

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



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JANUARY 9, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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 yourself for Worship, we invite you to reflect quietly on these words:

Your baptism in Christ was not just washing you up for a fresh start. It also involved dressing you in an adult faith wardrobe—Christ's life, the fulfillment of God's original promise.

In Christ's family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal. That is, we are all in a common relationship with Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 3:27-28 (The Message)

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 Epiphany, as signified by white paraments and clergy stoles, symbolizing joy in the light of Christ's birth.

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

CARILLON

Gloria and Personent Hodie

arr. Ennis Fruhauf

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

Handbells

Greensleeves

Heaven's Rest

Jason Krug

Susan Nelson

The Riverside Ringers

Daniel Potter, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Bruce Lamb

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Jim Keat

One: Ascribe to our God, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to our God glory and strength.

**All: Ascribe to our God a glorious name; worship our God in holy
splendor.**

One: The voice of our God is over the waters.

All: The God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

One: The voice of our God is powerful, full of majesty over all creation.

**All: May our God give strength to the people. May our Lord bless us with
peace as we gather today in worship.**

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN 498

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized²

Billings



1. Christ, when for us You were bap - tized, God's
2. God called You "My be - lov - ed Son," The
3. Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death You
4. Bap - tize us with Your Spi - rit, Lord, Your



Spi - rit on You came, As peace - ful as a
suf - fering ser - vant true, Sent You the king - dom
then o - beyed God's call Free - ly as Son of
cross on us be signed, That, like - wise in God's



dove and yet As ur - gent as a flame.
to pro - claim, God's ho - ly will to do.
Man to serve And give Your life for all.
ser - vice, we May per - fect free - dom find.

LISTENING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lamb

In a moment of silence, offer your own prayers of confession.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray

arr. Robert Lee

As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way, and who shall wear the starry (robe and) crown, good Lord, show me the way! O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray. O brothers, let's go down...O fathers, let's go down...O mothers, let's go down...O sinners, let's go down.

HEBREW LESSON

Nancy Clark

Isaiah 43:1-7

(page 672 in the Old Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 68

Now There is No Male or Female³

Omni Dei



1 Now there is no male or fe-male; now there is no free or slave;
2 Cru - ci - fied with Christ the Sav-ior, bap-tized in his ho - ly death,
3 Death has no do - min - ion o'er him, so for us death holds no power;



now there is no Jew or Gen - tile in the earth Christ died to save.
and as Christ was raised to glo - ry we have new life on this earth.
life's own wa - ters now have marked us, born to God this ver - y hour.



Christ has set us free for free-dom: we no more sing slav-ery's creed;
Power of wa - ter and God's nam-ing, turn - ing us from dark to light,
From this mo-ment and for - ev - er dead to sin, a - live in Christ,



old sub - mis - sions can-not claim us; Christ has set us free in - deed.
joins us to those who, be - fore us, ran the race and fought the fight.
born of wa - ter and the Spir - it, now in Christ we find our life.

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Lamb

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

(page 60 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

“One Thousand Baptisms”

RESPONDING

*We respond to the hearing of God’s word through prayer,
passing the peace, offering and monthly communion*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lamb

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

David King

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Grieve Not the Holy Spirit of God

T. Tertius Noble

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed, unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake, hath forgiven you.

THE DOXOLOGY

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

Rev. Lamb

Today we celebrate the work of our Membership Ministry, which is dedicated to accompanying our church members and prospective members on their spiritual journeys.

CLOSING HYMN 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

Rev. Meisenheimer

POSTLUDE

In Dir ist Freude

Johann Sebastian Bach

Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Nancy Clark & David King

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹Based on Psalm 29

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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 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 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 to listen now.

RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST

Are you receiving our weekly emails? Check your junk folder and add communications@trcnyc.org to your "safe sender list" or visit 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 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 2021 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 for the complete schedule.

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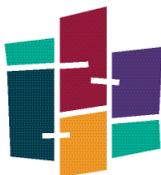
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