What's happening at Riverside?**

You can find a printed calendar listed in the back of your bulletin!



## **Give by your phone**

Text TRCNYCGIVE to 833.833.4035.



*Riverside worship services are filmed, recorded, and broadcast online.  
If you do not want to appear in any videos or photos we invite you to sit in the balcony.*



## GATHERING

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

### CARILLON

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak  
At the Name of Jesus  
Prelude on The King's Majesty

*Robert Schumann, arr. Richard Giszczak*  
*Ralph Vaughn Williams arr. Beverly Buchanan*  
*Graham George, arr. Milford Myhre*

*Carla Staffaroni, assistant carillonneur*

### ORGAN

March Religieuse on "Lift Up Your Heads"

*Alexandre Guilmant*

*Christopher Creaghan, organist*

### ANTHEM

**Give Me Joy in Heart**

*Cherub Choir*  
*Sharon Pritchard, director*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

**† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 88**  
**All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

*Valet will ich Dir geben*

**†** *All who are able, please stand*

## †CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Minister Derrick Jordan

One: Children of God, welcome. Welcome to this place of love and grace!

**All: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.**

One: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.

**All: God invites all of us to share in the good news.**

One: We are welcome, just as we are.

**All: We are loved, just as we are.**

**In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.**

## †INVOCATION

### ANTHEM

#### Hosanna!

*Cindy Berry*

Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Look! The King is coming riding on a donkey, entering Jerusalem, Jesus is His name. See the crowds adore Him, lay their palms before Him, Jesus will forever reign! Sing Hosanna, sing! Praise King Jesus! Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna!

*The Riverside Rising Voices Choir  
The Riverside Youth Choir  
Kristina Giles, Guest Conductor  
Yuliya Basis, Accompanist*

### MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Thorne

<sup>1</sup>Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

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## *LISTENING*

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

### **HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Psalm 118: 25-29**

(pg. 566 *in the Old Testament*)

Rev. Kei Okada

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **†HYMN 90**

**Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!**

*The King's Majesty*

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

**Matthew 21:1-17**

(pg. 23 *in the New Testament*)

Rev. Andrea White

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

*A Choreographed Spectacle*

Rev. Thorne

### **MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

## *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. Geraldine Howard

†*All who are able, please stand*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### Psalm 24

*Lili Boulanger*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in God's holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts is the King of glory. (*Sung in French.*)

*David Jackson, tenor*

## † AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY

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

**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

Minister Nordia Bennett

*Today we celebrate the work of our Greeters Ministry, which offers hospitality and welcomes everyone each Sunday as we enter into Christian fellowship at The Riverside Church.*

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

*Following each petition, please join in the following responses:*

One: God, in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

† *All who are able, please stand*

## 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

## 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.**

## 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

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. 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!**

*For everyone worshiping online, visit [trcnyc.org/communion](http://trcnyc.org/communion) to take communion together on Zoom.*

†All who are able, please stand



*SENDING*

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

**MUSIC AT COMMUNION**

**ORGAN**

**Meditation: Love Unknown**

*Francis Jackson*

**CHOIR**

**Christus Factus Est**

*Roland E. Martin*

Christ became for us, obedient even unto death on the cross. Wherefore God has exalted him and given him a name which is above all names.

*Liz Lang, soprano*

**PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION<sup>2</sup>**

*Rev. Bruce Lamb*

One: God, our healer, you have nourished our bodies with the bread of life and cup of blessing.

**All: Our weary bodies and minds are renewed, and our spirits are filled with hope that your work on earth is not complete.**

One: As we turn to face the world around us, bringing your light and love to our communities, we take this energy with us.

**All: We are prepared and equipped to bring heaven to earth, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Amen.**

**† RECESSIONAL HYMN 89**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Ellacombe*

**† BENEDICTION**

*Rev. Thorne*

**POSTLUDE**

Toccata on 'All Glory, Laud, and Honor'

*Michael Burkhardt*

*Alan Montgomery, organist*

<sup>2</sup>© *Illustrated Ministry*

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders Rev. Kei Okada, Rev. Dr. Andrea White, and Rev. Geraldine Howard.*

**†** *All who are able, please stand*

## **FOLLOW THE LEADER**

The childhood game of “Follow the Leader” invites players to mimic the actions of a designated leader, to watch closely and do what they do in order to win. As disciples of Christ, we, too, are invited to Follow the Leader—to watch and mirror the spiritual practices and commitments of Jesus. While this is not a game we “win,” it is a daily challenge to enter deeper into the heart of worship, community, and prayer. During this Lenten season, we will focus on Following the Leader, as we journey with Jesus on the road of love and justice, on the way from death to new life. In a culture where authority is too often abused and power is misused, let us deepen our commitment to following the Crucified Christ, the One True Authority.

Visit [trcnyc.org/Lent](http://trcnyc.org/Lent) to find out more.

The image on the cover is a panel from the Christ and Humanity window. Turn to the back of the bulletin to learn more about this window.

## **ECO PALMS**

The palms we are using today come from the Chamaedorea plant and have made a long journey from Guatemala or Mexico. We use eco palms because they are sustainable sourced. They don't chop down an entire palm oil plant, which is a scourge of the environment. The men of the village go into the forest and harvest Chamaedorea then bring it back to the women, who wash, cut, prepare them for us to use in worship. Say a blessing for the families who brought us these palms, that they may thrive and feel connected to churches who care about them and their well-being.

# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 132, 2 Corinthians 5, Luke 15.



# TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

**Sunday, April 2**

**Fresh Start** | 8:30 AM | Online

**Seekers Book Study Small Group** | 9:00 AM | 323 MLK & Online

**Beginner Biblical Hebrew I** | 9:30 AM | 314 MLK & Online

**Lent Bible Study** | 9:30 AM | 330 MLK & Online

**Church Nursery Open** | 10:30 AM

**Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00 AM Prelude begins at 10:30 AM | Nave & Online

**Virtual Coffee Hour** | After Worship | 318 MLK & Online

**Coffee Hour** | After Worship | Assembly Hall

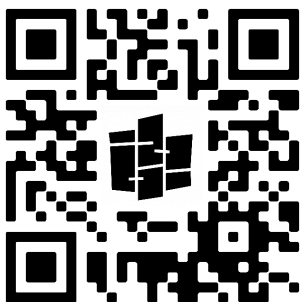
**Theatre of the Oppressed** | 1:00 PM | Multipurpose Room

**Intermediate Biblical Hebrew** | 1:00 PM | 314 MLK & Online

**The Business & Professional Women's Group Monthly Planning Meeting** | 1:00 PM | 10T

**Faith in Full Color: Faith Passage Confirmation** | 1:00 PM | Youth Room

**Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital** | 3:00 PM



Visit [trcnyc.org/LOC](https://trcnyc.org/LOC) or scan the QR code to find out more about all the programs and events happening in the life of our community.

## **HOLY WEEK AT RIVERSIDE**

### **Monday, April 3**

**Morning Prayer** | 8:00 AM | Online

**Tai Chi Class** | 3:00 PM | Cloister Lounge

### **Tuesday, April 4**

**Morning Prayer** | 8:00 AM | Online

### **Wednesday, April 5**

**Morning Prayer** | 8:00 AM | Online

**Beginner Biblical Hebrew II** | 5:00 PM | Online

### **Thursday, April 6**

**Morning Prayer** 8:00 AM | Online

**Maundy Thursday Worship** | 7:30 PM | Nave & Online

### **Friday, April 7**

**Morning Prayer** | 8:00 AM | Online

**Good Friday Worship** | 12:00 PM | Nave & Online

### **Saturday, April 8**

**Riverside Book Club** | 11:00 AM | Online

**Labyrinth** | 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Assembly Hall

## **COMING SOON**

### **Sunday, April 9**

**Easter Sunday Worship** | 11:00 AM | Nave and Online

**Easter Brunch** | After Worship | South Hall

**Easter Egg Hunt** | 12:45 PM | Outdoor Garth & Cloister Lounge

### **Sunday, April 16**

**Holy Humor Sunday** | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online

**44th Annual English Handbell Festival** | 4:00 PM | Nave

### **Sunday, April 23**

**Creation Sunday** | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online

### **Sunday, April 29**

**Family Zoo Outing at Prospect Park Zoo in Brooklyn** | 10:00 AM



One of ten aisle stained glass windows, the Christ and Humanity Window is the second from the back of the nave, in Bay 9 on the east side. Each aisle window is a story that depicts a particular theme. This one, in the Gothic Arch form, tells its story through figures and scenes in three quatrefoils vertically down the center and five semi-circle medallions, with one at the top and two on either side.

The Christ and Humanity Window portrays fifteen scenes in which Christ's attitudes toward three types of human need or experience are suggested. Five of these scenes concern his attitude toward the rich, five reflect on his contacts with the poor, and five deal with his disposition to alleviate suffering or forgive sin. The scenes are as follows: Supper at Emmaus; Rich Young Ruler; Wedding in Cana - First Miracle; Parable of the Rich Fool; Temptations of Christ (center quatrefoil); Lazarus at the Rich Man's Door; Parable of the Good Samaritan; Miracle of Loaves and Fishes; Parable of Widow's Mite; The Sermon on the Mount (center quatrefoil); Parable of Laborers in Vineyard; Ten Lepers Healed - Gratitude of One Healing the Blind Man; "Noli me tangere," Christ Forgives the Thief on the Cross (center quatrefoil); and Christ Blessing.

In the corners of the border are the temptations of a woman and St. Michael slaying the dragon. In the four small semi-circles are figures of people seeking healing and liberation from poverty.

## **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. Adriene Thorne, 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/loc](http://trcnyc.org/loc) for more information.

## **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!

## **VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR**

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 318 MLK to join us in person.

## **MEMBERSHIP AT RIVERSIDE**

Membership is about you responding to God's call on your life to step up and belong to this community as you pursue the passion God has set in your heart. By joining The Riverside Church you are taking the next step to partner with us as we seek to cultivate a community of justice, peace, and love that transforms the world. Visit [trcnyc.org/membership](http://trcnyc.org/membership) to find out more.

## **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**

Sunday afternoon carillon recitals take place most weeks at 3:00 PM 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.

## **CHURCH NURSERY**

Babies and toddlers are not too young to start learning about God's love for them. The nursery is open every Sunday from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM during worship staffed by trained nursery workers. For location please see an usher or security guard.

## **SUNDAY MORNING PARKING**

Visit the Security Desk on the Claremont Level to pick up a \$5 parking coupon. Bring this coupon and your parking ticket to the attendant to receive this discounted rate.

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