

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 22, 2015

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

HYMN

No. 146, “Jesus, Who This Our Lententide”
The congregation standing

Rockingham

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

People: We trust the Lord with our past, present, and future.

Minister: Teach us, Lord, that we may know your ways.

People: Guide our every move, Holy One,
that we may walk in your paths of love and mercy.

Minister: Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

People: Together, let us worship God!

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. 145, “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”
The congregation standing

St. Flavian

GREETINGS

Children now join their teachers in the Church School.

THE PEACE

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

AT THE OFFERTORY

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731

Johann Sebastian Bach

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. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalms 119:9–16

Perw Bible, page 529 (OT)

To be read responsively; the congregation standing

GLORIA PATRI

See Hymn No. 371

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 31:31–34

Perw Bible, page 694 (OT)

ANTHEM

Attende Domine

Plainsong

Attende Domine, et miserere, quia peccavimus tibi.
Ad te Rex summe, omnium Redemptor, oculos nostros sublevamus flentes:
Exaudi, Christe, supplicantum preces.
Dextera Patris, lapis angularis, via salutis, janua caelestis,
Ablue nostri maculas delicti:
Rogamus, Deus, tuam majestatem: auribus sacris gemitus exaudi:
Crimina nostra placidus indulge.
Tibi fatemur crimina admissa: contrito corde pandimus occulta:
Tua, Redemptor, pietas ignoscat.
Innocens captus, nec repugnans ductus; testibus falsis pro impiis damnatus:
Quos redemisti, tu conserva, Christe.

*Hearken, O Lord, have mercy upon us; for we have sinned against thee.
To thee, Redeemer, King of highest heaven, lift we our eyes in grief and deep abasement:
Listen, O Savior, to our supplications.
Head of the Corner, right hand of the Father, way of salvation, gate of life eternal;
Wash thou away the stain of our offences.
Lord, we beseech thee, from thy throne of glory bow down thine ear to hear our cry of sorrow;
Look down in mercy on our sore transgressions.
All our misdoings now we lay before thee, unveil with contrite heart each guilty secret;
Savior, in pity grant us thy forgiveness.
Guiltless, a captive taken unresisting, by false accusers brought to condemnation;
Save, Lord, and help the souls thou hast redeemed.*

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Hebrews 5:5–10

Pew Bible, page 194 (NT)

ANTHEM

Vexilla Regis

Plainsong

Vexilla Regis prodeunt;
fulget Crucis mysterium,
quo carne carnis conditor
suspensus est patibulo.

*Abroad the regal banners fly,
now shines the Cross's mystery:
upon it Life did death endure,
and yet by death did life procure.*

Quo vulneratus insuper
mucrone diro lanceae,
ut nos lavaret crimine,
manavit unda et sanguine.

*Who, wounded with a direful spear,
did purposely to wash us clear
from stain of sin, pour out a flood
of precious water mixed with blood.*

Arbor decora et fulgida,
ornata Regis purpura,
electa digno stipite
tam sancta membra tangere.

*O lovely and refulgent Tree,
adorned with purpled majesty;
cull'd from a worthy stock, to bear
those limbs which sanctified were.*

Beata, cuius brachiis
pretium pendit saeculi:
statera facta corporis,
praedam tulitque tartari.

*Blest Tree, whose happy branches bore
the wealth that did the world restore;
the beam that did that Body weigh
which raised up Hell's expected prey.*

O Crux ave, spes unica,
hoc Passionis tempore!
piis adauge gratiam,
reisque dele crimina.

*Hail Cross, of hopes the most sublime!
Now, in the mournful Passion time;
grant to the just increase of grace,
and every sinner's crimes efface.*

Te, fons salutis Trinitas,
collaudet omnis spiritus:
quos per Crucis mysterium
salvas, fove per saecula. Amen.

*Blest Trinity, salvation's spring
may every soul thy praises sing;
to those thou grantest conquest by
the Holy Cross, rewards supply. Amen.*

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 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.

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. 201, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"
The congregation standing

London New

SERMON

Standing in the Gap

HYMN

No. 196, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
The congregation standing

St. Columbia

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Crucifixion from *Symphonie-Passion, Op. 23*

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 22, 2015

WELCOME

Today is the Fifth Sunday in Lent. The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to Harvard University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church. The service is led by the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Church School Director Westley Conn, Seminarian Omar Rouchon, and Karen-Alexandra Noguees '18. The first lesson is read by David Foster. The second lesson is read by Easley Hamner.

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.

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: MARCH 23–28, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Alanna Copenhaver; Tuesday: Shaun Lim '15; Wednesday: Stephen Coit '71; Thursday: Jordan Sharick MDiv III; Friday: Clayton M. Christensen; Saturday: Joshua Cohen

Following each service of Morning Prayers on Wednesdays, free coffee and snacks will be available at MemCafé from 9:00–10:15 a.m. on the steps of the church across from Widener Library. All are welcome!

