



The Riverside Church

in the City of New York

For such a time as *this*

NOVEMBER 1, 2020
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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:


“To be sure, on many, many days, death and its emissaries and enthusiasts, seem to have the upper hand. But let us be perfectly clear, we follow the Risen Christ, and we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, declaring to us even now, especially now, the good news of life and life abundant, encouraging us to persist in our good works and acts of mercy— bidding us ‘GET UP! ARISE!’”

-Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the green paraments and clergy stoles that represent new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent.

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GATHERING

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

CARILLON

O Rest in the Lord

*F. Mendelssohn, arr. Milford Myhre
Charles Semowich, carillonneur*

ORGAN

Preludio "Sine nomine"

*Herbert Howells
Christopher Johnson, organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Come all who are leaders in a turbulent time.

All: Explore God's ways of justice, mercy, and equity.

One: Come all who are leaders in a confusing time.

All: Hear God's call to honesty, clarity, and wisdom.

One: Come all who are leaders in a dangerous time.

**All: Trust God's ways of challenge, courage, and presence.
Let us worship together in God's name.**

OPENING HYMN 526

For All the Saints

Sine nomine

**For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

INVOCATION

Minister Derrick Jordan

LISTENING

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 9:36-43

Nancy Clark

(page 128 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

Get Up... Arise!

RESPONDING

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

NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Rev. Debra Northern

Shelley Anderson	Brian Clark	Dr. Ronald Lonesome
Arthur Ansel	Salome Cook	John Moorhead
Calvin Bass	Ed Dowd	Henry Payne
Kenitra Boone	Elinor Fosdick Downs	Rush Pullium
Donnie Briggs	Arthur E. Doyle	James Taylor
Levi Brisbane	Carl Flemister	Sylvia Robinson
Carol B. Cade	Earl Graves Sr.	Dale Zurbrick

PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS

Almighty God, we give you thanks for all your servants, who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace and strength to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness to carry on the work they have begun, to your honor and glory; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Brad Jones

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

And I Saw a New Heaven

Edgar Bainton

O And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; For the first heaven and first earth had passed away, and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying: "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with all, and God will dwell with them and they shall be God's people; and God alone shall be with them and be their God; And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away."

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Livingston

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, 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.

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

Minister Jordan

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Memorial Society which assists members and friends with end of life planning.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Debra Northern

Following each petition, please join in the following response:

One: God, our hope in our time of need.

All: hear our prayer.

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Livingston

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Livingston

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

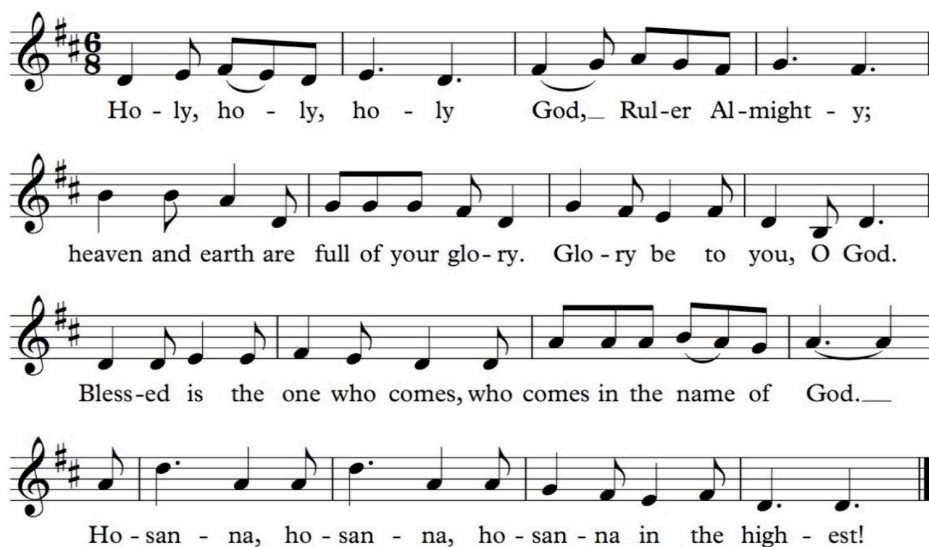
One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

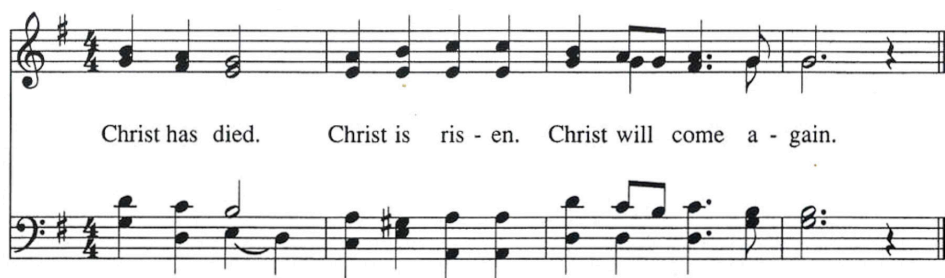
SANCTUS



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 ris - en. 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!

*A gluten-free option for communion bread is available
upon request from a communion server.*

CLOSING HYMN 451

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Lasst uns erfreuen

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Pardon, O Christ, Your Servants

Marcel Dupré

Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Brad Jones & Nancy Clark

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹Worship Ways, https://www.ucc.org/pentecost_22_november_1

Featured on the cover left to right:

Sophia, Divine Wisdom by artist Mary Plaster “I depicted Lady Wisdom seated in the context of the entire Cosmos, beckoning us to inclusive and sustainable decision making that gently cooperates with the global community.”

Nadia Bolz-Weber Author and founding pastor of *House for All Sinners and Saints*, known for its ministry to those with drug addiction, depression, and those of other faiths.

Michelle Obama American attorney and author and the African-American First Lady of the United States, married to the 44th president of the United States, Barack Obama.

Maya Angelou American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist, best known for her series of autobiographies on her childhood experiences, including *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.

Toni Morrison American novelist and essayist, and the first black female editor at Random House in New York City. Best celebrated for her Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Beloved*.

Greta Thunberg Swedish environmental activist who has gained international recognition for promoting the view that humanity is facing an existential crisis arising from climate change.

Marilynne Robinson Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, on issues of religion and science, US history, nuclear pollution, John Calvin, and contemporary American politics.

Elinor Fosdick Downs American pediatrician and medical officer in the maternal and child health sector of the WHO, and daughter of Riverside's Rev. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick.

Sharice Davids American attorney, former mixed martial artist, and politician serving as the U.S. Representative from Kansas, and the first openly LGBT Native American elected to the U.S.

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

RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST

Are you receiving our weekly emails? Check your junk folder, add us 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!

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.

WORSHIP ONLINE & ALL WEEK LONG

If you need more Riverside worship throughout the week, visit **trcnyc.org/online** to watch the Sunday morning Livestream, videos of the sermon and the choirs, and more. Be sure to watch The Word Made Fresh, our weekly video Bible Study, and catch up on Be Still and Go, our devotional podcast.

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