

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 18, 2015

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr', BWV 662

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

HYMN

No. 1, verses 1 & 4, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Old Hundredth

The congregation standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh, thus says the Lord.

All: Send down the fire of your justice.

Minister: Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.

All: Send down the rain of your love.

Minister: Your old shall dream dreams, and your young shall see visions.

All: Send down your Spirit; breathe life in your people.

Minister: I will pour out my spirit.

All: And we shall be people of God.

Inspired by Joel 2:28–29

INVOCATION

CONFESSION

In unison:

Gracious and loving God, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness and complacency toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our indifference to our neighbors in need, and our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire to do what is good, to love what you love, and to do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN

No. 13, "Come, O Come, in Pious Lays"

Salzburg

The congregation standing

GREETINGS

Children now join their teachers in the Church School.

THE PEACE

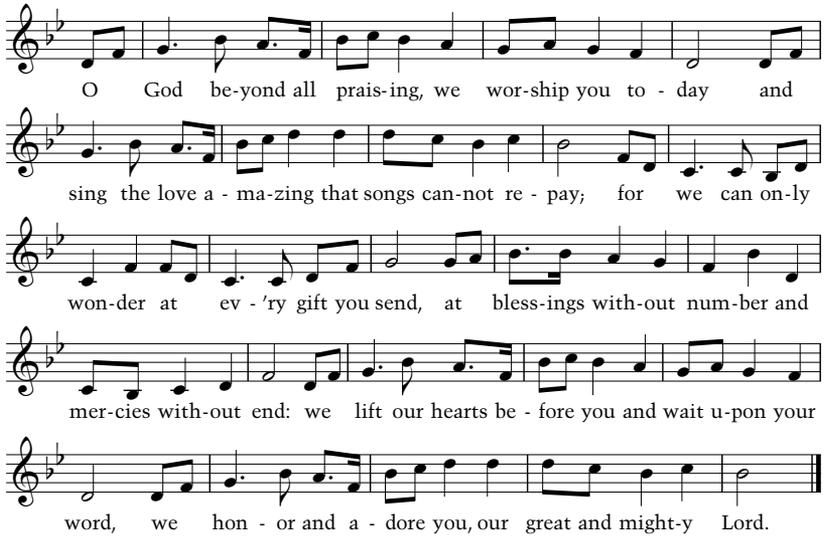
All are invited to join in the singing of Hymn No. 27, verse 1.

AT THE OFFERTORY

Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr', BWV 676

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.



O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day and
sing the love a - ma-zing that songs can-not re - pay; for we can on-ly
won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and
mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait u-pon your
word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1921, alt.

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PSALTER

Psalms 126

Pew Bible, pages 535–536 (OT)

To be read responsively; the congregation standing

GLORIA PATRI

See Hymn No. 371

FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:21–27

Pew Bible, pages 801–802 (OT)

ANTHEM

Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden, BWV 230

Johann Sebastian Bach

Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden, und preiset ihn, alle Völker!
Denn seine Gnade und Wahrheit waltet über uns in Ewigkeit. Alleluja.

*Praise the Lord all ye nations, and praise him all ye people!
For his merciful kindness and truth endureth for ever. Alleluia.*

Psalm 117

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 6:25–33

Pew Bible, pages 5–6 (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 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. 188, "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
The congregation standing

Ellacombe

SERMON

Beyond the Worry of Justice

HYMN

No. 280, "O God, Thou Faithful God"
The congregation standing

O Gott, du frommer Gott

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, BWV 651

Johann Sebastian Bach

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, October 18, 2015

WELCOME

Today is the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Jennifer S. Leath, Assistant Professor of Religion and Social Justice, ILIFF School of Theology, Denver, CO. The service is led by the Reverend Alanna Copenhaver, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church, and Seminarians Adam Vander Tuig MDiv III and Patrick Jackson MDiv II. The first lesson is read by Douglas Maggs '17. The second lesson is read by Caroline Hubbard '17.

Liturgy adapted from *Liturgies Outside* by Katherine Hawker, onliturgyoutside.net; *Six Steps* by Alex S. Leung, sixsteps.org; *Worship Ways* by Christopher Ney and Quentin Chin from the United Church of Christ, ucc.org/worship/worship-ways; *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Shuman, lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com; and *Starters for Sunday* by Scott S. McKenna from the Church of Scotland, churchofscotland.org.uk.

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.

SYRIAN-IRAQI REFUGEE BENEFIT CONCERT

On Friday, October 23 at 8:00 p.m. in the Memorial Church, a benefit concert performed by local musicians will be held for Syrian and Iraqi Refugees. Music from Syria, Lebanon, Turkey, Greece, Western Europe, and the New World will be performed by Blue Heron, Beth Bahia Cohen and Friends, the Boston Camerata, DooZhen Music Academy, Dünya, Les Fleurs des Caraïbes, the Choral Fellows of Harvard University, and others. Admission is free but free will donations are requested. The concert is sponsored by Camerata Mediterranea and the Memorial Church of Harvard University.

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: OCTOBER 19 – 24, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Atul Gawande; Tuesday: Katherine Blaisdell MDiv III; Wednesday: Getzel Davis; Thursday: Silvia Mejia MDiv III; Friday: Adam Vander Tuig MDiv III; Saturday: Alanna Copenhaver

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!

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith & Life Forum seeks to deepen our devotional lives by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency concerning communities of faith. Held every Sunday morning during the Term, the presentations take place in the Pusey Room of the Memorial Church from 9:30–10:30 a.m., but you are invited to gather for coffee and conversation at 9:00 a.m. The next Faith & Life Forum will be held on Sunday, October 25; Helen Kim MDiv '12, PhD Candidate in the Committee on the Study of Religion, GSAS, will give the presentation.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of 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 pick up their children in the Buttrick Room promptly. A committed staff of undergraduate teachers works closely with Church School Director Westley (Wes) Conn. For more information, contact Wes at westley_conn@harvard.edu.

MUSIC NOTES

Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden, BWV 230, was first published in 1821 from a manuscript attributed to “Signor Bach.” A jubilant setting of Psalm 117 — the shortest Psalm in the Bible — in Martin Luther’s German translation, it is written for four voice parts and continuo. The opening text is set in a virtuosic, instrumental way: trumpet-like arpeggios begin in the soprano voice and work their way down to the basses. A new, stepwise subject is heard at the words “und preiset ihn,” which leads into a calmer, homophonic central section depicting God’s steadfast love; an infectious, dancing series of Alleluias brings the motet to its joyful conclusion.

The chorale prelude — a liturgical composition based on an existing melody — figures prominently in Bach’s oeuvre, and his collection of *Leipzig Chorale Preludes* (known as the *Great Eighteen*) shows this compositional form at its zenith. Today’s prelude is a highly embellished work based on the famous melody of the German *Gloria*, (“Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr”) — a more lively setting of the same tune is heard during our offertory. The postlude is based on Luther’s hymn *Veni, sancte spiritus* (“Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott”); the ecstatic, energetic sixteenth-notes in the manuals continue uninterrupted throughout the work, as the pedal declaims the chorale theme in thundering long notes.

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 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to Harvard University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church.

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