Order of Worship

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 22, 2020
11 am

Please silence all electronic devices upon entering the sanctuary of the Memorial Church.
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE
"Kyrie" from *Messe pour les Couvents* (1690)  
François Couperin (1668–1733)

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. 303, “As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams”

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

GREETING

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.

Psalm 23  Dominus regit me

Doxology

FIRST LESSON

Song of Songs 2:8–14

from the New Revised Standard Version (OT)
ANTHEM
Laetare Jerusalem

Rejoice, O Jerusalem; and gather round, all you who love her; rejoice in gladness, after having been in sorrow; exult and be replenished with the consolation flowing from her motherly bosom. I rejoiced when it was said unto me: "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

(sung in Latin)

SECOND LESSON
Mark 1:40–45

PRAYER HYMN
The congregation remains seated.

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, 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
Laudate Dominum

Praise the Lord, for he is loving; sing in honor of his name, for he is gracious. He has accomplished whatever he resolved to do in heaven and on earth.

(Sung in Latin)

SERMON
I Do Choose

HYMN
No. 196, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

St. Columba

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
"Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux" from Messe pour les Couvents (1690)

François Couperin

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 22, 2020

WELCOME
Today is the Second Sunday in Lent. The preacher is the Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interm Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School. The worship leader is the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. In effort to follow best practices outlined by the University and federal guidelines, the Memorial Church will be limiting the number of worship leaders for services to come. The music is provided by members of the Harvard University Choir and Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE
We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our seminarians-- KMarie Tejeda, Sally Hammel, and Grace Killian. We are so grateful for their faithful service and pastoring to our community this academic year.

MUSIC NOTES
For the Fourth Sunday of Lent—Refreshment Sunday—two pieces of Gregorian Chant are presented from the Propers of the day. The prescribed Introit, Laetare Jerusalem, gives the Sunday its familiar name, Laetare Sunday; the Offertory is Laudate Dominum.

Today’s organ music comes from the pen of François Couperin, nicknamed le Grand—the most famous son of the Couperin musical dynasty. Couperin served at both the church of Saint Gervais, Paris, and also the court of Louis XIV. Only one collection of organ music survives, consisting of two Masses for organ, written around 1690. The smaller-scale Mass for the Convents presents a five-movement Kyrie, heard as this morning’s prelude, and an expanded Offertory, for our postlude.

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, 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 Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interm Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School.
Jesus, Who This Our Lententide

1 Jesus, who this our Lententide, of abstinence, 
   hast sanctified, be with thy Church in action for our sin; and through these days our-

2 And as thou dost, forgive the past, thy sheltering arms around us cast that we may in thy saving power, in this hour.
   grace remain, and fall not back to sins again.

3 Make, Lord, this Lenten discipline an experience, 
   for our sins cast away, and to prepare the joys of Easter-tide to share.

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

ROCKINGHAM LM
Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, c. 1780
adapt. Edward Miller, 1790
As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams

para. of Psalm 42
A New Version of Psalms, 1696, alt.

1 As pants the hart for cooling streams when
2 For thee, my God, the living God, my
3 Why restless, why cast down, my soul? Hope

heat ed in the chase, so longs my soul, O
thirst y soul doth pine. O when shall I be-
still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who

God, for thee, and thy refreshing grace.
hold thy face, thou majesty divine!
is thy God, thy health's eternal spring.

MARTYRDOM	CM
Hugh Wilson, 1800
adapt. Robert Smith, 1825
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness
2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed
3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail eth never, I nothing lack if
soul he lead eth, and where the verdant
love he sought me, and on his shoul der
Lord, beside me: thy rod and staff my

I am his, and he is mine forever.
pastures grow, with food celestial feed eth.
gen tly laid, and home rejoicing brought me.
comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spreads't a table in my sight,
yth unction grace bestoweth,
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never,
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.