Order of Worship

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 21, 2018
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PRELUDE
“Romance” from Symphony No. 4, Op. 32 (1914)  
Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

HYMN
No. 1, st. 1 & 4, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”  
Old Hundredth
The congregation standing

INVOCATION

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. 37, “Father, We Praise Thee, Now the Night Is Over”  
Christe sanctorum
The congregation standing

GREETING AND THE PEACE
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. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line “Grants Committee.” Ushers will begin collection from the back of the church.

“Höre, Israel” from *Elijah*, Op. 70 (1845–46)  
Höre, Israel, höre des Herren Stimme!
Ach, daß du merkest auf sein Gebot!
Aber wer glaubt unserer Predigt, und
wem wird der Arm des Herr geoffenbart?

Hear ye, Israel; hear what the Lord speaketh:
“Oh, hadst thou heeded my commandments!”
Who hath believed our report:
to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

DOXOLOGY
*Sung by the congregation, standing*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

FIRST LESSON
Jonah 3:1–5, 10  
*Pew Bible, page 814 (OT)*

ANTHEM
“Wirf, mein Herze, wirf dich noch”  
from *Mein Gott, wie lang, ach lange*, BWV 155 (1716)
Wirf, mein Herze, wirf dich noch
in des Höchsten Liebesarme,
daß er deiner sich erbarme.
Lege deiner Sorgen Joch,
und was dich bisher beladen,
auf die Achseln seiner Gnaden.

Throw yourself, my heart, only throw yourself into the loving arms of the highest, so that he might have mercy on you.
Lay the yoke of your cares, and what has burdened you until now, upon the shoulders of his grace.

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
Salomon Franck (1659–1725)
SECOND LESSON
Mark 1:14–20

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

HYMN
No. 3, “Let the Whole Creation Cry”  Llanfair
The congregation standing
OUR MISSION
The Memorial Church of Harvard University is a space of grace in the center of the Yard, rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ. Affectionately known as “MemChurch,” we pursue partnerships within and beyond Harvard, empowering community members to serve the world as well-informed, compassionate, moral citizens. Through worship and ministry outreach, MemChurch aims to promote justice and mercy by confronting life’s challenges, differences, and our own imperfections with courage, empathy, and an ethic of love. By doing so, the Memorial Church seeks to educate minds, expand hearts, and enrich lives.
Today is the Third Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church. The service is led by the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church; and Aric B. Flemming, Jr. MDiv II; Jane Moran MDiv III; and Michael Robinson MDiv III; seminarians in the Memorial Church. The music is provided by Ross Wood, Associate Organist at the Parish of All Saints, Ashmont; and Ketti J. Muschler.

A crying room is available for young children and infants in the lower level of the church. Parents and their children are welcome to use the respite space during worship, complete with an audio broadcast of the service.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance.

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of ages three through fifteen. New this year is our Teen Class. All classes are held during Sunday services in the Fall and Spring Terms. To register or learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website. All families are kindly asked to register their children. Church School will resume for its Spring Term on Sunday, January 28.

For adults in the MemChurch community, the Faith and Life Forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. These programs are held Sunday mornings during the Fall and Spring Terms in the Buttrick Room from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Speakers include scholars, pastors, and other public figures whose work enhances our awareness of the pivotal role religion plays across space and time. The forum will resume for its Spring Term on Sunday, February 4.

Contact Ministry Fellow, Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) for more information about faith formation at MemChurch.
MORNING PRAYERS
The Memorial Church’s weekday services of Morning Prayers will start again for the Spring Term tomorrow.

Monday: Alanna C. Sullivan; Tuesday: Westley P. Conn; Wednesday: TBA
Thursday: Krista Anderson ’19; Friday: Jonathan L. Walton

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 First Sunday of Term. The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church.

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