

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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The Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 19, 2017

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

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## PRELUDE

Dies sind die heil'ge zehn Gebot, BWV 678 (ca. 1735)      *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

## HYMN

No. 146, “Jesus, Who This Our Lententide”      *Rockingham*  
*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

## HYMN

No. 303, “As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams”      *Martyrdom*

## GREETING AND THE PEACE

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

## TESTIMONY

*This term community members reflect upon what the Memorial Church means to them.*

## 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 95

*Venite, exultemus*

*Plainsong Tone II*

*Antiphon:* Harden not your hearts, as in the day of temptation in the wilderness.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;  
    let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;  
    and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God;  
    and a great king above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth;  
    and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his, and he made it;  
    and his hands prepared the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and fall down,  
    and kneel before the Lord our maker.  
For he is the Lord our God;  
    and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.  
Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts  
    as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;  
When your fathers tempted me,  
    proved me, and saw my works.  
Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said,  
    It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways:  
Unto whom I swear in my wrath,  
    that they should not enter into my rest.

## 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 17:1-7

*Pew Bible, pages 59-60 (OT)*

## ANTHEM

Attende Domine

*Plainsong Tone V*

*Antiphon:* Hear us, O Lord, have mercy on us: for we have sinned against thee.

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:

Lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:

Listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father,

Way of salvation, gate of life celestial:

Cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:

Bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:

Pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee,

With true contrition now no more we veil them:

Grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting,

Falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,

Save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

*Mozarabic, 10th century; English translation John Henry Arnold (1887–1956)*

## SECOND LESSON

John 4:5–42

*Pew Bible, pages 82–83 (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.*

### ANTHEM

Iam, Christe, sol iustitiæ

*Plainsong Tone VIII*

Now Christ, thou sun of righteousness,  
Let dawn our darkened spirits bless:  
The light of grace to us restore  
While day to earth returns once more.

Spare not, we pray, to send us here  
Some penance kindly but severe,  
So let thy gift of pardoning grace  
Our grievous sinfulness efface.

Thou who dost give the accepted time,  
Give, too, a heart that mourns for crime,  
Let those by mercy now be cured  
Whom loving-kindness long endured.

Soon will that day, thy day, appear  
And all things with its brightness cheer:  
We will rejoice in it, as we  
Return thereby to grace, and thee.

Let all the world from shore to shore  
Thee, gracious Trinity, adore;  
Right soon thy loving pardon grant,  
That we our new-made song may chant. Amen.

*10th century; English translation attr. John Dryden (1631–1701)*

### SERMON

I See You

Text: “Jesus said to her, ‘Go, call your husband, and come back.’ The woman answered him, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You are right in saying, “I have no husband”; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I see that you are a prophet.’” *John 4:16–19*

### HYMN

No. 81, “Lord of All Hopefulness, Lord of All Joy”

*Slane*

*The congregation standing*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Toccatà in D minor, BWV 538/I (1712–17)

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

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### 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, March 19, 2017

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## WELCOME

Today is the Third Sunday in Lent. The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Monica A. Coleman, Professor of Constructive Theology and African American Religions, Claremont School of Theology. The service is led by Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church; and Aric Flemming MDiv I, seminarian in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by David Foster. The second lesson is read by Suzanne Hamner. The testimony is given by Karen-Alexandra Nogues '18. 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.

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

## CHURCH SCHOOL

In observance of Spring Recess, the Church School will not meet today, but will resume next Sunday, March 26. 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](mailto:westley_conn@harvard.edu)) to register for this class, or for more information about Church School programs.

## MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: MARCH 20 – 24, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Martin B. Copenhaver; Tuesday: Kevin Wehmhoefer  
Wednesday: Madeline Lear '17; Thursday: Aric Flemming MDiv I  
Friday: Kevin P. Bryant

## 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](http://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/faith-life-forum)

## 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*

## NEW STUDENT POSITION

MemChurch is hiring! We are looking to hire college students as front desk attendants for the Memorial Church's brand-new lower level including the Student Oasis. Front Desk Attendants will be the first points of contact for students and patrons during evenings and weekends. For more information please reach out to Allison Berger (*allison\_berger@harvard.edu*).

## 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 *wrb.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.

## STAY CONNECTED TO THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

**E-mail:** Join our e-mail list and stay up-to-date with all the happenings in the Memorial Church. To sign up, visit our website at *memorialchurch.harvard.edu*

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## USHERING AND READING SIGN-UP

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 Fourth Sunday in Lent. The preacher will be the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church.

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