

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 17, 2019

11 a.m.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Maestoso” from Sonata in E-flat for Organ

Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

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. 14, “God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him”

Abbot's Leigh

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 front of the church.

Psalm 66:7–9, 12–18

Jubilate Deo

Chant by Walter Alcock (1861–1947)

O praise our God, ye peoples,
and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holdeth our soul in life;
and suffereth not our feet to slip.
For thou, O God, hast proved us;
thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.
I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings, and will pay thee my vows,
which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.
I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams;
I will offer bullocks and goats.
O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God;
and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.
I called unto him with my mouth,
and gave him praises with my tongue.
If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart,
the Lord will not hear me.
But God hath heard me;
and considered the voice of my prayer.
Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer,
nor turned his mercy from me.

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

Jeremiah 17:5–10

Pew Bible, page 678 (OT)

ANTHEM

Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Refuge (1916)

Edward Bairstow

Lord, thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made,
Thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
Lord, what is man, that thou hast such respect unto him?
Or the son of man, that thou so regardest him?
Man is like a thing of nought; his time passeth away like a shadow.
But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever, and thy remembrance throughout all generations.
Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion;
For it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.
Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us;
And for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.
Amen.

Psalms 90:1-2, 144:3-4, 102:12-3, 90:15 (The Great Bible)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 6:17-26

Pew Bible, pages 55-56 (NT)

PRAYER HYMN

Sung by 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

"The Lord Hath Been Mindful of Us"

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

from *Ascribe unto the Lord* (1853)

The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us;
He shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.
He shall bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.
Ye are the blessed of the Lord, you and your children.
Ye are the blessed of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 115:12–15 (The Great Bible, alt.)

SERMON

The Limitations of Blessings

HYMN

No. 226, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hyfrydol

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Fuga" from Duet for Organ

Samuel Wesley (1766–1837)

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 17, 2018

WELCOME

Today is the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church. The worship leaders are Aric B. Flemming Jr. MDiv III and KMarie Tejada MDiv II, Seminarians in the Memorial Church. 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 “Baby Oasis” is available for young children and infants in the lower level of the church. Parents and their children are welcome to use this respite space during worship.

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

MORNING PRAYERS

Monday: No Morning Prayers—President’s Day; Tuesday: KMarie Tejada MDiv II
Wednesday: William Graham PhD ’73; Thursday: Kevin P. Bryant; Friday: TBA

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are dedicated in honor of Garvin J. Williams.

FAITH FORMATION

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 & Life Forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. This program is held Sunday mornings during the Fall and Spring Terms in the Buttrick Room from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. To learn about upcoming speakers, please visit the Faith & Life Forum page on our website. Faith and Life Forum continues next Sunday, February 24 with the Church School Teen Class.

OPPORTUNITIES AT MEMORIAL CHURCH

We are also looking for volunteer student ushers to welcome people to worship on Sunday mornings. If you would like to volunteer or learn more, please contact the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister, at alanna_sullivan@harvard.edu

We're also looking for a Federal Work Study eligible student seeking employment. If interested, apply for our Front Desk Attendant (FDA) position for Saturday afternoons. The FDA, reporting to the Student Program Assistant, will be responsible for providing support to the Memorial Church's Student Oasis and Church Offices. For more information about this position please email our Student Program Assistant, Morgan A. McNeill, at morgan_mcneill@harvard.edu

MUSIC NOTES

Sir Edward Bairstow was appointed organist of York Minster in 1913, a post he held until his death; in addition, he became Professor of Music at Durham University in 1929, where his pupils included Gerald Finzi and Francis Jackson (his successor at the Minster). “Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Refuge” was commissioned for the 263rd Festival of the Sons of the Clergy in 1917, held at St. Paul’s Cathedral, London. Dramatic to the core, the work is full of glorious melodies and colorful harmonies; written in the darkest days of war-torn Britain, its tone is at once hopeful and wistful.

Born into a musical family—his father was the composer Samuel Wesley and his grandfather the Methodist leader and hymn writer Charles Wesley—Samuel Sebastian Wesley was one of the outstanding musicians of nineteenth-century England. He was a chorister at the Chapel Royal, St. James’s Palace, London, and was successively organist of the cathedrals of Hereford, Exeter, Winchester, and Gloucester. His large-scale anthem *Ascribe unto the Lord* ends with the sublime “The Lord Hath Been Mindful of Us” which is excerpted this morning.

Today’s prelude is the last movement of Bairstow’s Organ Sonata. Fugal in compositional form, it is an example of Bairstow’s proclivity for learned counterpoint.

The postlude is the joyous final movement of Samuel Wesley’s Duet for Organ, in which the fugue subject is passed across the entire range of the instrument and between the hands and feet of the two organists.

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 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher will be the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church.

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