

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 31, 2021
11 am

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES UPON ENTERING
THE SANCTUARY OF THE MEMORIAL CHURCH.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

PHOENIX Processional (1996)

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Old Hundredth

See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 36 & Isaiah 2

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: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

Minister: Come, let us set out in the light of the Lord!

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. 3, "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

Llanfair

See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

GREETING & THE PEACE

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." Give online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>.

Ar hyd y nos (arr. 2012)

Traditional Welsh

Arranged by Edward Elwyn Jones (b. 1977)

Holl amrantau'r sêr ddywedant
Ar hyd y nos
"Dyma'r ffordd i fro gogoniant,"
Ar hyd y nos.
Golau arall yw tywyllwch
I arddangos gwir brydferthwch
Teulu'r nefoedd mewn tawelwch
Ar hyd y nos.

*All the stars' twinkles say
All through the night
"This is the way to the realm of glory,"
All through the night.
Other light is darkness
To show true beauty
The heavenly family in peace
All through the night.*

O mor siriol, gwena seren
Ar hyd y nos
I oleuo'i chwaer ddaearen
Ar hyd y nos.
Nos yw henaint pan ddaw cystudd
Ond i harddu dyn a'i hwyrdydd
Rhown ein golau gwan i'n gilydd
Ar hyd y nos.

*O, how cheerful smiles the star,
All through the night
To light its earthly sister
All through the night.
Old age is night when affliction comes
But to beautify man in his late days
We'll put our weak light together
All through the night.*

John Ceiriog Hughes (1832–1887)

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

Proverbs 9: 1-6

from the New Revised Standard Version (OT)

ANTHEM

My Guardian Angel (1997)

Judith Weir (b. 1954)

Alleluia.

The Angel that presided o'er my birth
Said, "Little Creature, form'd of Joy & Mirth,
Go Love without the help of anything on earth."

William Blake (1757-1827)

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1: 21-28

from the New Revised Standard Version (NT)

PRAYER HYMN

The congregation remains seated.

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to
see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

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

Toward a Peaceful Dwelling

Text: "Lay aside immaturity, and live and walk in the way of insight."

Proverbs 9:6

HYMN

No. 317, "Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us"

Mannheim

See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare (2016)

Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 31, 2021

WELCOME

Today is the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is the Reverend Rita Powell, Chaplain for the Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard. The service is led by Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School, the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church, and the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. You will also hear the voices of some of the family members and friends with whom we are sheltering and for whose help with the liturgy we are most grateful. The first lesson is read by Aidan Stoddart '21, Student Advisory Board. The second lesson is read by Rosalind Xu PhD '24. The music for this Sunday's service is provided by Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster. The offertory and anthem are taken from archival recordings of the Harvard University Choir. The prelude and postlude this morning were recorded on the organ at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska this past week by David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

MUSIC NOTES

The hymn *Ar Hyd y Nos* ("All Through the Night") sets lyrics by the Welsh poet John Hughes, known by his bardic name "Ceiriog." The music was first notated by the Welsh harpist and composer Edward Jones in his influential *Musical and Poetical Relicks of the Welsh Bards* (1784); this morning's arrangement is by his namesake!

British composer Judith Weir studied with Sir John Tavener and Robin Holloway, and she is currently *Master of the Queen's Music*. From 1995-2000 she was Artistic Director of the Spitalfields Festival, London, for whom her double-choir anthem "My Guardian Angel" was written. In this work, one half of the choir repeats a haunting "Alleluia" refrain, while the other intones a poem of William Blake in chant-like fashion.

Dan Locklair is Composer in Residence and Professor of Music at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. *PHOENIX Processional* comes from a larger composition entitled *PHOENIX Fanfare and Processional* for organ, brass quartet, and percussion. The original *PHOENIX Fanfare* was commissioned in 1979 by Union Theological Seminary in New York City (where Locklair had studied) for the February 1980 reopening and dedication of Union's renovated James Memorial Chapel. Brenda Portman serves as the Resident Organist at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio; her *Fanfare* was written as a companion piece to Dan Locklair's *PHOENIX Processional*.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children ages three through sixteen. All classes are held on Sundays in the Fall and Spring Terms from 10:00–10:45am. To register and learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website.

The Faith and Life Forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. The Forum is held Sunday mornings during the Fall and Spring Terms from 9:30–10:30am. The Forum will continue next Sunday, February 7 with Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School. To participate, please visit the Faith and Life Forum page on our website.

Contact Ministry Fellow, Rev. Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) to learn more about opportunities for faith formation.

WORSHIP

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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher will be Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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para. of Psalm 100
William Kethe, 1561, alt.

OLD HUNDREDTH LM
Genevan Psalter, 1551

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with -
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -
4 For why? The Lord our God is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Stopford A. Brooke, 1881, alt.

