

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 31, 2019  
11 a.m.

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

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## PRELUDE

Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot, BWV 678

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

## HYMN

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

*The congregation standing*

*Rockingham*

## 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. 215, “Sing We of the Blessed Mother”

*The congregation standing*

*Rustington*

## 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 back of the church.*

O be joyful in God, all ye lands;  
sing praises unto the honor of his name; make his praise to be glorious.  
Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works!  
through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies bow down unto thee.  
For all the world shall worship thee,  
sing of thee, and praise thy name.  
O come hither, and behold the works of God;  
how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.  
He turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.  
He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations:  
and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.  
O praise our God, ye peoples,  
and make the voice of his praise to be heard;  
Who holdeth our soul in life;  
and suffereth not our feet to slip.  
O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God;  
and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.  
I called unto him with my mouth,  
and gave him praises with my tongue.  
If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart,  
the Lord will not hear me.  
But God hath heard me;  
and considered the voice of my prayer.  
Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer,  
nor turned his mercy from me.

**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**

Joshua 5:9–12

*Perw Bible, page 182 (OT)*

## ANTHEM

Pure River of Water of Life (2008)

*James Whitbourn (b. 1963)*

He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, flowing out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. On either side was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall be no night there, and they need no candle, neither the light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: And they shall reign for ever and ever.

*Revelation 22:1–2, 5*

## SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

*Pew Bible, pages 159–160 (NT)*

## PRAYER HYMN

*Sung by 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

Psalm 119 (How Sweet Are Your Words) (2018)

*Patricia Van Ness (b. 1951)*

How sweet are your words to my taste.

Your word is a lantern to my feet, and a light upon my path.

Truly, I love your thoughts more than gold and precious stones.

You are near at hand.

*Psalm 119: 103a, 105, 127, 151a (Book of Common Prayer, 1979, alt.)*

## SERMON

A New Kind of Love

Text: “The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.”

*Joshua 5:12*

## HYMN

No. 285, “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*Cwm Rhondda*

*The congregation standing*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

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### 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 31, 2019

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## WELCOME

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Lent. The preacher is Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church. The worship leaders are the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church; and Aric B. Flemming Jr. MDiv III, Seminarian in the Memorial Church. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir, under the direction of Edward E. Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster.

A “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.

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 age three through sixteen. All classes are held during Sunday services in the Fall and Spring terms. To register and learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website.

For adults in the MemChurch community, the Faith & Life Forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. This program is held Sunday mornings during the fall and spring terms in the Buttrick Room from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. To learn about upcoming speakers, please visit the Faith & Life Forum page on our website. Faith & Life Forum continues next Sunday, April 7 with the Interfaith Forum.

Contact Ministry Fellow, Westley (Wes) Conn (*westley\_conn@harvard.edu*) for more information about faith formation at MemChurch.

## MORNING PRAYERS

Monday: Leon Welch ALB '16; Tuesday: Kent French MDiv '07

Wednesday: KeeHup Yong '19; Thursday: Brittany Ellis '19; Friday: TBA

## LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

On Wednesday there will be an organ recital at 12:15 presented by Carson Cooman, Composer in Residence and Research Associate in Music in the Memorial Church, featuring works of Åberg, Ferrari, and Sallinen.

## MUSIC NOTES

British composer James Whitbourn is a graduate of Magdalen College, Oxford, and has worked for the BBC as composer, conductor, producer, and presenter. *Pure River of Water of Life* sets verses from the Book of Revelation; slow-moving, lilting figures in the lower voices accompany beautiful arabesque motifs in the soprano line.

Patricia Van Ness is Staff Composer at First Church Congregational in Cambridge. Her musical style is influenced by the sounds and spirit of medieval and Renaissance music, and she has received many awards and recognitions for her compositions. “How Sweet Are Your Words” sets verses from Psalm 119 and was commissioned by and dedicated to Carson Cooman, who gave the premiere in the Fall of 2018.

Today’s organ music is taken from Bach’s monumental keyboard study, *Clavierübung*: four publications of the composer’s keyboard music, the third of which is devoted to organ music. *Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot* (These are the holy Ten Commandments) is based on Luther’s hymn and is a gentle-moving setting in which the two upper voices act as obbligato instruments around the double *cantus firmus*. The postlude, *Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist*, is written in a deliberately archaic style—one that Bach often refers to in his liturgical settings. The plainsong (*cantus firmus*) is adapted from an early Lutheran hymnbook and is heard in long notes in the pedals.

## THE OFFICE OF COMPLINE

This Thursday, compline, a twenty-minute candlelit evening service, will be sung by the Harvard University Choir, based upon the traditional evening liturgy of scripture, music, prayers, and silence. The service will be held in Appleton Chapel at 9 p.m.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

**Sunday (4/14):** 11 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service

**Tuesday (4/16):** 7 p.m. musical meditation featuring works of J. S. Bach and Poulenc

**Wednesday (4/17):** 7 p.m. improvised organ recital

by Thomas Sheehan and Carson Cooman on the Stations of the Cross

**Thursday (4/18):** 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service

**Friday (4/19):** 12 p.m.–2 p.m. Good Friday service

**Easter Sunrise Service (4/21):** 6 a.m.

**Easter Sunday (4/21):** 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. Worship Services with church school

Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30 a.m.

## OPPORTUNITIES AT MEMORIAL CHURCH

We are looking for volunteer student ushers to welcome people to worship on Sunday mornings. If you would like to volunteer or learn more, please contact the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister, at [alanna\\_sullivan@harvard.edu](mailto:alanna_sullivan@harvard.edu)

We're also looking for a Federal Work Study eligible student seeking employment. If interested, apply for our Front Desk Attendant (FDA) position for Saturday afternoons. The FDA, reporting to the Student Program Assistant, will be responsible for providing support to the Memorial Church's Student Oasis and Church Offices. For more information about this position please email our Student Program Assistant, Morgan A. McNeill, at [morgan\\_mcneill@harvard.edu](mailto:morgan_mcneill@harvard.edu)

## 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](http://whrb.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.

## STAY CONNECTED TO THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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## NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday in Lent. The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church.

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*For more information on upcoming services and events:*

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