

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



PSALM 100:4-5

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise.
Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

For the Lord is good;
the Lord's steadfast love endures forever,
and the Lord's faithfulness to all generations.



NOVEMBER 25, 2021

THANKSGIVING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

ORGAN

Chorale prelude on "Nun danket alle Gott" (BWV 657) *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Prayer of Thanksgiving *Dale Wood*

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Debra Northern

✦CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**

One: Know that the Lord is God.

**All: It is God that made us, and we are God's;
we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.**

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise.

All: Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

One: For the Lord is good;

**All: the Lord's steadfast love endures forever,
and the Lord's faithfulness to all generations.**

✦INVOCATION

✦HYMN 559

Please meditate silently on the hymn and refrain from singing.

We Gather Together

Kremser

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

Joel 2:21-27 (*pages 847 & 848 in the Old Testament*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Lorraine Burchall

Matthew 6:25-33 (*page 6 in the New Testament*)

One: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

THANKSGIVING REFLECTIONS

Riverside Clergy

OFFERING INVITATION

Rev. Harper

OFFERTORY SOLO

My Soul is Athirst for God

Alfred Robert Gaul

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat, day and night, while they daily say unto me, "Where is now thy God?" Oh, bring me out of my trouble.

Rachel Rosales, soprano

✦*All who are able, please stand*

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY

The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize the offering of our whole selves to God. Please meditate silently and refrain from singing.

**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.**

PASTORAL PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Riverside Clergy

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray in the language or version of your heart.

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Harper

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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!

The ushers will distribute single serve cups containing both juice and a small wafer sealed in between the plastic film on the top. If you need assistance, the ushers are available. For the safety of our staff and volunteers, we ask that you please hold onto your empty cups until the end of the service, and dispose of them safely in the trash cans provided as you exit the Nave.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ORGAN

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Charles Callahan

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Northern

✦ CLOSING HYMN 555

Please meditate silently on the hymn, and refrain from singing.

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket Alle Gott

✦ *All who are able, please stand*

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Northern

POSTLUDE

Marche Triomphale: Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Special thanks to our congregational leader: Lorraine Burchall.

†*All who are able, please stand*