

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

from 11 Chorale Preludes, Op. 122 (1869)

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

10. Herzlich tut mich verlangen

11. O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Old Hundredth

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 36 & Isaiah 2

Minister: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep.

Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

Minister: Come, let us set out in the light of the Lord!

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. 13, "Come, O Come, in Pious Lays"

Salzburg

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

THE PEACE & GREETING

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

OFFERTORY

The offering collected goes directly to fund the Memorial Church Grants Committee's recipient organizations and their important work in our local communities. Please donate online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>. There also is the opportunity to share your offering at the end of the service. There will be offering plates in the Narthex where you can place your monetary gift or checks. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Grants Committee."

Give Me (2011)

Carson Cooman 04 (b. 1982)

Sung by the choir

O God, give me a heart that I can pour out in thanksgiving.

Give me life so I can spend it working for the salvation of the world.

Khawaja Abdulla Ansari (1006–1088)

DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all people here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

RECITATION

Quran 10:57

*People, a teaching from your Lord has come to you, a healing for what is in [your] hearts,
and guidance and mercy for the believers.*

ANTHEM

“Unsere Väter hofften auf dich”

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

from Fest- und Gedenksprüche, Op. 109 (1889)

Unsere Väter hofften auf dich;
und da sie hofften, halfst du ihnen aus.
Zu dir schrieen sie und wurden errettet;
sie hofften auf dich und wurden nicht zu Schanden,
Der Herr wird seinem Volk Kraft geben;
der Herr wird sein Volk segnen mit Frieden.

*In thee have our fathers hoped,
they have hoped, and thou hast delivered them.
They cried to thee, and they were saved,
they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.
The Lord will give strength to his people,
the Lord will bless his people with peace.*

after Psalm 22:56 and Psalm 29:1

RECITATION

Quran 59:18–19

*You who believe! Be mindful of God, and let every soul consider carefully what it sends
ahead for tomorrow; be mindful of God, for God is well aware of everything you do. Do
not be like those who forget God, so God causes them to forget their own souls: they are the
rebellious ones.*

ANTHEM

Os justi, WAB 30 (1879)

Anton Bruckner (1824–1896)

Os justi meditabitur sapientiam: et lingua ejus loquetur judicium.

Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius: et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus.

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just.

The law of his God is in his heart: and his feet do not falter.

Psalm 37:31–32

PRAYER HYMN

The congregation remains seated.

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to
see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Following the Lord's Prayer, the Prayer Hymn is repeated.

SERMON

Remembering Our Sacred Teachings and Living Accordingly

HYMN

No. 187, "The Spacious Firmament on High"

Creation

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

CLOSING PRAYER

POSTLUDE

Fantasia super "Komm, heiliger Geist"
BWV 651 (1747–48)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 10, 2021

WELCOME

Today is the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Imam Dr. Khalil Abdur-Rashid, Muslim Chaplain to Harvard University. The worship leaders are the Reverend Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Faculty of Divinity, Harvard University and the Reverend Emmanuel K. Akyeampong, Minister for Worship and Formation in the Memorial Church, Ellen Gurney Professor of History and Professor of African and African American Studies, and Oppenheimer Faculty Director of the Harvard University Center for African Studies. The recitations are provided by Labiba Uddin '25. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir under the direction of Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster and David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

MUSIC NOTES

Harvard graduate Carson Cooman is Composer in Residence at the Memorial Church, which has witnessed the premieres of many of his works. *Give Me* (2011) sets a text by the distinguished early Persian Sufi Khwaja Abdullah Ansari, and is dedicated to the religious writer and commenter Karen Armstrong.

In addition to his work as a composer and pianist, Johannes Brahms was an experienced choral conductor, and an avid collector and editor of early music, most notably that of his German predecessors, Heinrich Schütz and Johann Sebastian Bach. His interest in early music led to a rigorous study of counterpoint and canon—in the form of a weekly exchange of contrapuntal studies with his friend, the violinist Joseph Joachim—the results of which can be discerned in his double-choir, unaccompanied *Fest- und Gedenksprüche* (“Festival and Commemoration Sayings”), written in 1889 when Brahms was made a Freeman of his native city of Hamburg. The first movement takes words from Psalms 22 and 29, and uses antiphonal effects between the two choirs.

For almost a century, the reputation of the Austrian composer Anton Bruckner rested solely on his epic symphonies, but while the composer didn’t tackle symphonic form until he was in his forties, his involvement with church music stems from his childhood. The son of a village schoolmaster and organist, Bruckner was a choirboy in the Augustinian monastery of St. Florian, before assuming the post of cathedral organist in his hometown of Linz. The composer wrote *Os justi* (a setting of words from Psalm 37) in July 1879 for St. Florian’s and its choirmaster Ignaz Trautmüller, an authority on Gregorian Chant. Bruckner’s motet revives one of the old church modes—the Lydian mode—which gives it an archaic soundscape, juxtaposing moments of exquisite polyphony with delicate homophony.

