

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Holy Baptism
Holy Communion
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 4, 2018
11 a.m.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Kyrie” from Mass in C major, Op. 169 (1891)

Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

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. 140, “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Salzburg

The congregation standing

THE BAPTISM

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Gracious God, by our Baptism, you welcome us into the household of faith and open the way to new life in this world and the next. Receive this child who is baptized today, and strengthen us all to be your people in the world and a blessing to the Earth.

The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents: We present *Gideon Saxon Reeves* to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Minister: Will you, as the parents of this child, be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We will with God's help.

Minister: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child grow into the life of God's grace and love?

Parents: We will with God's help.

Minister: Will you continue to honor your own spiritual journeys, as role models for the child you present?

Parents: We will with God's help.

Minister: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?

Parents: We will with God's help.

To the congregation:

Minister: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

People: We will.

Minister: Let us pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Litanist: Open his heart, O God, to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Litanist: Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

BLESSING OF THE WATER

Minister: Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. By the same Holy Spirit save them who confess the name of Jesus Christ, that sin may have no power over them. Create new life in all who are baptized that they may rise in Christ. Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was, and is, and shall always be, world without end.
People: Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Minister: Gideon Saxon Reeves, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

Minister: Let us pray.
People: Eternal and loving God, give to this child receiving the Sacrament of Baptism an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.
Minister: Let us welcome the newly baptized.
People: We receive you, with joy, into the household of God, and into the priesthood of all believers.

THE PEACE

All are invited to join in singing of Hymn No. 27, stanza 1.

GREETING

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 front of the church.

Psalm 147:1–7, 12

Chant by George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)

Praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God;
yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem,
and gather together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart,
and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

He telleth the number of the stars,
and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power;
yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

The Lord setteth up the meek,
and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving;
sing praises upon the harp unto our God.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem;
praise thy God, O Sion.

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

Isaiah 40:21–31

Pew Bible, pages 627–628 (OT)

ANTHEM

“Gloria” from Mass in C major, Op. 169

Josef Rheinberger

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
Adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
Propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex cœlestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
Miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
Tu solus Dominus,
Tu solus altissimus Iesu Christe,
Cum Sancto Spiritu:
In gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*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 God, Heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.
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 take away the sin of the world,
Receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
Have mercy on us.
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

Mark 1:29–39

Pew Bible, pages 30–31 (NT)

HYMN

No. 67, st. 1–3, “Just As I Am, without One Plea”

Woodworth

The congregation standing

SERMON

The Inconvenience of Truth, Part II

Text: “In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.”

Mark 1:35

HYMN

No. 67, st. 4–6, “Just As I Am, without One Plea”

The congregation standing

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 sons and daughters, 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 Mass in C major, Op. 169

Josef Rheinberger

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy on us
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

HYMN

No. 65, "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let Us Break Bread

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Finale" from Organ Symphony No. 5, Op. 111 (1878)

Josef Rheinberger

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 4, 2018

WELCOME

Today is the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church. The service is led by the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church; Aric B. Flemming Jr. MDiv II and Michael Robinson MDiv III, Seminarians in the Memorial Church; Karen-Alexandra Nogues '18; and Ben Schafer '19. The first lesson is read by Chrissy Glover GSD '19. The second lesson is read by Michelle Odonkor '18. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir, under the direction of Edward E. Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster; and Thomas M. Sheehan, Associate University Organist and Choirmaster. We especially welcome the Reeves family, whose child receives the sacrament of Baptism today.

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.

FAITH FORMATION

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of age 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.

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 continue next Sunday, February 11 with the Reverend Robert Lee IV.

MUSIC NOTES

Much of today's music was composed by one of the most famous Liechtensteiners of all time, Josef Rheinberger. A prodigy as a child, Rheinberger began composition lessons at age 10. After graduating from the Munich Conservatory, he taught piano and composition there until the dissolution of that institution. Most of his compositions were written while employed at his next post, court conductor to the King of Bavaria. As such, he was also responsible for providing music for the masses in the royal chapel. Also during this time, the Munich Conservatory was reformed, and Rheinberger was made professor of organ and composition; simultaneously he began a project to write organ sonatas in all 24 major and minor keys, a project which he never finished, leaving us with a still very impressive 20 of them completed.

A rather conservative composer, Rheinberger's music shows influences more from composers of previous generations than from his contemporaries. In particular one can hear stylistic reference to Mendelssohn, Schubert, and Bach. The counterpoint is exceptional, and, similarly to his contemporary, Brahms, he makes use of older formal structures such as fugue and sonata form, rather than the more freewheeling thematically linked forms of Wagner or Liszt.

MORNING PRAYERS

Monday: Donna Hakimian; Tuesday: Emelia Attridge

Wednesday: Jonah Chanan Steinberg; Thursday: Vanessa Zoltan MDiv '15

Friday: Michael Robinson MDiv III

CHORAL EVENSONG

This afternoon at 4 p.m., the Harvard University Choir will present a service of choral evensong in Appleton Chapel, featuring works of Hubert Parry, Anthony Piccolo, and Charles Wood. The service will be conducted by Dr. Barry Rose, formerly of Guildford Cathedral; St. Paul's Cathedral, London; and St. Albans Cathedral. All are welcome.

PEACEFUL PIPES ORGAN MUSIC SERIES

This Wednesday, February 7, a program of contemplative and meditative organ music will be offered in Appleton Chapel at 12:15 p.m.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

We are looking for volunteers from within our Memorial Church community to help serve pancakes at our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on February 13th at 6 p.m. in the Student Oasis. This is great opportunity to experience firsthand the great relationships we're continuing to build with our Harvard students and community. We ask that volunteers would arrive at 5 p.m., as dinner will be served from 6–7 p.m., and clean-up will wrap up at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Morgan McNeill at morgan_mcneill@harvard.edu

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

This Wednesday, February 14, Lent begins with the Liturgy of the Day and the Imposition of Ashes, from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. All are invited.

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.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is Transfiguration Sunday. The preacher will be the Reverend Robert W. Lee IV.

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