

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2009

**Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Communion**

RIVERSIDE AT WORSHIP

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Holy Communion

*If you have brought offerings of canned goods for the Food Pantry, please place them on the tables at the front of the Nave.
You may also leave financial offerings for the Food Pantry in the basket provided.*

CARILLON

Paraphrase on "America" *arr. Leen t'Hart*

ORGAN

Prelude on "Wondrous Love" *David Johnson*
"The peace may be exchanged" (from *Rubrics*) *Dan Locklair*

HYMN IN PROCESSION 262

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand *National Hymn*
All who are able may stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brad R. Braxton

Leader: We are here because we want to be God's people.

***People:* Lord, open our hearts to the presence of
Your spirit.**

Leader: We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus.

***People:* Lord, open our ears to hear Christ's invitation.**

Leader: We are here to acknowledge the ways we have fallen.

***People:* Lord, open our eyes to see our transgressions.**

Leader: We are here because we yearn to become one body.

***People:* Lord, open our arms to embrace one another.**

Leader: We are here to share one loaf, one cup.

***People:* Lord, open our hearts, that we who are
many may be one body.**

***People:* The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,
gentleness, and self-control. If we live by
the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.**

Galatians 5:22-24

INVOCATION

Ms. Jean Schmidt

Congregation seated

CONFESSION

The Rev. Arnold I. Thomas

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. Thomas

SCRIPTURE READING

Ms. Hylda Clarke

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

(page 173 in the New Testament)

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

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

At the River

arr. Charles Ives

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have
trod; With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of
God? Gather at the river! Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river! Yes, we'll gather at the
river that flows by the throne of God. Shall we gather?
Shall we gather at the river?

The Watchman

arr. Charles Ives

Watchman, tell us of the night
What the signs of promise are:
Traveler o'er yon mountain's height
See that glory-beaming star!
Watchman, aught of joy or hope?
Traveler, yes, it brings the day,
Promised day of Israel.
Dost thou see its beauteous ray?

Emily Howard, mezzo-soprano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Dr. Braxton

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Thomas

Leader: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And with your spirit.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them unto the Lord.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the version
or language that is most familiar to you.*

OFFERING

Dr. Thomas

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah *trad. Appalachian*

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

Sung by The Riverside Summer Choir

AT THE PRESENTATION, THE DOXOLOGY

Congregation rising row by row as ushers pass

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Dr. Thomas

HYMN 313

Come Down O Love Divine

Down Ampney

All who are able may stand

SERMON

Dr. Braxton

"Table Talk"

TIME OF INVITATION

Dr. Braxton

After going forward to pray with the clergy, a Riverside member will be available to meet you and continue the conversation.

If you are seated in the First or Second Galleries, a minister will be present in the First Gallery to pray with you.

HYMN OF INVITATION 377

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Pescador de Hombres

COMMUNION

Dr. Braxton

Dr. Thomas

INVITATION

... So, come to this table. It is God who invites us to meet Christ here.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Loving God, Source of all, we thank You and praise You with our lips and our lives, because You created us and all things through Your Word.

While we were yet helpless, You set aside Your power, and took upon Yourself our vulnerable flesh. You suffered and died for us upon the cross, and brought us forth to the hope and power of resurrection.

Therefore, with all that is, seen and unseen, and with all the saints of every time and place, we join in this hymn of praise and thanksgiving:

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

Blessed are You, most Holy, embodied in Your Son. On that night before He died, He took bread and gave You thanks. He broke it, gave it to His disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; Do this to remember me.

After supper, Jesus took the cup, and gave You thanks. He gave it to them and said: Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all to forgive sin; Do this to remember me.

And so, we affirm the mystery of faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

Send down Your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine that they may become for us Your body, healing, forgiving, and making us whole; and that we may become, for You, Your body, loving and caring in the world until Your realm comes. Amen.

The body of Christ.

Thanks be to God for the bread of life.

The blood of Christ.

Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing.

All is now ready: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All are welcome to receive communion at Christ's table.

Beginning at the rear of the Nave, ushers will direct you to come forward. Receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and share in the meal.

Ushers will help you return to your seat..

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

arr. George Shearing

Simple Gifts

traditional, arr. Virgil Fox

Hymn 513

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let Us Break Bread

PRAYER OF RESOLUTION

Dr. Braxton

Blessed be God who calls us together.

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sins.

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

Therefore we offer all that we are.

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

Amen. Accept our thanks for all You have done.

Our hands were empty and You filled them.

HYMN 361

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

All who are able may stand

BENEDICTION

Dr. Braxton

The congregation is seated and invited to a time of quiet reflection during the Postlude

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Great Day"

Adolphus Hailstork

Anointing Prayer will be offered by our clergy at the front of the Nave after the Postlude.

*Please join us for **Fellowship Hour!** As you leave the Nave, take the stairs on your left down one level. Take a right, and an immediate left into the Cloister Lounge. You may also take the elevators in the Narthex to the "C" Level.*

***Thank you** to our readers, Ms. Jean Schmidt and Ms. Hylda Clarke, both members of the Church Council.*

***Plants on the chancel** are dedicated in loving memory of Thomas B. Keehn, December 1, 1959 – June 16, 2009, by his children and grandchildren.*

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