

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Holy Baptism
Junior Family Weekend
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 26, 2017

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES UPON ENTERING
THE SANCTUARY OF THE MEMORIAL CHURCH.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Von Gott will ich nicht lassen, BWV 658 (before 1723) *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*
Remembering, Op. 981 (2012) *Carson P. Cooman '04 (b. 1982)*

HYMN

No. 1, stanzas 1 & 4, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” *Old Hundredth*
The congregation standing

INVOCATION

CONFESSION

In unison:

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sin, and whose mercy we forget: cleanse us from all offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires; that humbly we may draw near to thee, confessing our faults, confiding in thy grace, and finding in thee our refuge and our strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE BAPTISM

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Gracious God, by our Baptism, you welcome us into the household of faith and open the way to new life in this world and the next. Receive these people who are baptized today, and strengthen us all to be your people in the world and a blessing to the Earth.

The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Family: We present *Joseph Felix Johnson* to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Family: We present *Rosemary Keiko Katsumi* to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Minister: Will you, as the parents and godparents of these children, be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Family: We will with God's help.

Minister: Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the life of God's grace and love?

Family: We will with God's help.

Minister: Will you continue to honor your own spiritual journeys, as role models for the children you present?

Family: We will with God's help.

Minister: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?

Family: We will with God's help.

To the congregation:

Minister: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these people in their lives in Christ?

People: We will.

Minister: Let us pray for these people who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Litanist: Open their hearts, O God, to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

BLESSING OF THE WATER

Minister: Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. By the same Holy Spirit save them who confess the name of Jesus Christ, that sin may have no power over them. Create new life in all who are baptized that they may rise in Christ. Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was, and is, and shall always be, world without end.

People: Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Minister: I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

Minister: Let us pray.

People: Eternal and loving God, give to these people receiving the Sacrament of Baptism an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Minister: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you, with joy, into the household of God, and into the priesthood of all believers.

THE PEACE

All are invited to join in singing of Hymn No. 27, stanza 1.

GREETING

OFFERTORY

The offering collected goes directly to fund the Memorial Church Grants Committee's recipient organizations and their important work in our local communities. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Grants Committee." Ushers will begin collection from the back of the church.

Psalm 99 *Dominus regnavit* *Chant by Eric Ware (1908–1972)*

Sung by the choir

The Lord is king, be the people never so impatient;
he sitteth between the cherubim, be the earth never so unquiet.

The Lord is great in Sion,
and high above all people.

They shall give thanks unto thy name,
which is great, wonderful, and holy.

The king's power loveth judgment; thou hast prepared equity,
thou hast executed judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

O magnify the Lord our God, and fall down before his footstool;
for he is holy.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his name:
these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.

He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar;
for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.

Thou heardest them, O Lord our God;
 thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst punish their wicked doings.
O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill;
 for the Lord our God is holy.

DOXOLOGY

Sung by the congregation, standing

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.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 24:12–18

Pew Bible, pages 65–66 (OT)

ANTHEM

Fürchte dich nicht, BWV 228

Johann Sebastian Bach

Fürchte dich nicht, ich bin bei dir;
weiche nicht, denn ich bin dein Gott;
ich stärke dich, ich helfe dir auch,
ich erhalte dich
durch die rechte Hand meiner Gerechtigkeit.
Fürchte dich nicht, denn ich habe dich erlöst;
ich habe dich bei deinem Namen gerufen,
du bist mein.

Herr, mein Hirt, Brunn aller Freuden!

Du bist mein, ich bin dein,
niemand kann uns scheiden.

Ich bin dein, weil du dein Leben
und dein Blut, mir zu gut,
in den Tod gegeben.

Du bist mein, weil ich dich fasse
und dich nicht, o mein Licht,
aus dem Herzen lasse!

Lass mich, lass mich hingelangen,
wo du mich und ich dich
lieblich werd' umfängen.

*Do not fear, I am with you;
Do not recoil, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, and help you as well,
I sustain you
With the right hand of my righteousness.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by your name,
You are mine.*

Lord, my shepherd, fount of all joy!

*You are mine, I am yours,
No one can part us.*

*I am yours, since your life
And your blood, for my sake,
You have given to death.*

*You are mine, since I seize you
And do not, O my light,
Let you out of my heart!*

*Let me, let me arrive there,
Where you and I*

Will lovingly embrace each other.

Isaiah 41:10, Isaiah 43:1, and Paul Gerhardt (1607–1676); English translation Pamela Dellal

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

Pew Bible, page 16 (NT)

PRAYER HYMN

The congregation seated

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to
see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

In unison:

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. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Following the Lord's Prayer, the Prayer Hymn is repeated.

SERMON

Dispirited Yet Dignified

Text: "Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights."

