

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

ARTS FIRST Weekend
Holy Baptism
The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 30, 2017

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

from *Five Dances for Organ* (1981, rev. 1984)

Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)

II. At the Ballet

III. Those Americans

HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Old Hundredth

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

HYMN

No. 336, “Shall We Gather at the River”

Hanson Place

The congregation standing

THE BAPTISM

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Gracious God, by our Baptism, you welcome us into the household of faith and open the way to new life in this world and the next. Receive this person who is baptized today, and strengthen us all to be your people in the world and a blessing to the Earth.

The congregation seated

Minister: I now invite the candidate for Holy Baptism to come forward.

Minister: Christopher David Roberts, do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Minister: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, will you turn from the ways of sin and trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, being his faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

Candidate: I will with God's help.

Minister: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

Candidate: I do.

Minister: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love, to your life's end?

Candidate: I will.

To the congregation:

Minister: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People: We will.

Minister: Let us pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Litanist: Open his heart, O God, to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

BLESSING OF THE WATER

Minister: Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. By the same Holy Spirit save them who confess the name of Jesus Christ, that sin may have no power over them. Create new life in all who are baptized that they may rise in Christ. Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was, and is, and shall always be, world without end.

People: Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Minister: I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

Minister: Let us pray.

People: Eternal and loving God, give to this person receiving the Sacrament of Baptism an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Minister: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you, with joy, into the household of God, and into the priesthood of all believers.

THE PEACE

All are invited to join in singing of Hymn No. 27, stanza 1.

GREETING

TESTIMONY

This term community members reflect upon what the Memorial Church means to them.

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.

Psalm 138 *Confitebor tibi*

Chant by James Turl (1802–1882)

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart;
even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name,
because of thy loving-kindness and truth;

for thou hast magnified thy name, and thy word, above all things.

When I called upon thee, thou heardest me;
and enduedst my soul with much strength.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord;
for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly;
as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me;
thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies,
and thy right hand shall save me.
The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me;
yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever;
despise not then the works of thine own hands.

DOXOLOGY

Sung by the congregation, standing

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:1–12

Pew Bible, pages 631–632 (OT)

ANTHEM

We Plow the Fields (ca. 1970)

Calvin Hampton

We plow the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.*

He only is the maker of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.

We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food:
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts,
But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts.

Matthias Claudius (1740–1815), trans. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817–1878)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:13–35

Pew Bible, page 78 (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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Following the Lord's Prayer, the Prayer Hymn is repeated.

ANTHEM

Pilgrims' Hymn (1997)

Even before we call on your name
To ask you, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify you,
You hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,
Surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit.

Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)

Even with darkness sealing us in,
We breathe your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast,
We trust in you;
Endless your grace, O endless your grace,
Beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and for ever,
And unto ages and ages,
Amen.

Michael Dennis Browne (b. 1940)

SERMON

Finding Each Other on the Road to Emmaus

Text: "...but their eyes were kept from recognizing him."

Luke 24:16

HYMN

No. 344, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Precious Lord

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

King David's Dance (2008)

Stephen Paulus

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, April 30, 2017

WELCOME

Today is ARTS FIRST Weekend and the Third Sunday of Easter. The preacher is the Reverend Colin Bossen, PhD Candidate in American Studies at Harvard University. The service is led by the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church; and Jane Moran MDiv II, seminarian in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Michelle Odonkor '18. The second lesson is read by Douglas Maggs '17. The testimony is given by Emma Woo '17. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir, under the direction of Edward E. Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster; and Thomas M. Sheehan, Associate University Organist and Choirmaster. We also extend a warm welcome to Christopher David Roberts, who is receiving the sacrament of Baptism today.

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

CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of ages three through twelve. Classes are held in the ground level of the Memorial Church during Sunday services and emphasize biblical themes and scripture. The confirmation class will also meet during this time. At the conclusion of the worship service, parents are asked to promptly pick up their children in the Buttrick Room. To register, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website. Contact Church School Director Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) to register for this class, or for more information about Church School programs.

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: MAY 1 – 3, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Andy Troska '17; Tuesday: Osaremen Okolo '17

Wednesday: Makinde Ogunnaike '17

Please note that this Wednesday, May 3, is the last day of Morning Prayers for the academic year.

USHERING AND READING SIGN-UP

Ushers and lesson readers play a vital role in worship services for the Memorial Church. If you are interested in ushering or reading, please add your name and e-mail to the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table. We would love to have you join us!

MUSIC NOTES

Calvin Hampton is widely considered to be one of the most important composers of American church music in the twentieth century. He was Director of Music at Calvary Episcopal Church, New York City, from 1963 to 1983, and before his tragic death at the age of 46, he developed a unique compositional voice which is heard in his extensive catalogue of hymn tunes and works for choir and organ; “We Plow the Fields” is his picturesque setting of the well-known harvest hymn. The prelude also comes to us from Hampton: his *Five Dances* are inspired by the *Five Easy Pieces for Piano Duet* of Igor Stravinsky and use ostinato patterns in all five movements. “At the Ballet” features a gentle flute melody over quiet “tiptoeing” figurations, and “Those Americans” contains hallmarks of Americana and might not sound out of place in a piece of musical theatre.

Before his untimely death in the fall of 2014, Stephen Paulus was one of America’s most prolific contemporary composers, especially well-known for his operas and choral music. “Pilgrims’ Hymn” forms the poignant conclusion of the one-act church opera, *The Three Hermits*, and has become one of Paulus’s most widely-performed choral works. The organ postlude, Paulus’s *King David’s Dance*, alludes to David’s wild dance before the Lord in the Old Testament, and uses wide pedal leaps to imitate the physical act of dancing.

ORGAN RECITAL

This afternoon, at 4:00 p.m., Mark Dwyer, Director of Music at the Church of the Advent in Boston, will present a recital featuring works of Buxtehude, Bach, Handel, Dumage, and Franck. Admission is free.

TACTUS ENSEMBLE CONCERT

On Wednesday, May 3rd, at 7:30 p.m., in Appleton Chapel, Tactus Ensemble will present *Songs of War*, a program of early music inspired by conflict. Tactus Ensemble is a group of singers from the Cambridge community, and is directed by UChoristers David Hughes and Maxime Rischard G3. This promises to be a beautiful concert of well known works alongside rarely heard gems. Admission is free and all are welcome.

THE OFFICE OF COMPLINE

A service of Compline, which combines candlelight, plainsong, polyphony, prayer, scripture, and silence, will be held this Thursday evening, May 4, at 10:00 p.m, in Appleton Chapel. Music is provided by the Harvard University Choir. All are welcome.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Next Sunday, May 7, at 4:00 p.m., the University Choir will present a service of choral evensong in Appleton Chapel. All are welcome.

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 *wbrb.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 Fourth Sunday of Easter. The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church.

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