CHORAL PRELUDE

from *Jesu, meine Freude*, BWV 227 (1723)  

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

I.
Jesus, my joy,  
My heart's pasture,  
Jesus, my treasure!  
Ah, how long, how long  
Has my heart suffered  
And longed for you!  
God's lamb, my bridegroom,  
Besides You on earth  
Nothing shall be dearer to me.

II.
Now there is nothing damnable in those who are in  
Christ Jesus, who do not walk after the way of the  
flesh, but after the way of the Spirit.

III.
Under your protection  
I am safe from the storms  
Of all enemies.  
Let Satan rage,  
Let the enemy fume,  
Jesus stands with me.  
Whether now it thunders and flashes,  
Whether sin and Hell terrify,  
Jesus will protect me.

X.
Therefore now since the spirit of him who raised  
Jesus from the dead dwells in you, that same  
who raised Christ from the dead will make your  
mortal bodies living, for the sake of his spirit that  
dwells in you.

XI.
Hence, you spirits of sadness,  
For my Master of joy,  
Jesus, comes here.  
For those who love God,  
Even their troubles  
Must be pure sugar.  
Though I endure mockery and shame here already,  
Nevertheless you stay with me even in sorrow,  
Jesus, my joy.

*I., III., and XI. by Johann Franck (1618–1677); II. Romans 8:1; X. Romans 8:11 (Luther Bible)*

*English translation by Pamela Dellal*
INTROIT

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor; Exultemus et in ipso iucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum; Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Where charity and love are, there is God. The love of Christ has made us one; let us rejoice and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God; and love one another in sincerity of heart. Amen.

Antiphon for the Washing of the Feet on Maundy Thursday

SENTENCES FROM SCRIPTURE

INVOCATION

The congregation seated

CONFESSION OF SINS

Please keep a moment of silence after each line.

Minister: Holy and gracious God, our sin is too heavy to bear. Trusting in your mercy, we lay before you the truth of who we are.

We confess our failure to love as Christ loved.

We confess our covetousness and greed.

We confess our weakness in the face of temptation.

We confess our frailty before the challenges of this world.

Merciful God, forgive us. Heal us and make us whole for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN

No. 150, “My Song Is Love Unknown”  
Love Unknown

The congregation standing

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1–14  
Pew Bible, page 54 (OT)
GLORIA  Mass VIII, De Angelis Plainsong

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
Adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
Propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filii Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere nobis.

SECOND LESSON

PRAYERS
To be led by the minister

ANTHEM
Drop, Drop, Slow Tears (1623) Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet
Which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace:

Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
To cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

Phineas Fletcher (1582–1650)
INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

*The congregation standing*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, all holy God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Mass VIII, De Angelis*  

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*The congregation may be seated.*

The minister continues with the Communion prayer.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*The minister says:*

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table, that our eyes may be opened and that we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.
THE GIFT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.
Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Come, for all things are now ready.

AT THE COMMUNION

Communicants will proceed to the table in a single line down the center of the Chapel. Grape juice is in the outer cup and wine is in the inner cup. Gluten free wafers are also available upon request. At the giving of the bread and the cup, the people respond with “Amen.” All are invited to sing the following chant during Communion. After receiving Communion, all are invited to light a vigil candle with assistance from the ushers.

CHANT

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; Where charity and love are found, God is there; Taizé Community, 1978
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: Let us pray:

We thank you, God, that at this table we have touched, we have tasted, and we have heard the signs of your love for us. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world with courage and peace. As we receive these gifts you give us, may we become the gifts that others need, in Jesus's name.

People: Amen.
BLESSING

Minster: I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

People: Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give you.

Minister: By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

CHANT

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.

The congregation is invited to meditate in the Chapel and depart in silence, extinguishing their candles as they leave.

For more information on upcoming services and events, please visit our website at www.memorialchurch.harvard.edu. You can also find us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/memorialchurch) and Twitter (twitter.com/Memorial_Church).