

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Transfiguration Sunday

Sunday, February 11, 2018
11 a.m.

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

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PRELUDE

“Alléluias sereins d’une âme qui désire le ciel”
from *L’Ascension* (1933–34)

Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)

HYMN

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

Old Hundredth

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. 139, “Jesus, on the Mountain Peak”
The congregation standing

Mowsley

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 front of the church.

Psalm 50:1–6

Deus deorum

Chant by Henry Smart (1813–1879)

The Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken,
and called the world, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.
Out of Sion hath God appeared
in perfect beauty.
Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence;
there shall go before him a consuming fire,
and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.
He shall call the heaven from above,
and the earth, that he may judge his people.
Gather my saints together unto me;
those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.
And the heavens shall declare his righteousness;
for God is judge himself.

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

2 Kings 2:1–12

Pew Bible, page 308 (OT)

ANTHEM

Faire Is the Heaven (1925)

William Henry Harris (1883–1973)

Faire is the heaven, where happy soules have place
In full enjoyment of felicitie,
Whence they doe still behold the glorious face
Of the Divine Eternall Majestie;
Yet farre more faire be those bright Cherubins,
Which all with golden wings are overdight,
And those eternall burning Seraphins,
Which from their faces dart out fiery light;
Yet fairer than they both, and much more bright,

Be th' Angels and Archangels, which attend
On God's owne Person, without rest or end.
These then in faire each other farre excelling,
As to the Highest they approach more neare,
Yet is that Highest farre beyond all telling,
Fairer than all the rest which there appear,
Though all their beauties joynd together were;
How then can mortall tongue hope to expresse
The image of such endless perfectnesse?

Edmund Spenser (1552–1599)

SECOND LESSON

Mark 9:2–9

Pew Bible, page 38 (NT)

PRAYER HYMN

The congregation 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.

ANTHEM

And I Saw a New Heaven (1928)

Edgar Bainton (1880–1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:1–4 (KJV)

SERMON

To Infinity and Beyond

Text: “Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.”

Mark 9:2–4

HYMN

No. 25, “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

Engelberg

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alleluyas (1964)

Simon Preston (b. 1938)

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 11, 2018

WELCOME

Today is Transfiguration Sunday. The preacher is the Reverend Robert Wright Lee, IV, Preacher and Author, Adjunct Faculty, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina. The service is led by Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church; and Aric B. Flemming Jr. MDiv II and Jane Moran MDiv III, Seminarians in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Chanel Williams '18. The second lesson is read by Alden Fossett '21. 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.

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 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.

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 on 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 18, with Sarah Rosenkrantz '14 and Sam Greenberg '14, Co-founders of Y2Y Harvard Square. Contact Ministry Fellow, Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) for more information about faith formation at MemChurch.

MORNING PRAYERS

Monday: Tom Reid; Tuesday: Sydney Montgomery JD '18; Wednesday: Florence Ladd
Thursday: Dudley C. Rose MDiv '83; Friday: Rosemarie Smurzynski MTS '80

MUSIC NOTES

Sir William Harris studied at the Royal College of Music under Charles Wood and Sir Walford Davies; he became Walford Davies's assistant at London's Temple Church before becoming organist of New College, Oxford, in 1919. In 1923 he was appointed Professor of organ and harmony at the Royal College of Music and in 1933 became organist of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, where he remained until 1961. His most famous anthem, the double-choir motet *Faire Is the Heaven*, was written in 1925 for the choir of New College, Oxford and sets words by the English poet Edmund Spenser.

Edgar Bainton was also educated at the Royal College of Music in London, where he was a pupil of Stanford. In 1933, Sir Edward Bairstow awarded him an honorary Doctor of Music degree at Durham University, after which he emigrated to Australia to become the director of the New South Wales Conservatory. *And I Saw a New Heaven* is the composer's most famous choral work—a lyrical and vivid depiction of the well-known text from the Book of Revelation.

A musical prodigy, Olivier Messiaen was admitted to the Paris Conservatory at age eleven, where he studied with Dupré and Dukas. In 1930 he was appointed principal organist of Sainte-Trinité church in Paris, a position he held until the early 1970s. "Alleluias sereins" comes from his organ suite *L'Ascension*, which is based on the orchestral suite of the same name.

Simon Preston held positions at Christ Church, Oxford and at Westminster Abbey before devoting himself completely to the role of concert organist. "Alleluyas" was inspired by a passage from the Liturgy of St. James: "At his feet the six-winged Seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Lord most high," and it provides a fitting conclusion to the church's season after Epiphany, before the Alleluias are buried for Lent.

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 this Tuesday 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 to 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.

TAIZÉ SERVICE

A contemplative Taizé-styled prayer service will be held this Thursday at 9 p.m. in Appleton Chapel for Harvard students and the community. Based on the worship of the ecumenical Christian monastic community in Taizé, France, this service consists of chants, music, candlelight, and meditation.

IN CONVERSATION

The Spiritual and Intellectual Life in Communion and in Tension: featuring Professor Marla Frederick this Tuesday, February 13, 12–1 p.m. in the Common Room, CSWR, 42 Francis Ave., Harvard Divinity School. In this continuing series, faculty members explore their intellectual and spiritual autobiographies with attention to the ways in which they have intersected, cohered, collided, and deepened over the course of their careers. From these presentations and the ensuing conversations, we hope to identify some of the key intellectual, spiritual, and physical practices we all might develop to remain supple and responsive to the urgent moral demands of this world and to the pressing responsibilities of professional and personal life.

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 wbrb.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 the First Sunday in Lent. The preacher will be the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church.

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