

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Sunday of the Transfiguration
Junior Family Weekend

February 27, 2022
11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Melody in G minor (1948)

York Bowen (1884–1961)

HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”
The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

Old Hundredth

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. 6, “When the Morning Stars Together”

Everton

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

THE PEACE & GREETING

All are invited to join in the 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. Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line “Grants Committee.” You may also donate online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>

Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14 *Bonum est confiteri*

Chant by John Barnard (b. 1948)

Sung by the choir

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,

and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest;

To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning, and of thy truth in the night season;

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute; upon a loud instrument,

and upon the harp.

For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works;

and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon.

Such as are planted in the house of the Lord,

shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.

They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age, and shall be fat and well-liking;

That they may show how true the Lord my strength is,

and that there is no unrighteousness in him.

DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all people here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 34:29–35

Pew Bible, page 76 (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 Majestic;
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 endlesse perfectnesse?

Edmund Spenser (1552–1599)

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2

Pew Bible, page 158 (NT)

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)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

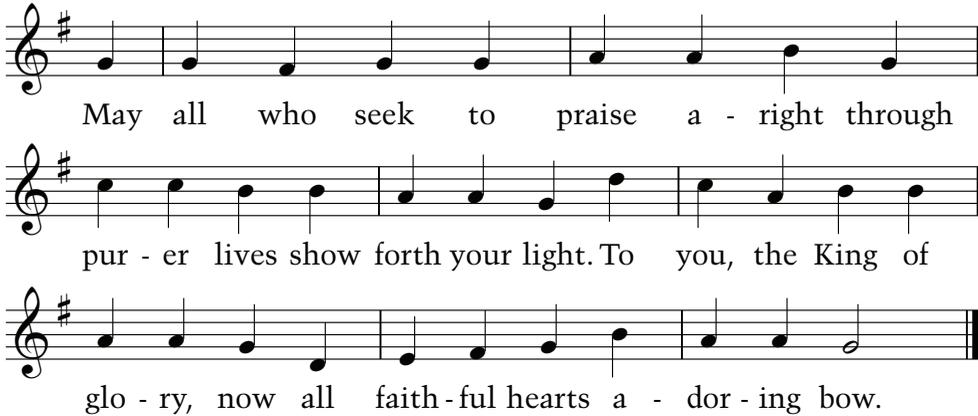
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

The congregation remains seated.



May all who seek to praise a - right through
pur - er lives show forth your light. To you, the King of
glo - ry, now all faith - ful hearts a - dor - ing bow.

SERMON

“The Face Behind the Veil”

HYMN

No. 9, “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Lauda anima

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alleluyas (1964)

Simon Preston (b. 1938)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 27th, 2022

WELCOME

Today is the Sunday of the Transfiguration. The preacher is Rabbi Jonah C. Steinberg, Executive Director and Harvard Chaplain, Harvard Hillel. The worship leaders are the Reverend Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Pusey Minster in the Memorial Church and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Faculty of Divinity; the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration in the Memorial Church; Laurie Sedgwick MDiv III; and Cheynne Boon MDiv II. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir under the direction of Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster and David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

MUSIC NOTES

Sir William Harris studied at the Royal College of Music under Charles Wood and Sir Henry 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 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.

Twentieth-century English composer and concert pianist York Bowen performed regularly at Queen's Hall and Royal Albert Hall. In 1909, he was appointed Professor at the Royal Academy of Music. This morning's prelude, *Melody in G minor*, represents Bowen's distinctive compositional style—a blend of rich Romantic harmonies and textures juxtaposed soaring melodic lines.

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."

MORNING PRAYERS

Our daily service of Morning Prayers takes place at 8:30 am and will return to Appleton Chapel starting Monday, February 24. Monday: Frank Barrett MDiv III; Tuesday: Nicholas Opiyo; Wednesday: Matthew Ichihashi Potts; Thursday: Sarah Lewis '01; Friday: Sharon Rose Chistner MDiv II

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The wellbeing of our visitors, students, and staff remains our top commitment at the Memorial Church. Harvard University continues to closely monitor the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and it is an ever-changing situation.

We are taking important steps to protect against COVID-19. We are grateful for your assistance helping us to take these precautionary measures to prevent the spread of infection and to prioritize the wellbeing of our community, especially the most vulnerable in our midst.

We ask that all visitors, students, and staff abide by the following:

- All individuals will be masked indoors.
- All individuals/households will attest to the state of their health upon arrival. Individuals will be asked to leave if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and/or exhibiting symptoms with COVID-19.
- All individuals will refrain from public consumption of food and beverage indoors.

