

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Holy Baptism
The First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 5, 2017

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

Minister: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to 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 person in her life in Christ?

People: We will.

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

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: Send her 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: 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.

BLESSING

The clergy bless the Harvard Vatican Leadership Summit.

THE PEACE

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

GREETING

TESTIMONY

This term community members reflect upon what the Memorial Church means to them.

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 32:1–2, 5–12

Beati, quorum

Plainsong Tone III

Sung by the choir

Antiphon: Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin.

Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven,
and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin,
and in whose spirit there is no guile.

I acknowledged my sin unto thee;
and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.
I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord;
and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.
For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee,
in a time when thou mayest be found;
surely the great water-floods shall not come nigh him.
Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from trouble;
thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.
I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go;
and I will guide thee with mine eye.
Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding;
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, else they will not obey thee.
Great plagues remain for the ungodly;
but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.
Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

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

Genesis 2:15–17, 3:1–7

Pew Bible, page 2 (OT)

KYRIE

from *The Office of the Holy Communion (Collegium Regale)* (1956) *Herbert Howells* (1892–1983)

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 4:1–11

Pew Bible, page 3 (NT)

HYMN

The congregation standing

No. 141, st. 1–3, “The Glory of These Forty Days”

Erhalt uns, Herr

SERMON

Be Careful What You Ask For

Text: “Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.”

Genesis 3:7

HYMN

No. 141, st. 4–5, “The Glory of These Forty Days”

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.

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 *The Office of the Holy Communion (Collegium Regale)* *Herbert Howells*

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.

ANTHEM

Turn Thy Face from My Sins *Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)*

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Psalm 51:9–11 (The Great Bible)

HYMN

No. 65, “Let Us Break Bread Together” *Let Us Break Bread*
The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671 (ca. 1735) *Johann Sebastian Bach*

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, March 5, 2017

WELCOME

Today is the First Sunday in Lent. 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 Flemming MDiv I, Jane Moran MDiv II, and David Price MDiv III, seminarians in the Memorial Church; and Karen-Alexandra Noguees '18. The first lesson is read by David Price MDiv III. The second lesson is read by Francesca Noelette '19. The testimony is given 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. Today we especially welcome the Akin family, whose child receives the sacrament of Baptism. We also extend a warm welcome to the members of the Harvard Vatican Leadership Summit, who are joining us for worship today.

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

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.

NEW STUDENT POSITION

MemChurch is hiring! We are looking to hire college students as front desk attendants for the Memorial Church's brand-new lower level including the Student Oasis. Front Desk Attendants will be the first points of contact for students and patrons during evenings and weekends. For more information please reach out to Allison Berger (allison_berger@harvard.edu).

REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Please remember to set your clocks ahead by one hour on Saturday night, March 11.

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

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: MARCH 6 – 10, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Caroline Light; Tuesday: Soha H. Bayoumi; Wednesday: David Price MDiv III
Thursday: Katie Gibson; Friday: Bo Choi '17

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

In the event of inclement weather, any and all changes to the worship schedule or opening hours of the church will be posted on the church website: memorialchurch.harvard.edu

REOPENING CONCERT

A concert of choral cycles and organ concerti by American composers Howard Hanson; Chris DeBlasio; Alfred V. Fedak; and Carson P. Cooman '04, composer in residence in the Memorial Church, will be held this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the Memorial Church Sanctuary. Admission is free. The concert will feature the University Choir and orchestra.

MUSIC NOTES

Herbert Howells was born in Gloucestershire, England, and studied with Charles Stanford and Charles Wood at the Royal College of Music. He was the most important English composer of the generation to succeed Elgar, Vaughan Williams, and Holst, and his contribution to the renaissance of English choral music in the twentieth century is unparalleled. In 1941 Howells was appointed Acting Organist of St. John's College, Cambridge, and in 1943 he composed his famous morning and evening Canticles for King's College, Cambridge (the *Collegium Regale* service). In 1956 Howells revisited the themes of this now-classic work in his Holy Communion service which once again displays the composer's natural aptitude for counterpoint, and his flair for sheer beauty of vocal harmony; this morning the Harvard University Choir presents the elegiac *Kyrie* and the haunting *Agnus Dei*.

Thomas Attwood was a chorister at the Chapel Royal and subsequently studied with Mozart in Vienna; *Turn Thy Face from My Sins* is a setting of words from Psalm 51, appropriate for the beginning of the Lenten journey.

Today's organ music comes from Bach's monumental keyboard study (or *Clavierübung*), the third part of which is devoted to organ music. Each setting utilizes a plainsong melody adapted from an early Lutheran hymnbook; the poignant *Kyrie* presents the theme in the treble voice, while the elegant *Christe* utilizes the sonorous tenor register. The postlude,

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, is written in a deliberately archaic style—one that Bach often refers to in his large-scale liturgical settings—in which the melody is heard in long notes in the pedals.

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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USHERING AND READING SIGN-UP

Ushers and lesson readers play a vital role in worship services for the Memorial Church. If you are interested in ushering or reading, please add your name and e-mail to the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table. We would love to have you join us!

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday in Lent. The preacher will be Westley Conn MDiv III, Church School Director, The Memorial Church.

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