

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 2023, 11 am

PRELUDE

“Kyrie”, “Gloria”, and “Agnus Dei” from *Annum per annum* (1980)

Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

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. 33, “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
The congregation stands and sings

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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 145:1–8, 10 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

Walter Parratt (1841–1924)

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

Jonah 3:10–4:11

Pew Bible, page 814 (OT)

ANTHEM

and the swallow (psalm 84) (2017)

Caroline Shaw (b. 1982)

how beloved is your dwelling place, o lord of hosts

my soul yearns, faints, my heart and my flesh cry

the sparrow found a house, and the swallow, her nest, where she may raise her young

they pass through the valley of bakka, they make it a place of springs

the autumn rains also cover it with pools

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 20:1–16

Pew Bible, page 19 (NT)

ANTHEM

again (after ecclesiastes) (2005)

David Lang (b. 1957)

people come and people go

the earth goes on and on

the sun rises, the sun sets

it rushes to where it rises again
the wind blows round, round, and round
it stops, it blows again
all the rivers run to the sea
but the sea is never full
from where the rivers run they run again
these things make me so tired
I can't speak, I can't see, I can't hear
what happened before will happen again
I forgot it all before
I will forget it again

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 Ichibashi Potts

HYMN

No. 298, "O Thou Who Camest from Above"

Hereford

The congregation stands and sings

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Shout for joy...” from *Psalm Sonata No. 1* (2021)

Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

TODAY'S SERVICE

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