

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



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NOVEMBER 7, 2021
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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:

"No, I don't believe I will be lost after death. Why should You have made me fruitful, if I must be emptied and left like the crushed sugarcanes? Why should You spill the light across my forehead and my heart every morning, if You will not come to pick me, as one picks the dark grapes that sweeten in the sun, in the middle of autumn?"

-Chilean poet Gabriela Mistral

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.

Whats happening at Riverside?

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GATHERING

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

CARILLON

O Rest in the Lord
How Fleeting is Life
Paraphrase on Land of Rest

Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Milford Myhre
Georg Boehm, arr. Arie Abbenes
Douglas Gefvert

ORGAN

Lead, Kindly Light
Ye Sweet Retreat

arr. Robert Hebble
William Boyce, arr. Virgil Fox

Christopher Creaghan, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

✦CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Livingston

One: Behold, God has prepared a magnificent feast for us!

All: Let us feast on the goodness of God!

One: For God will destroy the shroud that is cast over all people,
death will exist no more.

All: God will wipe away our tears and mend our woeful hearts.

One: On this day, the shame from all the earth shall be removed.

All: Our lives will be filled with joy.

**Let us worship with gladness and rejoice in the promise of
God's salvation.**

✦INVOCATION

✦OPENING HYMN 451

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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

LISTENING

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

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Min. Richard X

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

✦WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Had I But Pinions

McNeil Robinson

Had I but pinions of a dove to fly away and be at rest, far far away would be my flight, in the wilderness would I settle. To my haven would I hasten, out of the sweeping wind and tempest. I'll fly away and be at rest.²

Liz Lang, soprano

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Aida Montero

Revelation 21:1-6a

(page 259 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 453

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

O Holy City, Seen of John

Morning Song

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Livingston

John 11:32-44

(page 105 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

Counting the Saints

Naming of the Saints

Rev. Harper & Rev. Dr. Debra Northern

**George Anderson
Lillian Benton
Camille Brown
Sheldon Clark
Bobbie Cope
Roy H. Cornely
Isabel Marion "Liz" Dopman
Rev. Dr. James H. Holmes Sr.
Violet LaBeach
Ronald Marshall
Barbara Minarcik
William Randolph, Jr.
Julio Rivera
Johnny Rosario
Rev. Dr. Donald Shriver
Lesley Small
Helene Walker
Priscilla Williamson
Jomani "Jojo" Wright**

RESPONDING

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

CHORAL RESPONSE Narthex Canticle

Robert Convery

Almighty Lord, hear our prayer and bless all souls that wait before thee.

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

Nora Fueten

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Te Deum*

Joseph W. Clokey

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, creator everlasting. To thee all angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the powers therein. To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry, holy, holy, holy: lord God of sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. The glorious company of the apostles praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee. The noble army of martyrs praise thee. The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee; creator of an infinite majesty; thine honourable, true, and only son; also the holy ghost: the comforter.

Thou art the king of glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting son of the creator. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver us: thou didst humble thyself to be born of a virgin. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the creator. We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy people whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up for ever. Day by day we magnify thee; and we praise thy name, ever world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

✠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.

✠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Min. X

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Northern

Following our petition, please join in the following response:

One: O Merciful God,

All: **hear our prayer.**

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

Min. X

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 with your spirit.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

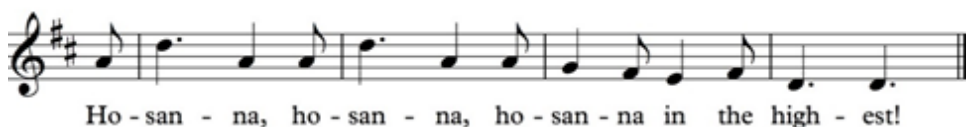
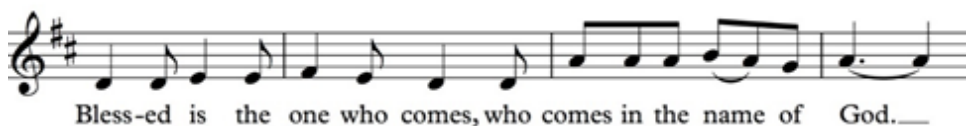
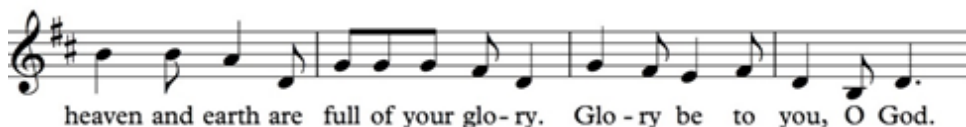
All: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