Exodus 24:18

HYMN

No. 31, “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

Lasst uns erfreuen

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasia super Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, BWV 651 (before 1723) *Johann Sebastian Bach*

OUR MISSION

The Memorial Church of Harvard University is a space of grace in the center of the Yard, rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ. Affectionately known as “MemChurch,” we pursue partnerships within and beyond Harvard, empowering community members to serve the world as well-informed, compassionate, moral citizens. Through worship and ministry outreach, MemChurch aims to promote justice and mercy by confronting life’s challenges, differences, and our own imperfections with courage, empathy, and an ethic of love. By doing so, the Memorial Church seeks to educate minds, expand hearts, and enrich lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 26, 2017

WELCOME

Today is Junior Family Weekend and the Last Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church. The service is led by the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church; and Aric Flemming MDiv I, seminarian in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Douglas Maggs '17. The second lesson is read by Ozichi Osuoha '19. The testimony before the offering is given by Chanel Williams. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir, under the direction of Edward E. Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster; and Thomas M. Sheehan, Associate University Organist and Choirmaster. Today we especially welcome the Johnson and Katsumi families, whose children receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance.

CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of ages three through twelve. Classes are held in the ground level of the Memorial Church during Sunday services and emphasize biblical themes and scripture. The confirmation class will also meet during this time. At the conclusion of the worship service, parents are asked to promptly pick up their children in the Buttrick Room. To register, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website. Contact Church School Director Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) to register for this class, or for more information about Church School programs.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith and Life Forum meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Pusey Room, with coffee service at 9 a.m. The Forum explores matters of faith and public life. This term, we will explore the theme of "Faith & Uncertainty." For the full list of readings and speakers, please visit memorialchurch.harvard.edu/faith-life-forum

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 3, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Michelle Boorstein NF '17; Tuesday: Jane Moran MDiv II
Wednesday: Alanna C. Sullivan; Thursday: Patrick Jackson '92, MDiv III
Friday: Ronald S. Sullivan Jr. JD '94

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

In the event of inclement weather, any and all changes to the worship schedule or opening hours of the church will be posted on the church website: *memorialchurch.harvard.edu*

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Join us for the annual pancake supper in the Student Oasis this Tuesday, February 28, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

This Wednesday, March 1, Lent begins with the Liturgy of the Day and the Imposition of Ashes, from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. All are invited.

THE OFFICE OF COMPLINE

A service of Compline, which combines candlelight, plainsong, polyphony, prayer, scripture, and silence, will be held this Thursday evening, March 2, at 10:00 p.m. in Appleton Chapel. Music is provided by the Harvard University Choir. All are welcome.

REOPENING CONCERT

A concert of choral cycles and organ concerti by American composers Howard Hanson; Chris De Blasio; Alfred V. Fedak; and Carson P. Cooman '04, composer in residence in the Memorial Church, will be held next Sunday afternoon, March 5, at 4:00 p.m. in the Memorial Church Sanctuary. Admission is free. The concert will feature the University Choir and orchestra.

MUSIC NOTES

There are few musical forms that have endured and flourished as the motet, which has been in continuous existence since the twelfth century. Johann Sebastian Bach's examples in the genre are pinnacles of the choral literature; indeed of all Bach's vocal works, the motets are the only category that continued in an unbroken tradition of performance from the composer's time to the present day.

Fürchte dich nicht draws its text from two sources—the Book of Isaiah and the hymn “Warum sollt ich mich den grämen” by Paul Gerhardt; on stylistic grounds, most scholars now believe that the work dates from Bach's Weimar period, and must therefore be counted as one of his earliest motets. The work is scored for double chorus and is in two movements: the first verse from Isaiah features quick interplay between the choruses, which often overlap and reverse direction, followed by bombastic outbursts on the words “Ich stärke dich;” the second verse is set as a fugue for the lower three voices, with the soprano intoning Gerhardt's chorale above. The work ends somewhat abruptly with a restatement of just a few bars of the opening material: a concise summation of the work's mantra to be bold and fear not.

The chorale prelude—a liturgical composition based on an existing melody—figures prominently in Bach’s oeuvre, and his collection of Leipzig Chorale Preludes (known as the *Great Eighteen*) shows this compositional form at its zenith. The prelude and postlude are both taken from this set and feature ornate keyboard figurations around the chorale melodies in the pedal; Carson Cooman’s *Remembering* takes as its melodic inspiration the hymn tune *Armistice* (Harvard University Hymn Book No. 88) by the late Reverend Professor Peter J. Gomes.

LISTEN TO SUNDAY WORSHIP AND MORNING PRAYERS

Sunday services are broadcast on Harvard’s radio station, WHRB 95.3 FM in term; a live stream of the service is available at whrb.org. Recordings of Sunday Worship Services and Sunday Sermons are available on our website, memorialchurch.harvard.edu, during the week following the service. Sunday Sermons and Morning Prayers are also available on SoundCloud at <http://bit.ly/sundaysermons> and <http://bit.ly/morningprayers> respectively, and on iTunes—search “Harvard Memorial Church” from your iTunes app.

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Ushers and lesson readers play a vital role in worship services for the Memorial Church. If you are interested in ushering or reading, please add your name and e-mail to the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table. We would love to have you join us!

NEXT SUNDAY’S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent. The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church.

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