HARVARD
The Memorial Church

Order of Worship

Easter Day
Holy Communion

Sunday, April 21, 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Lament
The Rising
The Ecstasy
Reflection

INTROIT

“Set Me As a Seal” from a new Creation (1989)  René Clausen (b. 1953)
Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.
Song of Solomon 8:6a, 7a (ESV), alt.

SALUTATION

The ministers and choir exchange the following greeting:
Minister:  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

The minister and congregation now exchange the Easter greeting:
Minister:  Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All:  The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
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  
_Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)_  
from Missa brevis in C major “Spatzenmesse”, K. 220 (1775–76)

Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
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

_Isaiah 65:17–25_  
_Pew Bible, pages 655–656 (OT)
GLORIA from Missa brevis in C major “Spatzenmesse”, K. 220

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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
John 20:1–18

HYMN
No. 251, st. 1 & 2, “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Nicaea

The congregation standing

SERMON
Seeing Yet Believing
Text: “Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed…”

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 Missa brevis in C major “Spatzenmesse”, K. 220  Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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

Sung by the choir

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 four stations. 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 Missa brevis in C major “Spatzenmesse”, K. 220  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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 (1879)  
Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)
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.