

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Holy Baptism & Holy Communion

Sunday, April 6, 2014

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Passacaglia in C Minor, BWV 582

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

HYMN

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

Rockingham

The congregation standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.
There is one body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God’s call to us.

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 precious children and strengthen us all to be your people in the world, and a blessing to the Earth. Amen.

The congregation seated

THE BAPTISM

Minister: The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents respond:

We present *Marion Jane McKiernan* to receive the sacrament of baptism.

We present *Blake Holden deMarco* to receive the sacrament of baptism.

We present *Jackson Eric Longman* to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Minister: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents: I will with God’s help.

Minister: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the life of God’s grace and love?

Parents & Godparents: I will with God’s help.

Minister: Will you continue to honor your own spiritual journey, as a role model for the child you present?

Parents & Godparents: I will with God’s help.

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

Parents & Godparents: I will with God’s help.

To the congregation:

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

People: We will.
Minister: Let us pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth:
Leader: Open their heart, O God, to your grace and truth.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

BLESSING OF THE WATER

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, O God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the power of God's love, compassion and mercy.

THE BAPTISM

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. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

Minister: Let us Pray:
All: Eternal and loving God, give these precious children 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:
All: 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 the singing of Hymn No. 27, verse 1.

GREETINGS

Children now join their teachers in the Church School.

AT THE OFFERTORY

Be Still, My Soul
Sung by the Chapel Choir of Emmanuel College, Cambridge

Jean Sibelius (1865–1957)

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.

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

I Samuel 28:3-7

Pew Bible, page 252 (OT)

KYRIE from *Missa "Bella Amfitrit' altera"*

Orlande de Lassus (1532-1594)

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 8:6-11

Pew Bible, page 138 (NT)

HYMN

No. 67, "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" (verses 1-3)
The congregation standing

Woodworth

SERMON

Filing Personal Exemptions

Text: "When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. When Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, not by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets. Then Saul said to his servants, 'Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, so that I may go to her and inquire of her.' His servants said to him, 'There is a medium at Endor.'"

I Samuel 28:5-7

HYMN

No. 67, "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" (verses 4-6)
The congregation standing

Woodworth

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper without regard to denomination.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

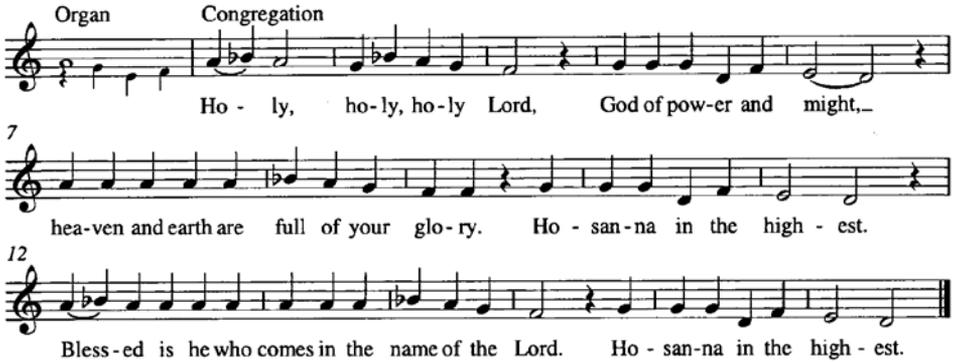
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The minister continues:

It is truly right, good and joyful, to give you thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit, you replenish us and call us to the fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we lift our voices as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Organ Congregation

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, -

7
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

12
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The congregation may be seated.

The minister continues with the Eucharistic prayer:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Albert H. Malotte (1895–1964)

Sung by the choir

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The minister says:

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Holy food for the journey of life.

AT THE COMMUNION

Communicants will proceed to the foot of the chancel steps at the direction of the ushers and will return to their seats by the side aisles. At the giving of the bread and the cup, the people respond with "Amen."

AGNUS DEI from *Missa "Bella Amfitrit' altera"*

Orlande de Lassus

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

MOTET

Ave verum Corpus

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

Ave verum Corpus natum
De Maria Virgine:
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine:
Cujus latus perforatum
Unda fluxit et sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine

*Hail true Body,
Born of the Virgin Mary;
Who truly suffered,
Offered for mankind upon the cross;
Whose side was pierced,
Whence flowed his blood.
Be for us a foretaste
Of our own deaths.*

HYMN

No. 65, “Let Us Break Bread Together”
The congregation standing

Let Us Break Bread

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Apparition de l’Eglise Eternelle
George Lacey, Senior Organ Scholar, Emmanuel College, Cambridge

Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 6, 2014

WELCOME

Today is the Fifth Sunday in Lent, Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. The preacher is Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Harvard University. The service is led by the Reverend Dr. Stephanie Paulsell, Houghton Professor of the Practice of Ministry Studies at Harvard Divinity School and Affiliated Minister; The Reverend Kerry Maloney, Director of Religious and Spiritual Life, Harvard Divinity School and Affiliated Minister; Seminarians David Hysong MDiv II and Adam Vander Tuig MDiv II; and Michael Ball MDiv III, Proctor in Harvard College. Receiving the sacrament of baptism are Marion Jane McKiernan, Blake Holden deMarco, Jackson Eric Longman. The first lesson is read by Eugene Vaio, Kirkland House '14. The second lesson is read by Jasmine Omeke, Kirkland House '14.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance. *Due to the special Faith & Life Forum in the Sanctuary today, there will be no reception in the Memorial Room after the service.*

TOMORROW: WILLIAM BELDEN NOBLE LECTURE

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 tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Church. His lecture is titled "Approaching the Ledge: Why America needs a crisis of faith — and why, in order to save religion, we must be willing to let it die."

Joshua DuBois will explore the idea that we live in a time where faith exists without crisis, a coddled religious environment where God is not trusted to do God-sized things. As a result, some of the most significant social, political, and moral challenges we confront as a nation remain unsolved. Profiling leaders who have embraced deep crises of faith in the past — from the Civil Rights Movement to the present day — Mr. DuBois will plot a crisis-driven way forward that might finally address some of the most intractable problems we face. The lecture is free and open to the public.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Please join us during Holy Week for the following services: Holy Week Musical Meditation – Buxtehude's *Membra Jesu Nostri*, Tuesday, April 15, 8:00 p.m.; Maundy Thursday, April 17, 8:00 p.m.; Good Friday, April 18, 12:00 p.m. *Please note that there will be no Holy Saturday service.*

Easter Sunday is April 20. Due to the popularity of our Easter Sunday service, we will have two Easter services this year — at 8:00 a.m. and at 11:00 a.m. Both 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.

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: APRIL 7–12, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Ann Braude; Tuesday: Teresa Coda MDiv III; Wednesday: Tim Vaverchak; Thursday: Chiwen Bao; Friday: Van Bailey; Saturday: John Oakes

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

TUESDAY ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

The Tuesday Organ Recital Series continues this week, featuring British violin/organ duo Rupert and Rachel Gough. The concert, on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Church, is free and open to the public.

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME RECITAL SERIES

The Thursday Lunchtime Organ Recital Series continues its Spring Term concerts this week on April 10 at 12:15 p.m. Associate University Organist and Choirmaster Christian Lane will perform. These free-admission 30-minute weekly concerts, traditionally held in Adolphus Busch Hall, are instead held this Term at University Lutheran Church, 66 Winthrop Street. Please note the new venue.

MUSIC NOTES

This morning it is a pleasure to welcome the Chapel Choir of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, under the direction of Richard Latham, who sing alongside the Harvard University Choir. The choir gave a marvelous concert in Memorial Church last night, and today marks the final leg of its East-Coast tour.

The *Kyrie and Agnus Dei* are by the prolific Flemish composer Orlande de Lassus, who composed over sixty settings of the mass ordinary. Lassus was a truly cosmopolitan composer: he spent his early life in Italy and Belgium, followed by an appointment as *Maestro di cappella* to the Duke of Bavaria in Munich. The beautiful double-choir *Missa "Bella Amfitrit' altera"* was probably composed around 1580, and is based loosely on a popular song by the same title: the opening phrase of this song appears at the start of each movement.

The offertory anthem is a beautiful setting of Jean Sibelius's famous *Finlandia*; the communion motet is Mozart's exquisite "Ave verum Corpus" — one of the composer's final compositions, it was written for a choir in the spa town of Baden in June 1791.

The *Passacaglia in C Minor* is one of Johann Sebastian Bach's most important works for the organ, and one that stands alone in that composer's oeuvre. Passacaglia form — in which a bass ostinato is subjected to continuous variations — was a popular compositional idiom of the baroque era, and Bach's example soon served as a model for later composers. The eight-bar ostinato appears in the bass for the first eight and last five variations; in the ninth through fifteenth variations it becomes highly ornamented and is frequently concealed. The work is crowned by a double fugue that grows out of the final variation.

A musical prodigy, Olivier Messiaen was admitted to the Paris Conservatory at age eleven, where he studied with Dupré and Dukas. In 1930 he was appointed principal organist of Saint Trinité church in Paris, a position he held until the early 1970s. Messiaen's music incorporates non-traditional scales, non-western rhythms, and techniques intended to suspend the perception of time. The composer's deep spirituality, rooted in his unswerving Catholic faith, is the foundation of all his compositions; today's postlude, "Vision of the Eternal Church," is a slow-moving depiction of a unified church, past, present, and future.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The next Faith & Life Forum will be held on Sunday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m. The Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church, will give the presentation.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Sunday of the Passion or Palm Sunday. The preacher will be the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church.

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