The chorale prelude—a liturgical composition based on an existing hymn melody—figures prominently throughout German organ music. Brahms’s final compositions were a set of eleven chorale preludes in homage to Bach; its final two elegiac movements are heard as this morning’s prelude. The postlude is Bach’s chorale prelude for full organ 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.

MORNING PRAYERS

Our daily service of Morning Prayers takes place at 8:30 am. Monday: No Service, University Holiday; Tuesday: Esther Lawrence ’22; Wednesday: Matthew Ichihashi Potts; Thursday: Calvin Tijuán Jones; Friday: Alden Fossett ’21

CHORAL EVENSONG

On Thursday, October 21 at 5:30 pm, the Harvard University Choir will present a service of choral evensong featuring works of Charles Wood and Edward Bairstow. All are welcome.

CHORAL FELLOWS RECITAL

On Sunday, October 31 at 1:15 pm, the Choral Fellows of the Harvard University Choir will present a recital of works for chorus and piano, including choral cycles by Gwyneth Walker and Alfred V. Fedak. Admission is free and all are welcome.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The wellbeing of our visitors, students, and staff remains our top commitment at the Memorial Church. Harvard University continues to closely monitor the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and it is an ever-changing situation.

We are taking important steps to protect against COVID-19. We are grateful for your assistance helping us to take these precautionary measures to prevent the spread of infection and to prioritize the wellbeing of our community, especially the most vulnerable in our midst.

We ask that all visitors, students, and staff abide by the following:

- All individuals will be masked indoors.
- All individuals/households will attest to the state of their health upon arrival. Individuals will be asked to leave if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and/or exhibiting symptoms with COVID-19.
- All individuals will refrain from public consumption of food and beverage indoors.

Please review the latest guidance for on-campus activity before attending services or other events on campus. Seating with physical distancing is available.

Guidance may be subject to additions and changes based upon the distribution of the disease and local disease dynamics. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this time.

Things are a bit different. Some of the details of our worship life have been altered to accommodate pandemic restrictions. Some of our programming has been adjusted to keep everyone safe. But what we hope you find entirely familiar is the love and openness and welcome with which we hope to fill our church each day.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith & Life Forum of the Memorial Church explores matters of faith and public life. The Forum takes place in the Buttrick Room in the lower level of the Memorial Church from 9:30–10:30 am on Sundays. Each week we explore themes such as love, justice, suffering, and salvation in relation to the world in which we live. We learn from scholars and practitioners of religion, religious intellectuals, writers, activists, and artists whose work captures conceptions of the sacred and wrestles with the mysterious dimensions of life. All are welcome to join. Participants will need to register and attest to their health in order to participate in the weekly forum gatherings. There is both a virtual and in-person component. Please visit our website to learn more.

CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of age three through sixteen. All classes are held during Sunday Services in the Fall and Spring Terms. To participate in the Church School program, parents or guardians need to register their children, and to attest to the state of their children's health weekly. Please visit our website to learn more or email Assistant Minister, Calvin Jones (calvon_jones@harvard.edu), with any questions.

The Rev. Jones and the Church School team are excited to announce the launch of our newly designed MemChurch School digital platform. Our children and families will have access to fun, exciting, and educational episodes, steeped in stories of love and humanity. Take a virtual journey to a digital place where the Bible comes to life. You can find the first episode at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2b9OumFRjMU>

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a way to get more involved with the Memorial Church? Student Deacons might be the answer! Student Deacons is a volunteer, ecumenical Christian program involving both undergraduate and graduate students. Their service involves a ministry of hospitality and welcome during Sunday services and in the wider MemChurch community. If you're looking for a new opportunity for spiritual growth, please contact Student Program Coordinator, Anna Burnham (anna_burnham@harvard.edu), for more information!

AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK

Looking for a space to relax, connect with other students, and grab some good food towards the end of your week? Join Professor Potts, his family, and their dog Suki for weekly After-School Snack at Sparks House, 21 Kirkland St., Thursdays from 4-6 pm. Feel free to drop in and out as you need. Bring a friend!

STUDENT OASIS

The Student Oasis in the lower level of the Memorial Church is a tranquil and relaxing space for study, for meeting friends and fellow students, even cooking a favorite meal in the full-service kitchen. Located in the heart of Harvard Yard, the Oasis is open daily to Harvard students during the academic term. For more information and the hours of operation, visit <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/studentoasis>

LISTEN TO SUNDAY WORSHIP AND MORNING PRAYERS

Sunday services are broadcast on Harvard's radio station, WHRB 95.3 FM in term; a live stream of the service is available at whrb.org. Recordings of Sunday Worship Services and Sunday Sermons are available on our website, memorialchurch.harvard.edu, during the week following the service. Sunday Sermons and Morning Prayers are also available on SoundCloud at <http://bit.ly/sundaysermons> and <http://bit.ly/morningprayers> respectively, and on iTunes—search “Harvard Memorial Church” from your iTunes app.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Faculty of Divinity, Harvard University.

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