

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP



The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 19, 2017

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

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PRELUDE

Echo ad manuale duplex, forte & lene, SSWV 128 (publ. 1624) *Samuel Scheidt (1587–1654)*

HYMN

No. 1, stanzas 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. 22, “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above” *Hanover*

GREETING

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 119:33–40

Legem pone

Chant by George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)

Sung by the choir

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes,
and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;
for therein is my desire.
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,
and not to covetousness.
O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity;
and quicken thou me in thy way.
O stablish thy word in thy servant,
that I may fear thee.
Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of;
for thy judgments are good.
Behold, my delight is in thy commandments;
O quicken me in thy righteousness.

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

Isaiah 58:1–12

Pew Bible, pages 647–648 (OT)

ANTHEM

Praise Our Lord, All Ye Gentiles (publ. 1611)

William Byrd (ca. 1540–1623)

Praise our Lord, all ye Gentiles,
Praise him, all ye people;
Because his mercy is confirmed upon us,
And his truth remaineth for ever. Amen.

Psalm 117

SECOND LESSON

John 13:34–35

Pew Bible, page 94 (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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Following the Lord's Prayer, the Prayer Hymn is repeated.

ANTHEM

Omnes de Saba (publ. 1590)

Orlande de Lassus (1532–1594)

Omnes de Saba venient, aurum et thus deferentes, et laudem Domino anuntiantes. Alleluja.
Reges Tharsis et insulæ munera offerunt, reges Arabum et Saba dona adducent. Alleluja.

*All they from Sheba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and showing forth praise to the Lord. Alleluia.
The kings of Tharsis and the isle offer their gifts, the kings of Arabia and Sheba bring gifts. Alleluia.*

from Isaiah 60:6 and Psalm 72:10

SERMON

Daring to Love at Harvard

Text: “Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.”

John 13:34b

HYMN

No. 14, “God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him”

Abbot’s Leigh

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccatà super “In te, Domine, speravi”, SSWV 138 (publ. 1624)

Samuel Scheidt

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 19, 2017

WELCOME

Today is the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is the Reverend Paul Brandeis Raushenbush; Senior Vice President of Auburn Seminary, Editor of *Auburn Voices*. The service is led by the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church; and Patrick Jackson '92, MDiv III, seminarian in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Chanel Williams GSD '18. The second lesson is read by Eric Wang '19. The testimony before the offering is given by Amanda Sharick. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir, under the direction of Thomas M. Sheehan, Associate University Organist and Choirmaster.

WELCOME TABLE

Want to learn about the Memorial Church? Stop by the Welcome Table to learn more about our array of events, programs, and ministries. Questions are encouraged!

CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of ages three through twelve. Classes are held in the ground level of the Memorial Church during Sunday services and emphasize biblical themes and scripture. The confirmation class will also meet during this time. At the conclusion of the worship service, parents are asked to promptly pick up their children in the Buttrick Room. To register, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website. Contact Church School Director Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) to register for this class, or for more information about Church School programs.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith and Life Forum meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Pusey Room, with coffee service at 9 a.m. The Forum explores matters of faith and public life. This term, we will explore the theme of "Faith & Uncertainty." For the full list of readings and speakers, please visit memorialchurch.harvard.edu/faith-life-forum

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

In light of the recent weather-related closings, the staff of the Memorial Church would like to remind everyone that any and all changes to the worship schedule or opening hours of the church will be posted on the church website: memorialchurch.harvard.edu

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: FEBRUARY 20 – 24, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: No Service—President’s Day; Tuesday: To Be Announced
Wednesday: Lumumba Babushe Seegars ’09; Thursday: Wairimu Mwaura
Friday: Maritza Suyapa Hernandez

MUSIC NOTES

William Byrd was a prolific and versatile composer in virtually all contemporary English genres, and his music could be heard in the great cathedrals, in private chapels, at court, and in domestic amateur music-making. Indeed, the quality of his output even transcended the bitter religious divisions of the time, and his music was admired and performed by Protestants and Roman Catholics alike. “Praise Our Lord, All Ye Gentiles” comes from Byrd’s final collection of published music, *Psalmes, Songs, and Sonnets* (1611). The four brief lines of Psalm 117 are fashioned into a substantial, joyful setting that incorporates a wide range of musical styles, from pure homophony to dense, active six-part imitation.

Omnes de Saba is the gradual sung at the Mass of the Epiphany in the traditional Roman Rite. Taken from the book of Isaiah, it foretells of people coming from far away lands with gifts of gold and frankincense. The psalm verse *Reges Tharsis* is sung at the morning office of Matins on the same day and is very similar, telling of kings coming to bring gifts. These texts, combined in an eight-part setting by the Franco-Flemish composer Orlande de Lassus, remind us of the season after the Epiphany, which stretches until Ash Wednesday a few weeks from now.

The German composer Samuel Scheidt is among the earliest composers of virtuoso keyboard music. With his landmark publication *Tabulatura Nova*, he was one of the first to compose for the organ in an idiomatic way, making use of rapid scales and echo effects, achieved by changing manuals rapidly. This would have been quite uncommon in organ music up until this point and is noted as an important step in the evolution from Renaissance organ music to the early Baroque.

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, and on iTunes—search “Harvard Memorial Church” from your iTunes app.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is Junior Family Weekend and the Last Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church.

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