

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022

11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit, BWV 669
Christe, aller Welt Trost, BWV 670

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN IN PROCESSION

No. 146, "Jesus, Who This Our Lententide"
The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

Rockingham

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 130 & Isaiah 2

Minister: Out of the depths we cry to you, O God.
God, hear our voice!

People: Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of our supplications!

Minister: If you should mark iniquities, O God,
who of us could stand?

People: But there is forgiveness with you;
and plenteous redemption.

Minister: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in God's word I hope.

People: My soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

Minister: Come, let us set out in the light of the Lord.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

HYMN

No. 143, “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Aus der Tiefe

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

FIRST LESSON

Daniel 5:1–23

Pew Bible, page 780 (OT)

ANTHEM

Adoramus te, Christe

Claudio Monteverdi (1567–1643)

Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi,
quia per sanguinem tuum pretiosum redemisti mundum; miserere nobis.

*We adore you, Christ, and worship you,
because by your precious blood you have redeemed the world; have mercy upon us.*

Book of Hours

SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:8–13

Pew Bible, page 140 (NT)

ANTHEM

Sicut cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (ca. 1525–1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat at fontes aquarum:
Ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

*Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks,
So longeth my soul after thee, O God.*

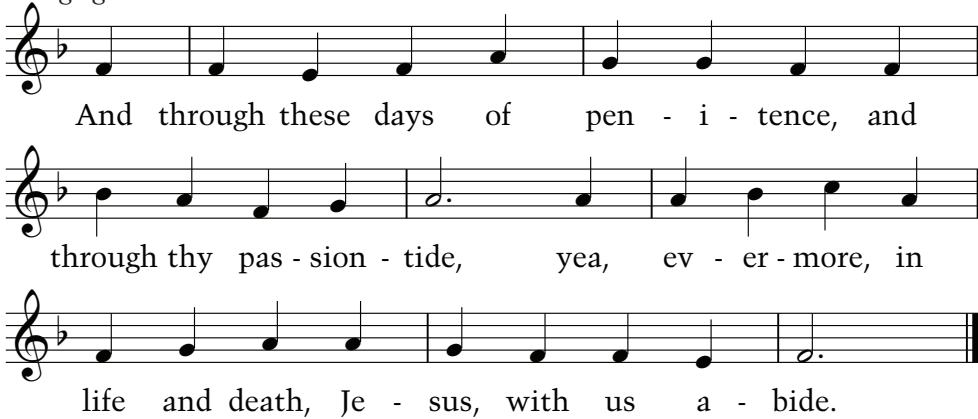
Psalms 42:1 (Roman Psalter)

SERMON

“He will be in the midst”

RESPONSE

The congregation remains seated.



And through these days of pen - i - tence, and
through thy pas - sion - tide, yea, ev - er - more, in
life and death, Je - sus, with us a - bide.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE PEACE & GREETING

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

OFFERTORY

The offering collected today goes directly to fund Project Manna, an outreach ministry of Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church in Cambridge. Project Manna offers nutritional assistance to enhance the quality of life and decrease the incidence of hunger for low-income families and individuals. Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Project Manna." You may also donate online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 *Qui habitat*

Tone IV.4

Sung by the choir

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High,
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold;
my God, in him will I trust..

For thou, Lord, art my hope; thou hast set thine house of defence very high.
There shall no evil happen unto thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands, that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder:

the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him;

I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him; yea, I am with him in trouble;

I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

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.

THE RITE OF EUCHARISTIC FASTING

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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

The congregation remains masked while singing.



