

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 18, 2018
11 a.m.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

HYMN

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

Rockingham

The congregation standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

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; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: We feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Minister: For with you is the fountain of life.

People: In your light we see light.

INVOCATION

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. 154, “Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”

Cross of Jesus

The congregation standing

GREETING AND THE PEACE

All are invited to join in 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. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Grants Committee." Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church.

Psalm 119:9–16

In quo corrigit?

Tone VI

Antiphon: Blessed art thou, O Lord; O teach me thy statutes.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?

even by ruling himself after thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee;

O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid within my heart,

that I should not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord;

O teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I been telling

of all the judgments of thy mouth.

I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies,

as in all manner of riches.

I will talk of thy commandments,

and have respect unto thy ways.

My delight shall be in thy statutes,

and I will not forget thy word.

DOXOLOGY

Sung by the congregation, standing

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:11–14

Perw Bible, page 173 (OT)

ANTHEM

Crux fidelis

Plainsong

Crux fidelis, inter omnes
Arbor una nobilis;
Nulla talem silva profert,
Flore, fronde, germine.
Dulce lignum, dulci clavo,
Dulce pondus sustinens!

*Faithful cross, above all other:
One and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be:
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron,
Sweetest weight is hung on thee.*

Flecte ramos, arbor alta,
Tensa laxa viscera,
Et rigor lentescat ille,
Quem dedit natiuitas,
Ut superni membra regis
Miti tendas stipite.

*Bend thy boughs, O tree of glory!
Thy relaxing sinews bend;
For awhile the ancient rigor
That thy birth bestowed, suspend;
And the king of heavenly beauty
Gently on thine arms extend.*

Æqua Patri Filioque,
Inclito Paraclito,
Sempiterna sit beatæ
Trinitati gloria,
Cuius alma nos redemit
Atque seruat gratia. Amen.

*Praise and honor to the Father,
Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One:
One in might and one in glory
While eternal ages run. Amen.*

Venantius Fortunatus (ca. 530–ca. 600)

SECOND LESSON

John 12:20–33

Pew Bible, page 93 (NT)

PRAYER HYMN

The congregation 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.

ANTHEM

Vexilla Regis

Plainsong

Vexilla regis prodeunt:

The royal banner forward goes,

Fulget crucis mysterium

The mystic cross refulgent glows:

Quo carne carnis conditor,

Where he, in flesh, flesh who made,

Suspensus est patibulo.

Upon the tree of pain is laid.

O crux ave, spes unica,

O cross, all hail! Sole hope, abide

Hoc passionis tempore

With us now in this Passiontide:

Auge piis iustitiam,

New grace in pious hearts implant,

Reisque dona veniam.

And pardon to the guilty grant.

Te, summa Deus Trinitas,

Thee, mighty Trinity, one God,

Collaudet omnis spiritus:

Let every living creature laud;

Quos per crucis mysterium

Whom by the cross thou dost deliver,

Salvas, rege per sæcula. Amen.

O guide and govern now and ever! Amen.

Venantius Fortunatus

SERMON

HYMN

No. 214, "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

St. Agnes

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccatà in D minor, BWV 538a

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 18, 2018

WELCOME

Today is the Fifth Sunday in Lent. The preacher is the Reverend Jack Gilpin '73, Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church, New Milford, CT. The service is led by Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church; the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church; and Aric B. Flemming Jr. MDiv II and Michael Robinson MDiv III, Seminarians in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Chanel Williams MUP '18. The second lesson is read by Yukako Otori. The music is provided by members of the Harvard University Choir, under the direction of Edward E. Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster.

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.

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

FAITH FORMATION

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of ages three through fifteen. New this year is our Teen Class. All classes are held during Sunday services in the Fall and Spring Terms. To register or learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website. All families are kindly asked to register their children.

For adults in the MemChurch community, the Faith and Life forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. These programs are held Sunday mornings during the Fall and Spring Terms in the Buttrick Room from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Speakers include scholars, pastors, and other public figures whose work enhances our awareness of the pivotal role religion plays across space and time. The Forum will continue next Sunday, March 25 with the Directors of Student Legal -and Labor- Interfaith -and Secular- Coalition Refugee Community.

MORNING PRAYERS

Monday: Westley P. Conn; Tuesday: Elisa New; Wednesday: Hilary Rantisi
Thursday: Samantha Melton MDiv III; Friday: Kythe Heller MDiv '12

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Tuesday 3/27: Musical Meditation, 7:00 p.m., Brahms's *Ein deutsches Requiem*, performed by the University Choir

Wednesday 3/28: Organ Recital, "A Holy Week Journey," 7:00 p.m., works of Willscher, Ferrari, Woodman, Machajdik, and Leijon, performed by Carson Cooman '04, Composer in Residence and Research Associate, The Memorial Church

Maundy Thursday 3/29: Service of Holy Communion, 7:00 p.m. with choral prelude at 6:45 p.m., performed by the University Choral Fellows

Good Friday 3/30: 12:00 p.m., Meditations upon the Seven Words from the Cross

Easter Day 4/1: Two identical services of Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

SEVEN LAST WORDS: SKYLARK VOCAL ENSEMBLE

This Saturday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m., Skylark Vocal Ensemble presents a program of the scriptural seven last words of Christ on the Cross.

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.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. The preacher will be the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church.

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