

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 2023, 11 am

PRELUDE

Récit de tierce en taille

Nicolas de Grigny (1672–1703)

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. 14, “God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him”
The congregation stands and sings

Abbot’s Leigh

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 19:1–11, 14 *Cæli enarrant*

Stephen Darlington (b. 1952)

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

Isaiah 5:1–7

Pew Bible, page 594 (OT)

ANTHEM

“Magnificat” from *The Great Service*

William Byrd (ca. 1540–1623)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 21:33–46

Pew Bible, page 20 (NT)

SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts

HYMN

No. 247, “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Trentham

The congregation stands and sings

THE EXAMINATION

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The congregation standing.

Minister: Do you believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth?

People: I believe in God our creator.

Minister: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
who healed the sick, welcomed the outcast,
and preached good news to the poor;
who suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died, and was buried;
who descended to the dead;
and on the third day rose again?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son.

Minister: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the Church universal,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Minister: Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,
and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God’s help.

Minister: Will you persevere in resisting all that draws you from God’s love, and whenever
you fail, repent and make amends?

People: I will, with God’s help.

Minister: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God’s help.

Minister: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: I will, with God's help.
Minister: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People: I will, with God's help.
Minister: Let us now pray for these who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

THE PRAYERS

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

HYMN

No. 262, "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
The congregation stands and sings

Westminster Abbey

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in C, BWV 564

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

TODAY'S SERVICE

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