Please review the latest guidance for on-campus activity before attending services or other events on campus. Seating with physical distancing is available.

Guidance may be subject to additions and changes based upon the distribution of the disease and local disease dynamics. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this time.

Things are a bit different. Some of the details of our worship life have been altered to accommodate pandemic restrictions. Some of our programming has been adjusted to keep everyone safe. But what we hope you find entirely familiar is the love and openness and welcome with which we hope to fill our church each day.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith & Life Forum of the Memorial Church explores matters of faith and public life. The Forum takes place in the Buttrick Room in the lower level of the Memorial Church from 9:30–10:30 am on Sundays. Each week we explore themes such as love, justice, suffering, and salvation in relation to the world in which we live. We learn from scholars and practitioners of religion, religious intellectuals, writers, activists, and artists whose work captures conceptions of the sacred and wrestles with the mysterious dimensions of life. In addition to masking, participants will need to register and attest to their health in order to participate in the weekly forum gatherings. All are welcome to join. Please visit our website to learn more.

CHURCH SCHOOL

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 participate in the Church School program, parents or guardians need to register their children, and to attest to the state of their children's health weekly.

Please visit our website to learn more or email Assistant Minister, Calvon Jones (*calvon_jones@harvard.edu*), with any questions. The Rev. Jones and the Church School team are excited to announce the launch of our newly designed MemChurch School digital platform. Our children and families will have access to fun, exciting, and educational episodes, steeped in stories of love and humanity. Take a virtual journey to a digital place where the Bible comes to life. You can find episodes at: <https://bit.ly/3iUtEWV>

ASH WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday, March 2, is the First Day of Lent. There will be a short service at 12:10 pm that will include the imposition of ashes.

SANCTUARY RE-OPENING

The Memorial Church Sanctuary will be open to the public 9am – 5 pm starting Tuesday, March 1.

BABY OASIS

During Sunday services, 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 this respite space during worship, complete with an audio broadcast of the service.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Our regular student programming has finally launched, and we have an abundance of different offerings. On Tuesdays at 5 pm, the church is hosting its Bible Study for students downstairs in the Oasis. If you want to know more about our student programming, you can find our student program coordinator, Anna Burnham, in the narthex after Sunday service, or contact her for more information at: *anna_burnham@harvard.edu*

AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK

Looking for a space to relax, connect with other students, and grab some good food towards the end of your week? Join Professor Potts, his family, and their dog Suki for weekly After-School Snack at Sparks House, 21 Kirkland St., Thursdays from 4–5:30 pm. Feel free to drop in and out as you need. Bring a friend!

STUDENT OASIS

The Student Oasis in the lower level of the Memorial Church is a tranquil and relaxing space for study, for meeting friends and fellow students, and even cooking a favorite meal in the full-service kitchen. Located in the heart of Harvard Yard, the Oasis is open daily to Harvard students during the academic term. For more information and the hours of operation, visit <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/studentoasis>

LOVE UNITED BLACK FELLOWSHIP

The Memorial Church is happy announce the launch of the Love United Black Fellowship (LUBF), a new ministry that seeks to curate a welcoming space for persons of color in the Harvard community. The fellowship will draw on the traditions and customs of Africa and the African Diaspora to foster theological conversations, engaging activities, spoken word and musical moments, opportunities of fellowship, and worship services that present a sense of “home” on the Harvard campus. The LUBF will launch this new ministry at 3 pm, March 27, in the Sanctuary on the Memorial Church. Come and experience powerful music from the African tradition, a dynamic word, fellowship and food. All are welcome! For more information, please email Assistant Minister, the Rev. Calvon T. Jones at calvon_jones@harvard.edu

JOYS AND CONCERNS

The psalmist writes, “Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.” Prayer reminds us of our relationship to God and one another; it emphasizes our oneness as the Body of Christ. What weighs on your heart? How can we join you in prayer? We invite you to share your joys and concerns so that we may communally uplift them to God in the Prayers of the People during Sunday Services. Please send your prayer requests to the Rev. Alanna Sullivan (alanna_sullivan@harvard.edu).

PASTORAL CARE LINE

The clergy at the Memorial Church have established a pastoral care line if you would like spiritual or pastoral care during a difficult time. Please call or text 617-595-9044 and a clergyperson will follow up with you shortly.

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 First Sunday in Lent. The preacher is the Reverend Brenda Ann Brown, Pastor of the Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church.

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