

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The First Sunday of Spring Term
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Communion

Sunday, February 2, 2020

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Lumen ad revelationem (2012)

Wolfram Rehfeldt (b. 1945)

HYMN

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

Old Hundredth

The congregation standing

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. 203, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

St. Denio

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.

Psalm 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?* *Chant by Edward John Hopkins (1818–1901)*
Sung by the choir

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle? or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life, and doeth the thing which is right,
and speaketh the truth from his heart.

He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour,
and hath not slandered his neighbour.

He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes,
and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not,
though it were to his own hindrance.

He that hath not given his money upon usury, nor taken reward against the innocent.
Whoso doeth these things shall never fall.

DOXOLOGY

Sung by the congregation, standing

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host,

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Micah 6:1–8

Pew Bible, page 819 (OT)

ANTHEM

Gloria from *Missa brevis* ("Trottier"), Op. 558 (2004)

Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:1–12

Pew Bible, page 3–4 (NT)

SERMON

Walking Humbly

Order for Holy Communion

All are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper without regard to denomination.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The minister continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, all holy God, creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

The congregation may be seated.

The minister continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Albert H. Malotte (1895–1964)

Sung by the choir

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The minister says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy food for the journey of life. Come now, for all things are ready.

AT THE COMMUNION

Communicants will proceed to the foot of the chancel steps at the direction of the ushers and will return to their seats by the side aisles. Grape juice is in the outer cup and wine is in the inner cup. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. At the giving of the bread and the cup, the people respond with "Amen."

AGNUS DEI from *Missa brevis* ("Trottier")

Carson Cooman '04

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

ANTHEM

Feast after Feast, Op. 990 (2012)

Carson Cooman '04

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

Too soon we rise; we go our several ways;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days
thou still art here with us—our Shield and Sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving us foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Horatius Bonar (1808–1889), alt.

HYMN

No. 65, "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let Us Break Bread

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata-Rondo, Op. 1076 (2004)

Carson Cooman '04

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, February 2, 2020

WELCOME

Today is the First Sunday of the Spring Term and the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church of Harvard University; Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School. The worship leaders are Professor Emmanuel K. Akyeamong, Minister of Formation and Worship in the Memorial Church, Ellen Gurney Professor of History and Professor of African and African American Studies, Oppenheimer Faculty Director of the Harvard University Center for African Studies, the Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church, and Sally Hammel MDiv II, Seminarian in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Grace Killian MDiv III, Seminarian in the Memorial Church. The second lesson is read by KMarie Tejada MDiv III, Seminarian in the Memorial Church. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir, under the direction of David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster, and Carson Cooman, Research Associate in Music and Composer in Residence.

Our “Baby Oasis” 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. Audio from the service streams in the Baby Oasis.

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

MORNING PRAYERS

Monday: Arthur Brooks; Tuesday: Murray Forbes Somerville; Wednesday: Sarah Dryden-Peterson; Thursday: Caroline Light; Friday: Gretchen Legler MDiv II.

FAITH FORMATION

Church school resumes today! The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of age three through sixteen. All classes are held during Sunday services in the Fall and Spring Terms. To register and learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website.

For adults in the MemChurch community, 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 in the Buttrick Room from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Speakers include scholars, pastors, and other public figures whose work enhances our awareness of the pivotal role religion plays across space and time. To learn about upcoming speakers, please visit the Faith & Life Forum page on our website. The Faith and Life Forum continues next Sunday, February 9 with Francis X. Clooney, SJ, Parkman Professor of Divinity, Harvard University. To learn about upcoming speakers, please visit the Faith & Life Forum page on our website.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

On Wednesday, February 5 at 12:15 pm, the Choir of Trinity College, University of Melbourne (Australia) under the direction of Christopher Watson will present a free concert in the sanctuary of the Memorial Church.

THE OFFICE OF COMPLINE

A service of Compline, which combines candlelight, plainsong, polyphony, prayer, scripture, and silence, will be held this Thursday evening, February 6, at 9 pm. Music is provided by the Harvard University Choir under the guest direction of Murray Forbes Somerville.

CHORAL EVENSONG

On Sunday, February 9 at 6 pm, the Harvard University Choir will offer a service of choral evensong, featuring music of Carson Cooman, Herbert Howells, and Amy Beach. The choir will be led by guest director Murray Forbes Somerville.

THE PILGRIMAGE PROJECT

Join us for a new semester of Pilgrimage Project activities! The Pilgrimage Reading Group will meet on Wednesday, February 19, 7:00-8:30 in the Seminar Room to discuss the anonymous 19th-century text, *The Way of a Pilgrim*. We will have a Pilgrimage Movie Night in the Buttrick Room after the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on February 25 with a screening of Emilio Estevez's film, *The Way*. Stay tuned for information on an interior pilgrimage, a student-led pilgrimage to Mt Auburn Cemetery, and a pilgrimage to sacred sites on campus in March and April.

WILLIAM BELDEN NOBLE LECTURES

Mark your calendars for the William Belden Noble Lectures, delivered by the Rev. Raphael G. Warnock, Lead Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, on the theme "Bend the Arc Toward Justice: Challenges of this Moment and the Moral Meaning of America" on March 10 & 11 and April 22. All lectures will be held in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm and are free and open to the public.

MUSIC NOTES

Today's mass setting is by Carson Cooman, Composer in Residence in the Memorial Church. The piece was commissioned in 2004 for the installation of a new rector at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Central Square, Cambridge. Heard this morning are the vibrant, rhythmic "Gloria" and the hushed, chorale-like "Agnus Dei." The organ prelude is by Wolfram Rehfeldt, who was for nearly 40 years the cathedral organist in Rottenburg, Germany. "Lumen ad revelationem" is the plainchant antiphon for Candlemas (the feast of the presentation of Jesus in the temple) which occurs on February 2. The text refers to a line from the "Nunc dimittis" (the Song of Simeon): "And a light for revelation to the gentiles." The postlude, a festive piece by Carson Cooman, was originally written for the Brazilian-Latvian organist Cristiano Rizzotto for a concert tour of South America.

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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong, Minister for Worship and Formation in the Memorial Church; Ellen Gurney Professor of History and Professor of African and African American Studies; Oppenheimer Faculty Director of the Harvard University Center for African Studies.

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