

IN MEMORIAM

ARNA WENDELL BONTEMPS

1902 - 1973

CHRIST CHAPEL

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH  
New York City

June 20, 1973

Twelve Noon

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Rev. Dr. Jesse Lyons, Pastoral Minister,  
The Riverside Church, *Presiding*

MIRACLES

*"Doubt no longer miracles,  
This Spring day makes it plain  
A man may crumble into dust  
And straightway live again.*

*A jug of water in the sun  
Will easy turn to wine  
If love is stopping at the well  
And love's brown arms entwine.*

*And you who think him only man,  
I tell you faithfully  
That I have seen Christ clothed in rain  
Walking on the sea."*

- Arna Wendell Bontemps

PRELUDE

Mr. Robert S. MacDonald,  
Associate Organist,  
The Riverside Church

SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Lyons

LITANIES OF REMEMBRANCE

*In Thanksgiving for the  
Life and Works of Arna Wendell Bontemps*

Dr. Lawrence D. Reddick - Black Academy of Arts  
and Letters

Miss Ruby Dee - Actress

Mr. Allen T. Klots - Dodd, Mead & Company

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE

*Including Negro Spirituals  
Arranged by John Work*

Mr. William B. Cooper  
Organist, St. Philip's  
P. E. Church

BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Lyons

POSTLUDE

Mr. Robert S. MacDonald

B.F. Arna W. Bon Temps

Also Participating

Mr. E. J. Josey - Black Caucus, ALA

Dr. Edward Mapp - Black Caucus, ALA

Mr. Cyril Packwood - Fisk University Alumnus

Mr. Wendell Wray - Countee Cullen Branch Library

Mrs. Vivian D. Hewitt - Black Caucus, ALA

Flowers on the altar given by  
the Black Caucus of the American Library Association