LLANFAIR 77 77 with Alleluias

Robert Williams, 1817

harm. John Roberts, 1837

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry,
 2 Praise your ma - ker, hosts a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old,
 4 From the north to south - ern pole,

Glo - ry to our Lord on high!
 Ev - er bright and fair in love; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Raise the an - them man - i - fold;
 Let the might - y cho - rus roll:

Heaven and earth, a - wake and sing,
 Sun and moon, up - lift your voice, Al - le - lu - ia!
 And let child - ren's hap - py hearts,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly one,

unison

"God is good, and there - fore King."
 Night and stars, in God re - joice! Al - le - lu - ia!
 In this wor - ship bear their parts.
 Glo - ry be to God a - lone!

Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

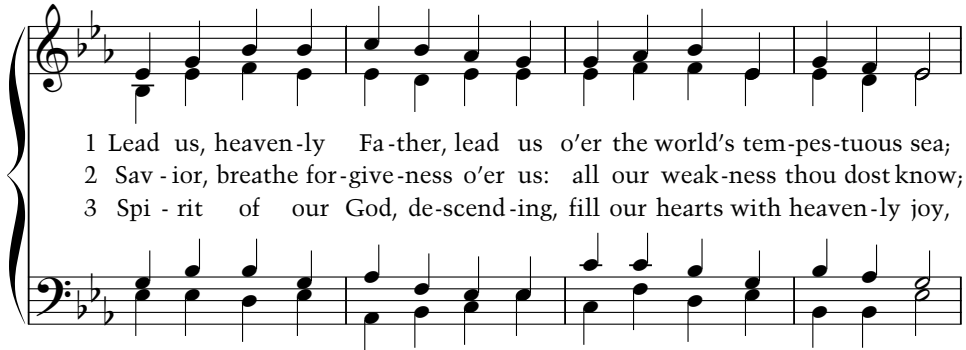
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James Edmeston, 1821

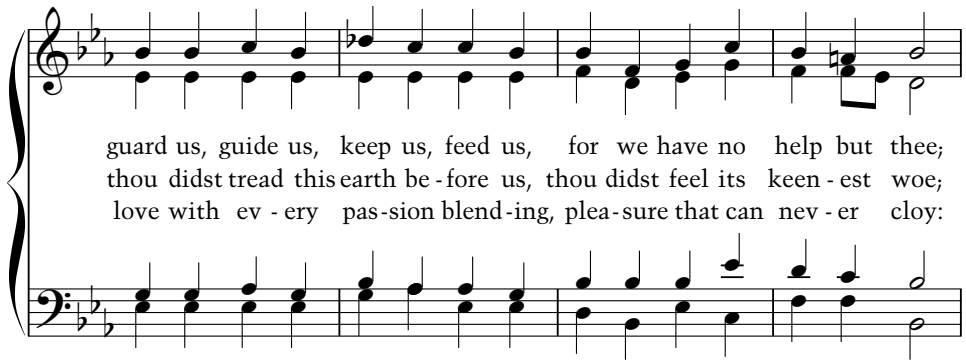
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Friedrich Filitz, 1847

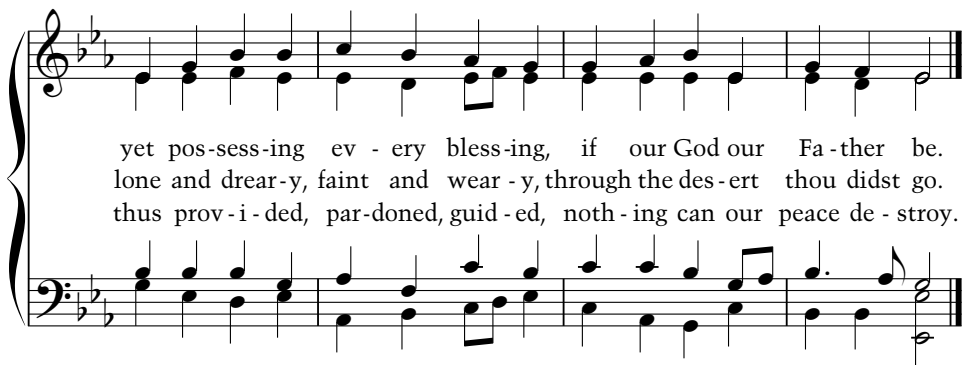
harm. The English Hymnal, 1906



1 Lead us, heaven-ly Fa-ther, lead us o'er the world's tem-pes-tuous sea;
2 Sav-ior, breathe for-give-ness o'er us: all our weak-ness thou dost know;
3 Spi-rit of our God, de-scend-ing, fill our hearts with heaven-ly joy,



guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee;
thou didst tread this earth be-fore us, thou didst feel its keen-est woe;
love with ev-ery pas-sion blend-ing, plea-sure that can nev-er cloy:



yet pos-sess-ing ev-ery bless-ing, if our God our Fa-ther be.
lone and drear-y, faint and wear-y, through the des-ert thou didst go.
thus prov-i-ded, par-doned, guid-ed, noth-ing can our peace de-stroy.