

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter Day
Holy Communion

Sunday, April 1, 2018

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

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PRELUDE

Three Resurrection Dances (1969)

Alan Ridout (1934–1996)

Resurrection (1981)

Larry King (1932–1990)

Lament

The Rising

The Ecstasy

Reflection

Symphonie romane, Op. 73 (1900)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

I. Moderato

INTROIT

This Joyful Eastertide (1894) *17th century Dutch folk song, harm. Charles Wood (1866–1926)*

This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow.

My love, the crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number.

Death's flood hath lost its chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.

George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848–1934), alt.

SALUTATION

The ministers and choir exchange the following greeting:

Ministers: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Choir: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

No. 172, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Easter Hymn

The congregation standing

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

GREETING AND THE PEACE

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. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Grants Committee." Ushers will begin collection from the back of the church.

"Kyrie" from Mass in G major, D. 167 (1815)

Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Mark 16:1–8

Pew Bible, page 47 (NT)

GLORIA from Mass in G major, D. 167

Franz Schubert

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
Adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
Propter magnam gloriam tuam.

*Glory to God in the highest
And peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.*

Domine Deus, Rex cœlestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Suscipe deprecationem nostram.

*Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world,
Receive our prayer.*

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
Tu solus Dominus,
Tu solus altissimus Iesu Christe,
Cum Sancto Spiritu:
In gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*For you alone are the holy one,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34–43

Pew Bible, page 113 (NT)

HYMN

No. 251, st. 1 & 2, “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”
The congregation standing

Nicaea

SERMON

Faithful but Still Afraid!

Text: “...and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.”

Mark 16:8b

HYMN

No. 251, st. 3 & 4, “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”
The congregation standing

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper without regard to denomination.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The congregation remains standing.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The minister continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, all holy God, creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS from Mass in G major, D. 167

Franz Schubert

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt cœli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The congregation may be seated.

The minister continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Albert H. Malotte (1895–1964)

Sung by the choir

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The minister says:

The gifts of God for the people of God. Holy food for the journey of life.
Come now, for all things are ready.

AT THE COMMUNION

On the main level of the sanctuary, communicants will be instructed by ushers to proceed to one of the four stations from the center aisle and will return to their seats by the side aisles. Ushers will direct communicants in the balcony and Appleton Chapel to a designated station. Grape juice is in the outer cup and wine is in the inner cup. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. At the giving of the bread and the cup, the communicants respond with "Amen."

AGNUS DEI from Mass in G major, D. 167

Franz Schubert

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

HYMN

No. 65, "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let Us Break Bread

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL ALLELUIA

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

POSTLUDE

Symphony No. 5, Op. 42, No. 1

Charles-Marie Widor

V. Toccata

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.