CHANGE TO SATURDAY CHURCH HOURS

Due to the growing number of events held at the Memorial Church on the weekends, the church will be unavailable after the Saturday Morning Prayers service ends at 9:00 a.m., effective April 1.

WELCOME TABLE

Want to learn more about the Memorial Church? Stop by the Welcome Table to learn more about our array of events, programs, and ministries. Questions encouraged!

LENTEN CONTEMPLATIVE SPACE

Lent is time for reflection and deepening our relationship with God. Step out of your hectic lives and set aside space and time for prayer, contemplation, and meditation. We invite you to use Appleton Chapel, which will be open every Wednesday during Lent from 3:00–5:00 p.m. You are welcome to take a brief moment or stay an extended time in the chapel to reflect upon your Lenten walk. Resources about Lenten practices will be available to help guide you through this sacred season.

EASTER EGG HUNT

On Easter Day the Church School will be hosting an Easter egg hunt at 9:30 a.m. between our two worship services. The location is TBD. Hope you can join us for the festivities!

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

The Memorial Church's biweekly organ recital series continues on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m., with Jonathan Ortloff, President of Ortloff Organ Company. The concert is free and all are invited.

LEADING LIVES OF JOY AND PURPOSE

Leading Lives of Joy and Purpose is a new weekly Sunday afternoon discussion series for Harvard College students. Students will explore how to lead lives infused with meaning and purpose. Inspired by a corollary to the Golden rule: do unto others the good that others have done unto you, discussions will focus on discovering and developing our individual gifts and talents so that we will ultimately emerge from our college experience prepared to use our gifts in service. The first meeting will be Sunday, March 29 at 4:00 p.m. in the Buttrick Room of the Memorial Church. For more information please contact Karen-Alexandra Noguees '18, knogues@college.harvard.edu.

SUNDAY STUDENT SERVICE

The Memorial Church will begin offering a student lead and coordinated worship service. There will be music, Scripture readings, and a homily (short inspirational message) delivered by Harvard students. The service is designed to help aspiring ministers and worship leaders fortify their craft. Attendees will have the opportunity to offer feedback on their worship service experience. The first service will be Sunday, March 29 at 4:00 p.m. in the Pusey Room. If you would like to give a sermon, lead worship, or help out in anyway please e-mail Julian Nunally '17, juliannunally@college.harvard.edu.

SELMA ANNIVERSARY

2015 marks the 50th anniversary of “Bloody Sunday” and the 1965 Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March. The Memorial Church has several events planned in the coming months to commemorate this important moment in the Civil Rights Movement. We hope that you can attend.

Stanley Nelson, Jr. Film Series & Lecture: We are excited to share the news that our 2015 Noble Lecturer is renowned documentary filmmaker, Stanley Nelson, Jr. In anticipation of the lecture on April 13, the Memorial Church will be hosting a film series of Nelson's work. The second screening will be of *Freedom Riders* on Sunday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. and the third and final screening will be of *Freedom Summer* on Sunday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. Screenings will take place in Boylston Hall, 110 Fong Auditorium. The William Belden Noble Lecture will be held on Monday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Church Sanctuary. President Drew Faust will interview Stanley Nelson, Jr.; selected clips of his work will be shown and discussed.

The Reverend Clark Olsen: Unitarian Universalist minister Clark Olsen will speak at the Faith & Life Forum at 9:30 a.m. and preach at Sunday service at 11:00 a.m. on April 12. Reverend Olsen was one of three white ministers brutally attacked on the sidewalks of Selma by white supremacists. Tragically, one of the ministers, James Reeb, died two days later. But like so many others courageous women and men, Reverend Olsen would let neither hatred nor attempts upon his life silence him.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Morning Prayers Ecumenical Reflections on Holy Week: Monday, March 29 – Saturday, April 4, 8:45–9:00 a.m., Appleton Chapel. Harvard Chaplains from a variety of Christian faiths will reflect upon Lent and Holy Week.

Holy Week Musical Meditation: Tuesday, March 31, 8:00 p.m., The Memorial Church Sanctuary. Heinrich Schütz's *The Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ on the Cross* and Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*. Featuring the Harvard University Choir.

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 8:00 p.m., Appleton Chapel

Good Friday, April 3, 12:00 p.m., The Memorial Church Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 5. 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Both Easter services will be the same; however, you may wish to consider attending the 8:00 a.m. service to more easily find seating and parking. Church School will also be available for both services.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The next Faith & Life Forum will be held on Sunday, March 29 from 9:30–10:30 a.m. in the Pusey Room; coffee and conversation starts at 9:00 a.m. Bill Leonard, James and Marilyn Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies and Professor of Church History at Wake Forest University School of Divinity in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, will give the presentation.

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 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday. The preacher will be the Reverend Dr. Bill Leonard, James and Marilyn Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies and Professor of Church History at Wake Forest University School of Divinity, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

For more information on upcoming services and events:

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