

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich, BWV 745

Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach (1714-1788)

HYMN

No. 146, "Jesus, Who This Our Lententide"

Rockingham

See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

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. 143, “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Aus der Tiefe

See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

GREETING & THE PEACE

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.” Give online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>.

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (publ. 1996)

*African American Spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus.

DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and sings.

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

Genesis 15: 1–7

from the New Revised Standard Version (OT)

ANTHEM

We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace (arr. 2001)

*A. L. Hatter
arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)*

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

For Jesus himself will be our leader.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We will meet our loved ones there.

There will be no trials there.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4: 16–18

from the New Revised Standard Version (NT)

PRAYER HYMN

The congregation remains 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

SERMON

It's Not Over and God's Not Done

HYMN

No. 341, "In Christ There Is No East or West"

McKee

See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß, BWV 622

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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 14, 2021

WELCOME

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Lent. The preacher is the Reverend Ray Hammond '71, M.D. '75, A.M. '84, the founder and pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston and co-founder of Ten Point Coalition. The service is led by Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School; the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church; and the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. You will also hear the voices of some of the family members and friends with whom we are sheltering and for whose help with the liturgy we are most grateful. The first lesson is read by Lauren Church '21, Student Deacon, Student Advisory Board. The second lesson is read by Jeromel Dela Rosa Lara '23, Student Deacon, Student Advisory Board. The music for this Sunday's service is provided by Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster. The offertory and anthem are taken from archival recordings of the Harvard University Choir. The prelude and postlude this morning were recorded on the organ at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska this past week by David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

MUSIC NOTES

Moses Hogan was a gifted concert pianist, conductor, and founder of the Moses Hogan Chorale; he died at a tragically young age in 2003. He is most widely remembered for his contemporary settings of spirituals: "We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace" and "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" are two of his most powerful arrangements.

Of all of Johann Sebastian Bach's sons, Carl Philipp Emanuel was the most renowned during his lifetime. Godson of Georg Philipp Telemann, he studied law at the University of Leipzig, while at the same time assisting his father musically. In 1738, the Prussian crown prince Frederick offered Emanuel a post as harpsichordist to the royal chamber. "Aus der Tiefe rufe ich" (Out of the depths I call, Lord, to you) bears the J. S. Bach catalog number of BWV 745 because it was historically attributed to Johann Sebastian, but it is now believed to have been written by Emanuel. Based on the 16th century Passion hymn, "O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross" (O man, bewail thy sin so great), BWV 622 comes from J. S. Bach's *Orgelbüchlein* collection, a set of 46 organ chorale preludes for the different liturgical seasons of the church year.

INSTAGRAM LIVE

Join us on Instagram Live for a brief reflection on a spiritual practice on Thursdays at 7:00pm! Be sure to follow us @memchurch!

PRACTICING HOPE READING GROUP

You are warmly invited to join the Practicing Hope Book Group, which meets monthly, on Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00pm. The group will conclude on April 14 with a closing conversation. To register, please visit the Calendar on our website.

DAILY NEWSLETTER

In our daily newsletter we share the meditations, music, spiritual practices, and prayers of our far-flung community. This is also the way to receive the most up-to-date information about the communal and worship life of the Memorial Church. If you would like to receive our newsletter, please subscribe on our website.

MEMCAFÉ

Held virtually on Wednesday mornings from 9:30–10:15am from February 3 to April 28. Sit down at your computer or mobile device with your morning coffee and gather with us over Zoom. Each week as we check in with one another, we invite you to share a 1-2 sentence quote that has been grounding for you. Everyone is welcome! To register, please visit the Calendar on our website.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children ages three through sixteen. All classes are held on Sundays in the Fall and Spring Terms from 10:00–10:45am. To register and learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website.

The Faith and Life Forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. The Forum is held Sunday mornings during the Fall and Spring Terms from 9:30–10:30am. The Forum will continue next Sunday, March 21 with the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church. To participate, please visit the Faith and Life Forum page on our website.

Contact Ministry Fellow, Rev. Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) to learn more about opportunities for faith formation.

WORSHIP

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 Fifth Sunday in Lent. The preacher will be the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church.

