

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

First-Year Sunday / The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2023, 11 am

PRELUDE

Fantasia in A

William Byrd (ca. 1540–1623)

HYMN

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

Old Hundredth

The congregation stands and sings

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 36 & Lamentations 3

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: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God’s mercies never come to an end;

People: They are new every morning;
great is God’s faithfulness.

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

GLORIA

from Mass for Four Voices

Sung by the choir

William Byrd

THE PEACE AND GREETINGS

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 15:15–21

Pew Bible, page 676 (OT)

PSALM

Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26 *Confitemini Domino*
Sung by the choir

Chant by David Hurd (b. 1950)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 16:21–28

Pew Bible, page 16 (NT)

HYMN

No. 23, “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
The congregation stands and sings

Hymn to Joy

SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Minister: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind and all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Your offering supports the work of the Memorial Church, especially our ministries to students and to our neighbors in need through the Grants Committee. Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church. You may also donate online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>

Praise Our Lord, All Ye Gentiles
Sung by the choir

William Byrd

DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and sings

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The congregation remains standing

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

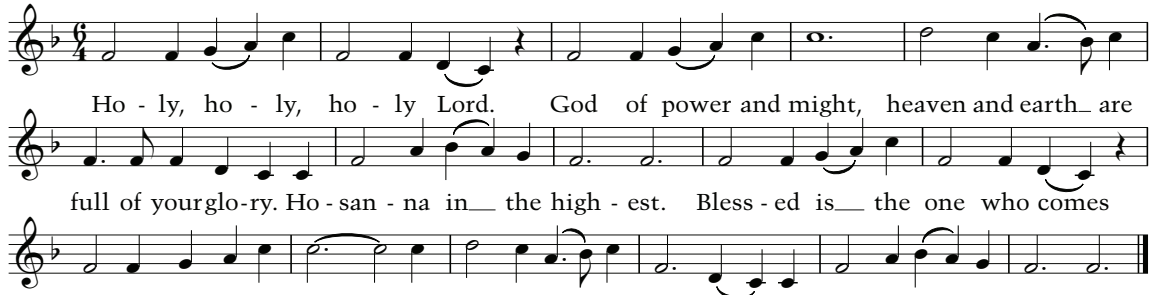
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Minister: ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The congregation remains standing

Minister: ... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

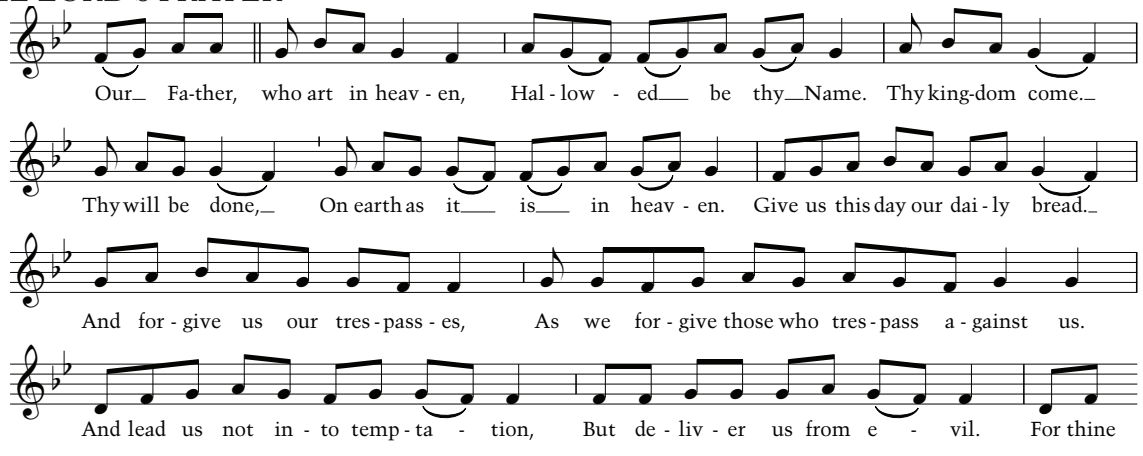
People: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The minister continues

Minister: ... All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People: AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav - en, Hal - low - ed be thy Name. Thy king-dom come.
Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread.
And for - give us our tres - pass - es, As we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.
And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, But de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine
is the king-dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Minister: When the centurion standing there saw how Jesus died, he said:

People: Truly, this is the Son of God.

The congregation sits

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI

from *Mass for Four Voices*

William Byrd

Sung by the choir

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The congregation stands

Minister: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everliving God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN

No. 203, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

St. Denio

The congregation stands and sings.

DISMISSAL

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in C

William Byrd

TODAY'S SERVICE

Additional information about today's service and music notes are available from our website at memorialchurch.harvard.edu/service-and-music-notes or by scanning the following QR code.

