

# RIVERSIDE CHURCH



*Mary Magdalene in the Garden with Jesus  
Washington National Cathedral, Resurrection Chapel*

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

*7<sup>th</sup> Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC*

# RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 4, 2021

Easter

10:00 AM

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### Call to Worship

Isaiah 25:6-9

*On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.  
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.  
It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.*

### Welcome and Announcements

### Invocation

### Music

An Easter Jubilation

Riverside Choir

### The Peace of Christ

*May God grant us courage to change the things that need changing,  
the peace to accept the things we cannot change,  
and the wisdom to know the difference.*

### Scripture Lesson

John 20:1-18

1. Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.
2. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."
3. Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.
4. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.
5. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.
6. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,
7. and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.
8. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;
9. for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.
10. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;
12. and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.
13. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."
14. When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.
15. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."
16. Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).
17. Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"
18. Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## **Scripture Lesson 2**

## **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

**Selected and Read by Deacon Jonathan Holley**

1. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
2. Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
14. The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
15. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;
16. the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."
17. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.
18. The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.
19. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
20. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
21. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
22. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
23. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
24. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## **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.*

## Easter Music

**Riverside Choir**

Behold the Lamb!  
Glorious, Risen Christ  
Worth  
The Power of the Cross

## Sermon Lesson

**Mark 16:1-8**

1. When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.
2. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.
3. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"
4. When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.
5. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.
6. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.
7. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."
8. So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

**Sermon**

**Just the Facts, Ma'am**

**Rev. Nicolas Mumejian**

**Benediction**

**Choral Response**

**Hallelujah!**

**Riverside Choir**

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

**Visitors**— please go [here](#) to let us know that you were online with us today.

**Every Sunday at 11 AM** we gather online via Zoom to fellowship and pray. Information is available on the website at <https://riversidedc.org/online-community-services/> Today, we will ordain our two new deacons, Margo Ferguson and Cheryl Parham. And following the prayer meeting, we will share communion. Please bring the elements to your table that we may all gather around the Lord's Table. Please join us!

**Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30PM, and continuing the first Wednesday of every month, we offer "Good Grief", a grief share and support group that will meet monthly for folks who are grieving to come, share, and encourage one another. The Zoom link will be available on the website.

**Bible study continues on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM. The zoom link will be available on the website. We will be discussing Eschatology and the End Times and what they mean for us. Join us!

**Today's featured artwork** is Mary Magdalene in the Garden with Jesus, by Rowan and Irene LeCompte. It is a mosaic in the Resurrection Chapel at Washington National Cathedral. For a video tour of the Resurrection Chapel, visit <https://cathedral.org/visit-us/chapels/>

**Pray For:** Pamela Maimer's sisters, Monica Thomas and Tonya Jefferson, and mother, Clara Jefferson; EJ Hill and family; Lynda Gyles and family; Danielle Ford's aunt, Connie Jasper; Danielle Ford and Laurel Eierman; Derek Ford and his sister, Misha Reed; Annie Abbott; Brenda Rozier Clark and the family of Rev. Paul Clark; Anthony Maimer's sister, Davi Stuhlsatz; Denise Bennett's sister, Dyanne Smith; Tanya Bethel's mother, Ruby McCrary; Bob Nelson; Laurel Eierman's mother, Marcia Tringali; Tanya Bethel; Gale Miller's mother, Marian Miller; Karl Maxwell; Edith Booker; 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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