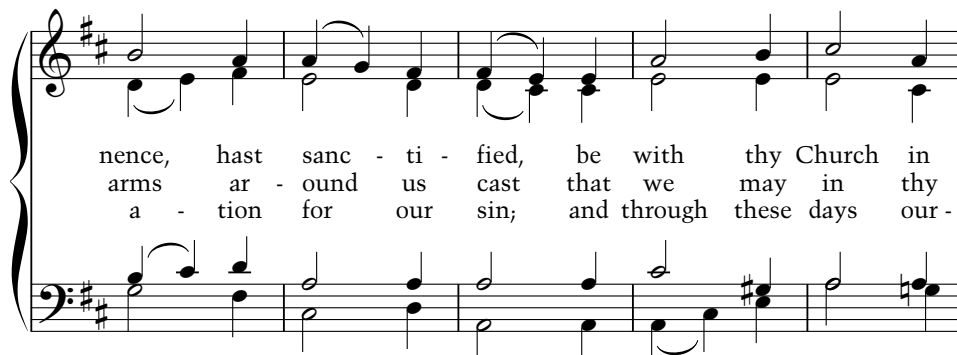
Jesus, Who This Our Lententide

Jesu quadragenariae
 Latin, 10th cent.
 trans. Walter Howard Frere, 1932

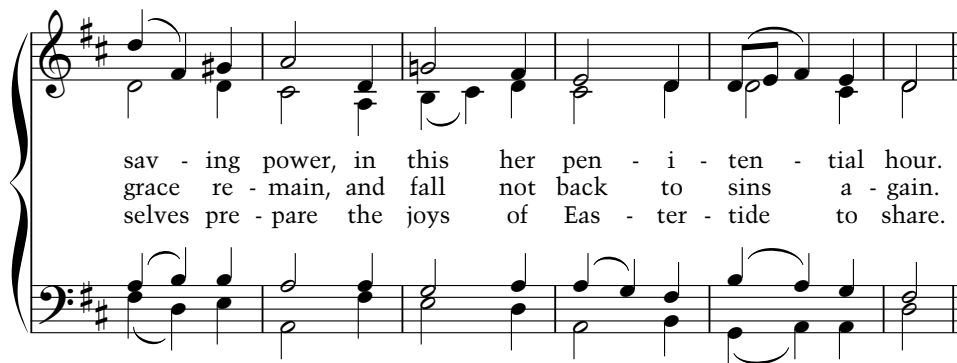
ROCKINGHAM LM
 Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, c. 1780
 adapt. Edward Miller, 1790



1 Je - sus, who this our Len - ten - tide, of ab - sti -
 2 And as thou dost, for - give the past, thy shel - tering
 3 Make, Lord, this Lent - en dis - ci - pline an ex - pi -



nence, hast sanc - ti - fied, be with thy Church in
 arms ar - ound us cast that we may in thy
 a - tion for our sin; and through these days our -



sav - ing power, in this her pen - i - ten - tial hour.
 grace re - main, and fall not back to sins a - gain.
 selves pre - pare the joys of Eas - ter - tide to share.

Forty Days and Forty Nights

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George H. Smyttan, 1856, alt.

AUS DER TIEFE 77 77

attrib. Martin Herbst, 1676

harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

In Christ There Is No East or West

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John Oxenham, 1908, alt.


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African American melody

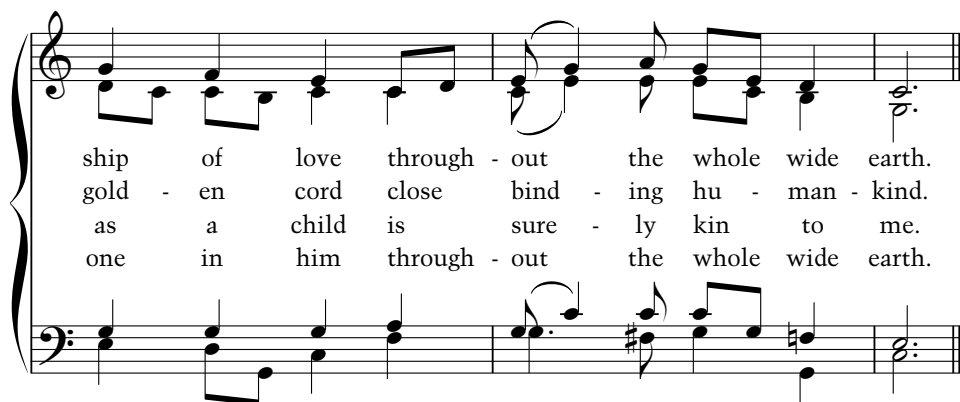
harm. Harry T. Burleigh (1866–1949)



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
2 In him shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in



him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
high com - mun - ion find; his serv - ice is the
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet south and north; all Christ - ly souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
as a child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.