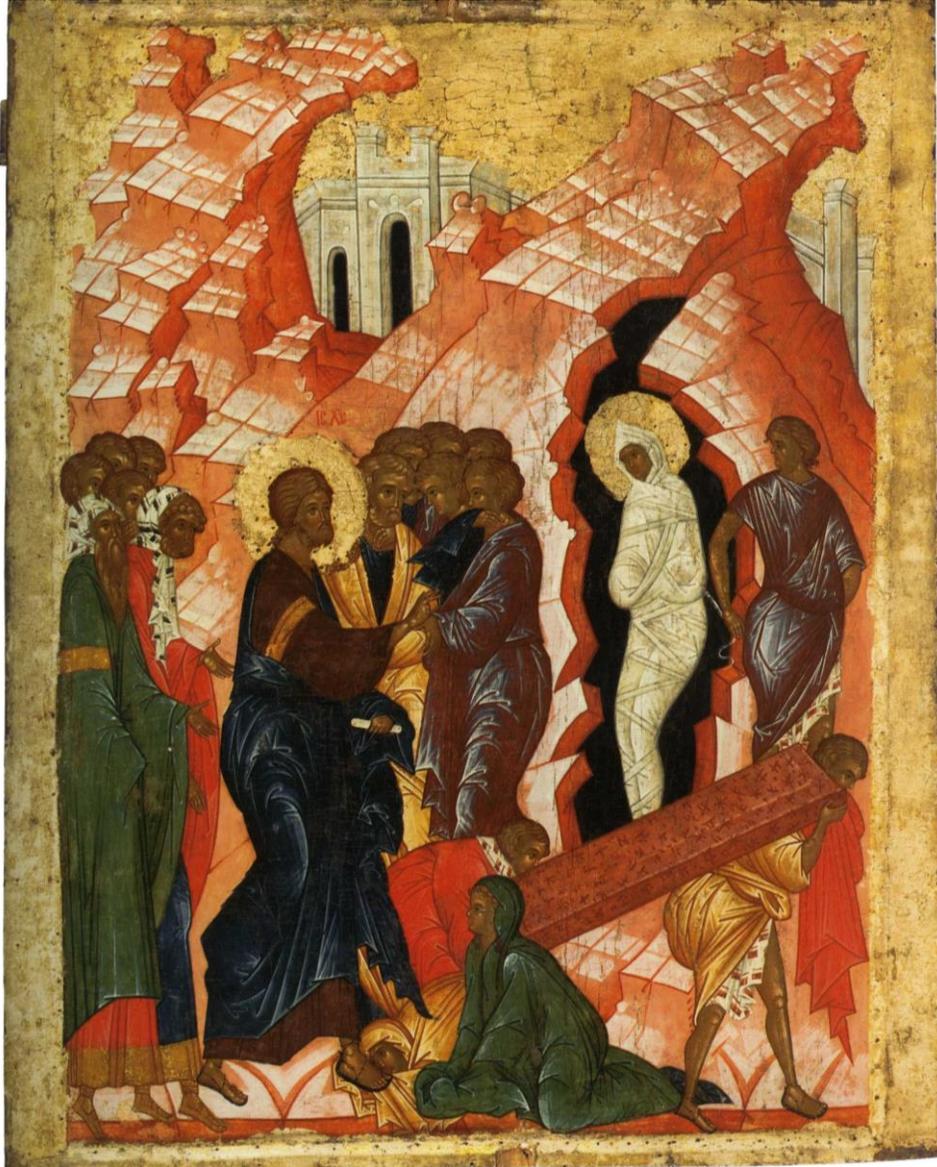


RIVERSIDE CHURCH



*The Raising of Lazarus
Russian Orthodox Icon, 15th Century*

**CHRIST-CENTERED
MULTI-CULTURAL, ECUMENICAL, INCLUSIVE**

7th Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 29, 2020

Lent

10:00 AM

Gates of Prayer

Please practice silence and contemplative prayer, as we prepare our hearts to come before the LORD. Silence is the mother of speech. ~Brother Thomas Merton
[If you are unsure what to pray, pray this: Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the world, enlighten me.]

Call to Worship

Psalm 130

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Gate of Peace

*Invocation for Peace

*The Peace of Christ

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!*

*Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.*



Gates of Offering and Thanksgiving

Scripture Lesson 1

Romans 8: 6-11

Chosen by Deacon Ida Williams Lacewell

6. The corrupt nature's attitude leads to death. But the spiritual nature's attitude leads to life and peace.
7. This is so because the corrupt nature has a hostile attitude toward God. It refuses to place itself under the authority of God's standards because it can't.
8. Those who are under the control of the corrupt nature can't please God.
9. But if God's spirit lives in you, you are under the control of your spiritual nature, not your corrupt nature. Whoever doesn't have the spirit of Christ doesn't belong to him.

10. However, if Christ lives in you, your bodies are dead because of sin, but your spirits are alive because you have God's approval.

11. Does the spirit of the one who brought Jesus back to life live in you? Then the one who brought Christ back to life will also make your mortal bodies alive by his spirit who lives in you.

Gates of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.*

The Gate of Proclamation

Scripture Lesson 2

John 11:1-45

1. Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.
2. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill.
3. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."
4. But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."
5. Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus,
6. after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.
7. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."
8. The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?"
9. Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world.
10. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them."
11. After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him."
12. The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right."
13. Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.
14. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead.
15. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."
16. Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

17. When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.
18. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,
19. and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.
20. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.
21. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.
22. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."
23. Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."
24. Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."
25. Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
26. and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
27. She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."
28. When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."
29. And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.
30. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.
31. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.
32. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."
33. When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.
34. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."
35. Jesus began to weep.
36. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"
37. But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"
38. Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.
39. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."
40. Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"
41. So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me.
42. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."
43. When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

44. The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

45. Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Sermon

A God Who Mourns

Rev. Nicolas Mumejian

Gate of Consecration

*Benediction

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Welcome to Riverside Baptist Church, where our one law is love of God and neighbor. Justice and peace matter to us. So we celebrate racial diversity, gender equality, and inclusion of all persons no matter their sexual orientation. We draw the circle of God's love large here. You're included. Christ is the center here. No one more and nothing less.

With the continued recommendation from the CDC and local authorities Riverside's building will remain closed until further notice. Please do not hesitate to contact our staff should you need anything.

While the building is closed, we gather online to worship. We will keep you updated through the newsletter and the website on the status of the building.

Visitors— please use this QR code to let us know that you were online with us today.



Pray For: We offer our deepest Christian condolences to Nicole Warren and Sarah McCormack in the death of Nicole's father Philip Warren; Anthony Maimer's sister, Davi Stuhlsatz; Denise Bennett's sister, Dyanne Smith; Tanya Bethel's mother, Ruby McCrary; Eleanor Troutman; Pamela Maimer's sister, Monica Thomas; Allen Dobbins Sr., and his wife Nell, Courtney and Allen Jr; Bob Nelson; Laurel Eierman's mother, Marcia Tringali; Tanya Bethel; Annie Abbott; Gale Miller's mother, Marian Miller; Karl Maxwell; Edith Booker; Pamela Maimer's mother, Clara Jefferson; Louise Pitts; Emma Wright's sister Sallie Williams; Lillie Ransom's sister Teriea and her husband, Jerry; Sheba Greene's daughter Donna; Dr. Bledsoe's mother, Peggy Bledsoe

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