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

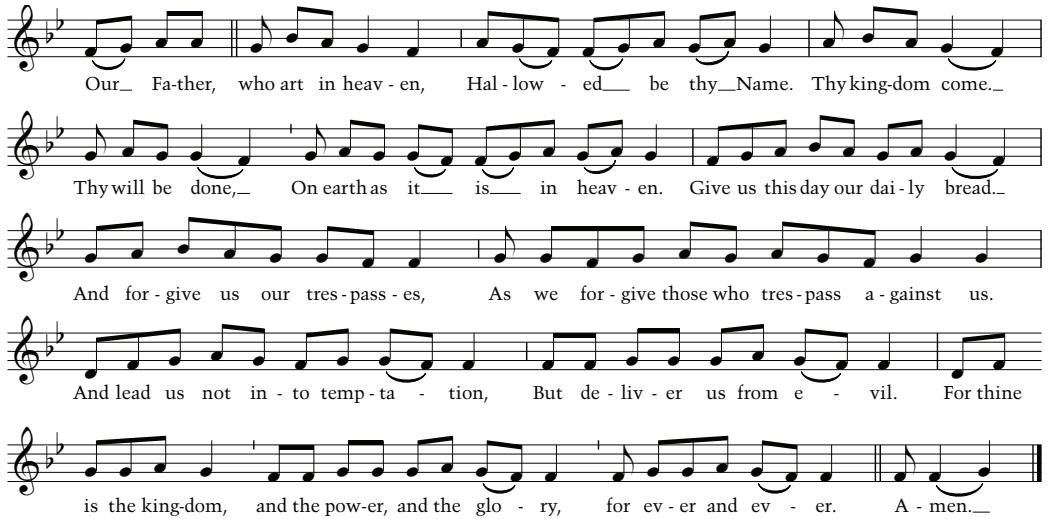


Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

The minister continues in prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The congregation remains masked while singing.



Our_ Fa-ther, who art in heav - en, Hal - low - ed__ be thy__Name. Thy king-dom come...
Thy will be done, On earth as it__ is__ in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread...
And for - give us our tres - pass - es, As we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.
And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, But de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine
is the king-dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men...

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

No. 65, "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let Us Break Bread

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in G major

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 6, 2022

WELCOME

Today is the First Sunday in Lent. The preacher is the Rev. Brenda Ann Brown, Pastor of the Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church. The worship leaders are the Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Faculty of Divinity; the Rev. Calvon T. Jones, Assistant Minister in the Memorial Church; Laurie Sedgwick MDiv III; and Cheyenne Boon MDiv II. The first lesson is read by Jack Corcoran '25 and the second lesson by Alex Grayson '22. 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

The most important composer of late sixteenth- and early seventeenth-century Italy, Claudio Monteverdi composed sacred music throughout his long career, which culminated in his appointment as *Maestro di Cappella* of St. Mark's, Venice. The six-voice motet *Adoramus te, Christe* was one of Monteverdi's contributions to Bianchi's 1620 book of motets; it demonstrates the composer's complete mastery of text setting, alternating sections of declamatory block chords with a lighter, madrigalian texture.

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's is one of the towering figures in Renaissance music. Although born in the nearby town of Palestrina, he spent his whole life in Rome: after training as a chorister in S. Maria Maggiore, he was appointed *Magister Cappellæ* of the Cappella Giulia, the choir of St. Peter's Basilica. The beautiful motet *Sicut cervus* is one of the composer's most famous works, and is often held up as a model of Renaissance imitative polyphony.

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

Nicolaus Bruhns is widely recognized as having written some of the finest works of the 17th-century North German organ tradition. Characterized by sudden changes of mood and character, the *Praeludium in G* explores a series of motifs followed by two fugues. The first of these fugues includes complex writing for double pedal; the second fugue is cast in triple time and gives way to thick harmonic textures and a majestic finish.

MORNING PRAYERS

Our daily service of Morning Prayers takes place at 8:30 am and has returned to Appleton Chapel. Monday: Karen King; Tuesday: jessica young chang MDiv III; Wednesday: Matthew Ichihashi Potts; Thursday: Joan Najita; Friday: John Camardella MRPL '22

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>

SANCTUARY RE-OPENING

The Memorial Church Sanctuary is now open to the public 9 am–5 pm.

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 to 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 of 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. Calvin 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 clergy person 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 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 the Second Sunday in Lent. The preacher is the Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Faculty of Divinity, Harvard University.

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