

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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The Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

11 am

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

Reverie

*William Grant Still (1895–1976)*

## HYMN IN PROCESSION

No. 146, “Jesus, Who This Our Lententide”

*Rockingham*

*The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.*

## 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.

## 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. 45, "Heaven and Earth, and Sea and Air"

*Gott sei Dank*

*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>*

"The Swan" from *The Carnival of the Animals* (1886)

*Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921)*

## 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

Philippians 3:17–4:1

*Perw Bible, page 175 (OT)*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

Träumerei, Op. 15, No. 7 (1838)

*Robert Schumann (1810–1856)*

## SECOND LESSON

Luke 13:31–35

*Pew Bible, page 66 (NT)*

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*In unison:*

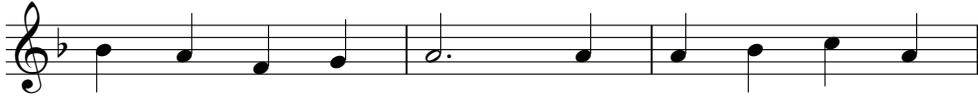
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## PRAYER RESPONSE

*The congregation remains seated.*



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.

## SERMON

## HYMN

No. 142, "Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church"

*Old 124th*

*The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Elegy

*William Grant Still*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 13th, 2022

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## WELCOME

Today is the Second Sunday in Lent. The preacher is the Reverend Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Pusey Minster in the Memorial Church and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Faculty of Divinity. The worship leaders are the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration in the Memorial Church; the Reverend Calvin T. Jones, Assistant Minister in the Memorial Church; and Laurie Sedgwick MDiv III. The first lesson is read by Maisie Luo and the second lesson by Courtney Goodwin. The music is provided by Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster and David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

## MUSIC NOTES

“The Swan” (Le cygne), is from *The Carnival of the Animals*, a fourteen-movement musical menagerie by French romantic composer Camille Saint-Saëns. Originally scored for two pianos and cello, this morning’s offertory is a transcription for violin and piano. The melody evokes imagery of a swan elegantly gliding over water amidst rippling sixteenth-note arpeggiations (indicative of the swan’s feet, hidden from view beneath the water, propelling it along).

One of Robert Schumann’s most beloved pieces, *Träumerei* (Dreaming) is taken from the composer’s collection *Kinderszenen* (Scenes from Childhood). An introspective miniature, the work is, nevertheless, full of large emotional phrases; it is heard this morning in an arrangement for violin and piano.

William Grant Still was known during his life as the “Dean of Afro-American Composers,” and his career included various firsts: the first American composer to have an opera produced by New York City Opera, the first African American to conduct a major American symphony orchestra, and the first to have a symphony performed by one. His output of more than 200 works encompassed numerous genres, including nine major operas, nearly all written to libretti by his wife Verna Arvey. He wrote only two solo works for organ, which form today’s prelude and postlude.

## MORNING PRAYERS

Our daily service of Morning Prayers takes place at 8:30 am and have returned to Appleton Chapel. There will be no Morning Prayers this week; the university will be on Spring Break.

## COVID-19 GUIDELINES

On March 7, Harvard University leadership announced that: “In conjunction with the updated masking guidance from the Cities of Cambridge and Boston, and the CDC, the University will update its indoor masking guidance...effective March 14, with limited exceptions, face coverings on campus will be optional in all indoor spaces on Harvard’s campuses.”

Indoor masking will be optional for worship at the Memorial Church beginning Sunday, March 20. We recognize that some community members may have concerns about this update. You are most welcome to continue wearing a mask for your own protection, or to protect individuals close to you.

The University continues to closely monitor the public health conditions in the area regarding COVID-19.

We appreciate your assistance and patience this academic year in helping us to take extra precautionary measures to prevent the spread of infection and to prioritize the wellbeing of our community. Thank you for your cooperation and support of the ministries of the Memorial Church.

As we say each Sunday, no matter who you are, no matter where you are, no matter what you believe, no matter who you love, you are welcome here and we are here for you.

## 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, Calvin 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>

## 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 weekly student programming opportunities are in full swing! Join us on Tuesdays from 5–6 pm for our Queer-Affirming Bible study for students downstairs in the Oasis. Whether you are brand new to the Bible or looking to experience it in a new way, you are welcome! On Wednesday evenings at 8 pm, we gather for a candlelit communion service for students (colloquially known as “Milkshake Mass”), followed by milkshakes down in the kitchen. If you want to learn more, feel free to reach out to our Student Program Coordinator, Anna Burnham, at [anna\\_burnham@harvard.edu](mailto:anna_burnham@harvard.edu), or find her in the narthex after service.

## 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](mailto:calvon_jones@harvard.edu)

## BAPTISM

We are blessed to announce that the Sacrament of Holy Baptism will take place on Children’s Sunday, May 1. If you would like to have your child baptized or are interested in learning more about baptisms in general please email the Rev. Calvin Jones ([calvon\\_jones@harvard.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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 [wrb.org](http://wrb.org). Recordings of Sunday Worship Services and Sunday Sermons are available on our website, [memorialchurch.harvard.edu](http://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 Third Sunday in Lent. The preacher is the Reverend Kevin P. Bryant, Affiliated Minister in the Memorial Church, Harvard Chaplain.

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