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

SANCTUS

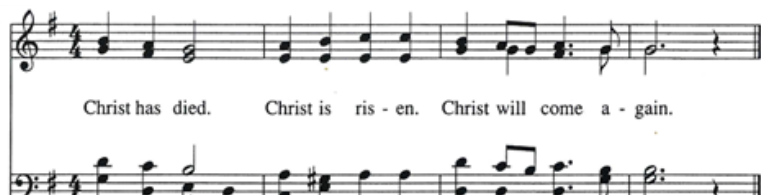
Please meditate silently, and refrain from singing.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Please meditate silently, and refrain from singing.



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. For those worshipping online, you may join us at this time with your own gathered elements as we take communion as one church together.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

CHOIR Guide Me and Lead Me

Robert Nathaniel Dett

Guide me and lead me, O Lord creator. Guide me unto thy fold above. Weak am I, but thou art mighty. O lead me unto thy blest land of love. O lead me Lord God, my way guiding, lighten my voyage over life's troubled sea. O let thy spirit over me abiding, point me, O God, to heaven and thee. Guard me, O Lord, when comes the hour, through death's darksome vale my path defending, to thy love unending. Amen.

Nicholas Hay, Baritone

✚CLOSING HYMN 526

Please meditate silently on the hymn and refrain from singing.

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

SENDING

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

✚BENEDICTION

Rev. Harper

POSTLUDE

Flourish on "Sine Nomine"

Denis Bédard

Cynthia Powell, organist

COMMENTARY ON TODAY'S MUSIC

“All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the “glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs” (Te Deum). It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation.” - *The Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Geneva Press, 2003, 150)

Had I But Pinions

McNeil Robinson (1943-2015) Birmingham, Alabama. He was for over 40 years a renowned church musician and composer in New York City, with a long association with St. Mary the Virgin on West 46th Street and Park Avenue Synagogue, amongst others, and was Chair of the Organ Department at Manhattan School of Music. “Had I But Pinions” was composed for a dear friend who at the time was experiencing a serious and possibly fatal illness.

Te Deum

Joseph W. Clokey (1890-1960) New Albany, Indiana. He was the son of a Presbyterian minister, and studied composition at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. He taught organ and theory at Miami University, eventually becoming Dean of Fine Arts. He was a well known composer of organ and choral music in the 1930's. The Te Deum is an early Christian hymn of praise from the 4th Century. Its name comes from its opening words in Latin, Te Deum Laudamus “O God we praise you”. It is sung on occasions of thanksgiving and on various festival days.

Guide Me And Lead Me

Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943) was born to parents who escaped slavery in the United States by fleeing to Canada. He was the first black American to complete the Bachelor of Music degree at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music (1908). He had an active career as a prominent conductor and composer. In 1913 he began to teach at the Hampton Institute in Virginia, and in 1926 became the first black Director of Music there. He studied in France with the renowned pedagogue Nadia Boulanger whose influence is evident in this piece originally titled “Ave Maria”. The English text which we are singing today was added at a later time.

Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Aida Montero & Nora Fueten

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹*Inspired by Isaiah 25:6-9*

²*Psalm 55: 6-8*

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 411 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.

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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.

PARKING - 11/7/2021

Parking is available in the garage below the building. Present this bulletin to the attendant before 6:00 p.m. for a reduced rate of \$5.00.

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