ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 16, 2014
Order of Worship

Prelude
Prelude and Fugue No. 1, Op. 913
“Aria Serena” from Diptych, Op. 1007
Carson P. Cooman ’04 (b. 1982)

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

Call to Worship
Minister: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens.
People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.
Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
People: We feast on the abundance of your house,
Minister: For with you is the fountain of life;
People: In your light we see light.

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 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.

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

Greetings

The Peace
All are invited to join in the singing of Hymn No. 27, verse 1.
AT THE OFFERTORY

He’s Got the Whole World in His Hand  
Spiritual, arr. Margaret Bonds (1913–1972)  
Liv Redpath ’14, soprano

Here an offering is received for the work of the Church within and beyond the University. Ushers will begin the collection from the back of the Church forward.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PSALTER

Psalm 121  
Pew Bible, page 534 (OT)

To be read responsively; the congregation standing

GLORIA PATRI

See Hymn No. 371

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 8:18–9:1  
Pew Bible, pages 668–669 (OT)

ANTHEM

Deep River  
Spiritual, arr. Harry Thacker Burleigh (1866–1949)  
Liv Redpath ’14, soprano

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

John 3:1–10  
Pew Bible, page 81 (NT)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Minister: Let us pray.  
Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
People: For we put our trust in you.  
Minister: In you, Lord, is our hope;  
People: And we shall never hope in vain.

Each time the minister says “Lord, in your mercy,” the congregation will respond with “Hear our prayer.”

THE GRACE

The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.
HYMN
No. 344, “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”  Precious Lord
The congregation standing

SERMON
Good Grief
Text: “Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?”  Jeremiah 8:22

HYMN
No. 336, “Shall We Gather at the River”  Hanson Place
The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Prelude and Fugue No. 9, Op. 1028  Carson P. Cooman '04

The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of Duke Chapel and Associate Professor of the Practice of Homiletics, Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC.

The first lesson is read by Jonah Travis '15, Pforzheimer House. The second lesson is read by Judith Sizer. The service is led by Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church and Ministry Fellow Alanna Copenhaver.

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Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance. Following the service, the congregation is invited to a reception in the Memorial Room.

SPRING RECESS

Due to Spring Recess, there will be no service of Morning Prayers next week. Morning Prayers will resume on Monday, March 24. There will also be no Church School today.

TUESDAY ORGAN RECITAL SERIES: MARCH 25

The Tuesday Organ Recital Series continues next week, featuring James Hicks, a specialist in the performance of Scandinavian organ repertoire. The concert, on Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Church, is free and open to the public.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FOR STUDENTS

Whether you’ve lost a loved one in the past, or you are in the midst of losing someone now, you are invited to attend a bereavement support group at the Memorial Church. The meetings will take place in the Buttrick Room on Tuesdays, April 1, 8, and 15, from 4:30–5:45 p.m. All students are welcome to share in this safe space of connection, contemplation, and conversation. Space is limited to 10 participants. To register, please contact the Reverend Dr. Lucy Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain and Senior Minister, at lucy_forster-smith@harvard.edu or 617-496-3217.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The next Faith & Life Forum will be held on Sunday, March 23 from 9:30–10:30 a.m. in the Pusey Room of the Memorial Church and will feature Professor Karen King, Hollis Professor of Divinity, Harvard Divinity School. The title of her talk is “‘Who do you say I am?’ Reconsidering Jesus and his disciples.” Join us for coffee and conversation starting at 9:00 a.m.

READING THE BIBLE IN ITS WORLD FOR YOUR WORLD

Join Professor Jonathan L. Walton on Wednesday, March 27, from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Pusey Room of the Memorial Church for the fifth session of our year-long Bible study series. Professor Walton will lead a discussion aimed at teaching and facilitating a socio-historical reading of the Bible, using the same exegetical method he employs when preparing his Sunday morning sermons. For more information, please contact our Community Relations Coordinator, Nora Lessersohn, at nora_lessersohn@harvard.edu.

C.P.E. BACH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Friday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m., the Harvard University Choir, Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra, and Grand Harmonie present C.P.E. Bach’s magnificent oratorio Die Israeliten in der Wüste, in celebration of the composer’s 300th anniversary. The concert will be held in the sanctuary and is free and open to the public.
The Chapel Choir of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, UK, will present A Recital of Choir Music, featuring works by J. S. Bach, Pärt, & Whitacre on Saturday, April 5, 8 p.m. in the Memorial Church Sanctuary. For more information about the Chapel Choir of Emmanuel College, please visit www.emma.cam.ac.uk/chapel/choir/.

WILLIAM BELDEN NOBLE LECTURE: JOSHUA DUBOIS
Joshua DuBois, former Special Assistant to President Obama and Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and author of The President’s Devotional, will deliver the 2014 William Belden Noble Lecture on Monday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Church Sanctuary. Additionally, on Sunday, April 6 from 9:30–10:15 a.m., please join us for a special Faith & Life Forum in the main sanctuary. Professor David Gergen, Director of the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard’s Kennedy School, will interview Mr. DuBois. Both events are free and open to the public.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN
The Church School offers Christian education classes for children ages three through twelve. Classes are held in the Buttrick Room during Sunday services, and emphasize biblical themes and scripture. At the conclusion of the worship service, parents are asked to promptly pick their children up in the Buttrick Room. A committed staff of undergraduate teachers work closely with the Church School Coordinator, Brianna Goodlin. Contact Brianna at briannagoodlin@college.harvard.edu for more information.

SUNDAY SERMONS AND MORNING PRAYERS SERVICES ON HARVARD’S ITUNES U
Sunday sermons and weekly Morning Prayers services are available on Harvard’s iTunes U in the “Religion & Spirituality” channel. From your iTunes software, search “Harvard Memorial Church” to listen on your iPod, iPhone, iPad, Mac, or PC.

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NEXT SUNDAY’S SERVICE
Next Sunday is the Third Sunday in Lent. The preacher will be the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of Marsh Chapel, Chaplain to the University, Professor of New Testament and Pastoral Theology, Boston University.

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