

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening of Term / The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 2023, 11 am

PRELUDE

Suite from “Henry V” (1944)

William Walton (1902–1983)

HYMN

No. 1, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”
The congregation stands and sings

Old Hundredth

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

HYMN

No. 19, “O Praise Ye the Lord! Sing Praise in the Height”
The congregation stands and sings

Laudate Dominum

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

OFFERTORY

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Psalm 149 *Cantate Domino*

Chant by Gerald Knight (1908–1979)

Sung by the choir

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.

FIRST LESSON

Romans 13:8–14

Pew Bible, page 142 (NT)

ANTHEM

I Was Glad When They Said unto Me (1902)

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848–1918)

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.

Psalm 122:1–3, 6–7

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 18:15–20

Pew Bible, page 17 (NT)

ANTHEM

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Eurydice V. Osterman (b. 1950)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Psalm 51:10–13

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

The congregation remains seated



Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts

HYMN

No. 25, "When in Our Music God Is Glorified"

Engelberg

The congregation stands and sings

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G minor, Op. 23, No. 5 (1901, trans. 1923)

*Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873–1943)
transcribed by Gottfried H. Federlein (1883–1952)*

TODAY'S SERVICE

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