

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Third Sunday of Easter
Children's Sunday & Holy Baptism

May 1, 2022
11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho (2020)
Do Lord, Remember Me (2020)

André J. Thomas (b. 1952)
arr. Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

HYMN IN PROCESSION

No. 1, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"
The congregation stands and sings.

Old Hundredth

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Alleluia! The Lord is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Minister: Christ being raised from the dead will never die again.

People: Death no longer has dominion over him.

Minister: The death Christ died, he died to sin, once for all.

People: The life Christ lives, he lives to God.

Minister: So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

People: Alleluia.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

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. 87, "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"
The congregation stands and sings.

Grand Isle

THE PEACE & GREETING

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. Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Grants Committee." You may also donate online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>

Psalm 30:1–6, 12–13 *Exaltabo te, Domine*
Sung by the choir

Chant by Thomas Sheehan (b. 1988)

I will magnify thee, O Lord; for thou hast set me up,
and not made my foes to triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried unto thee; and thou hast healed me.

Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell: thou hast kept my life,
that I should not go down into the pit.

Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his; and give thanks unto him,
for a remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life;
heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed: thou, Lord, of thy goodness,
hast made my hill so strong.

Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy; thou hast put off my sackcloth,
and girded me with gladness:

Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing. O my God,
I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and sings.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all people here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 9:1–6

Pew Bible, page 111 (NT)

ANTHEM

“Gloria” (2014) from *Mass: A Celebration of Joy and Love*

André J. Thomas

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all men of goodwill. We praise thee, we bless thee, we adore thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory. Lord God, King of Heaven, Father, Almighty One, Glory be to Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, the Father’s only son. Oh, thou who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Receive our prayers. Thou who sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty in heaven, have mercy on us! For thou only art holy, only thou art the Lord. Only thou art holy, only thou art most high. In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, in the name of the Holy Ghost, In the glory of the Father, Amen.

SECOND LESSON

John 21:2–9a, 12, 15–17

Pew Bible, page 101 (NT)

ANTHEM

“Agnus Dei” (2017) from *Mass: A Celebration of Joy and Love*

André J. Thomas

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You died on Calvary just to set the captives free. You died on Calvary to save a sinner like me. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace. The Lamb is worthy. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain. The Lamb is worthy, redeemed by his precious blood. God has given us power and riches and wisdom and strength and glory and blessing. Amen.

SERMON

HYMN

No. 241, "Come Down, O Love Divine"
The congregation stands and sings.

Down Ampney

THE EXAMINATION

Minister: The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents: I present Logan Bruce O'Donnell.
Parents: I present Nora Ruth Fafara.
Parents: I present Olivia Leigh Fafara.
Minister: Will you be responsible for seeing that these children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents: I will with God's help.
Minister: Will you by your prayers and witness help these children grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents: I will with God's help.
Minister: Do you renounce all sinful powers that draw you from the love of God?
Parents: I renounce them.
Minister: Do you put your whole trust in God's grace and love?
Parents: I do.
To the congregation:
Minister: Will all of you who witness these vows do everything in your power to support these children in their lives in Christ?
People: We will.
Minister: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE COVENANT

The congregation standing.

Minister: Do you believe in God, the maker of heaven and earth?

People: I believe in God our maker.

Minister: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
who healed the sick, welcomed the outcast,
and preached good news to the poor;
who suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died, and was buried;
who descended to the dead;
and on the third day rose again?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son.

Minister: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the Church universal,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Minister: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the
breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Will you persevere in resisting all that draws you from God's love,
and whenever you fail, repent and make amends?

People: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in
Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as
yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect
the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Let us now pray for these children who are to receive the sacrament
of new birth.

PRAYERS FOR THE BAPTISANDS

- Intercessor:* Open their hearts, O God, to your grace and truth.
- People:* Lord, hear our prayer.
- Intercessor:* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
- People:* Lord, hear our prayer.
- Intercessor:* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
- People:* Lord, hear our prayer.
- Intercessor:* Send them into the world in witness to your love.
- People:* Lord, hear our prayer.
- Intercessor:* Bring them into the fullness of your peace and glory.
- People:* Lord, hear our prayer.
- Minister:* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory, who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The congregation seated

- Minister:* The Lord be with you.
- People:* And also with you.
- Minister:* Lift up your hearts.
- People:* We lift them up to the Lord.
- Minister:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People:* It is right to give God thanks and praise.
- Minister:* We thank you, Loving Creator, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.
- We thank you, Almighty God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Minister: —, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray. Gracious Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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.

—, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

Minister: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

HYMN

No. 166, "We Know That Christ Is Raised and Dies No More"
The congregation stands and sings.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This Little Light (2009)

Joe Utterback (b. 1944)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 1st, 2022

WELCOME

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter and Children's Sunday. The preacher is the Reverend Calvon T. Jones, Assistant Minister in the Memorial Church. The worship leaders are Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Faculty of Divinity; the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration in the Memorial Church; Laurie Sedgwick MDiv III; and Cheyenne Boon MDiv II. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir under the direction of Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster and David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster. We welcome the Fafara and O'Donnell families whose children are being baptized this morning. The flowers are dedicated in loving memory of Bruce Malcolm Raba.

MUSIC NOTES

One of the most prominent figures in American choral music, André J. Thomas served on the faculty of Florida State University from 1984 until his retirement in 2020 as the Owen F. Sellers Professor of Music, Director of Choral Activities, and Professor of Choral Music Education. Educated at Friends University, Northwestern University, and the University of Illinois, Thomas held various church, secondary school, and college positions before his longtime appointment at Florida State University. He has led numerous choruses and clinics worldwide and received acclaim for his 2007 book *Way Over in Beulah Lan': Understanding and Performing the Negro Spiritual*. Thomas's choral arrangements and compositions are widely performed, and he is especially known for those drawing on African American spirituals and gospel styles. During 2014–19, Thomas wrote his largest work, *Mass: A Celebration of Joy a Love*, a gospel-style choral mass intended to blend the style of concert and worship music. Today's anthems are two of the movements of this work, which the Harvard University Choir performed yesterday in its entirety for the university's ARTS FIRST festival.

In 2020, arranger and composer Douglas E. Wagner collaborated with André Thomas on a series of organ solos based on some of his choral music; today's prelude is two of those pieces. American composer Joe Utterback studied at the University of Kansas and at Wichita State University. An important voice in the jazz piano world for the past 50 years, Dr. Utterback became especially known for his jazz-based organ works, some of the first such pieces that were widely available.

MORNING PRAYERS

Our daily service of Morning Prayers takes place at 8:30 am in Appleton Chapel. The last day of Morning Prayers for the term will be this Wednesday, May 4.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Indoor masking is optional for worship at the Memorial Church. You are most welcome to continue wearing a mask for your own protection or to protect individuals close to you. The University continues to closely monitor the public health conditions in the area regarding COVID-19. Thank you for your cooperation and support of the ministries of the Memorial Church.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith & Life Forum of the Memorial Church explores matters of faith and public life. The Forum takes place in the Buttrick Room in the lower level of the Memorial Church from 9:30–10:30 am on Sundays. Each week we explore themes such as love, justice, suffering, and salvation in relation to the world in which we live. We learn from scholars and practitioners of religion, religious intellectuals, writers, activists, and artists whose work captures conceptions of the sacred and wrestles with the mysterious dimensions of life. All are welcome to join. Please visit our website to learn more. The last day of the Faith & Life Forum for the term will be Sunday, May 8.

CHURCH SCHOOL

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. Church School programming has ended for the 2021–22 academic year. To learn more about future offerings, please visit our website to learn more or email Assistant Minister, Calvon Jones (*calvon_jones@harvard.edu*), with any questions. The Rev. Jones and the Church School team are excited to announce the launch of our newly designed MemChurch School digital platform. Our children and families will have access to fun, exciting, and educational episodes, steeped in stories of love and humanity. Take a virtual journey to a digital place where the Bible comes to life. You can find episodes at: <https://bit.ly/3iUtEWV>

BABY OASIS

During Sunday services, our 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, complete with an audio broadcast of the service.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Our regular student programming has ended for the year. If you want to learn more about future offerings, feel free to reach out to our Student Program Coordinator, Anna Burnham, at *anna_burnham@harvard.edu*, or find her in the narthex after service.

STUDENT OASIS

The Student Oasis in the lower level of the Memorial Church is a tranquil and relaxing space for study, for meeting friends and fellow students, and even cooking a favorite meal in the full-service kitchen. Located in the heart of Harvard Yard, the Oasis is open daily to Harvard

students during the academic term. For more information and the hours of operation, visit <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/studentoasis>

JOYS AND CONCERNS

“Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.” Prayer reminds us of our relationship to God and one another; it emphasizes our oneness as the Body of Christ. What weighs on your heart? How can we join you in prayer? We invite you to share your joys and concerns so that we may communally uplift them to God in the Prayers of the People during Sunday Services. Please send your prayer requests to the Rev. Alanna Sullivan (alanna_sullivan@harvard.edu).

PASTORAL CARE LINE

The clergy at the Memorial Church have established a pastoral care line if you would like spiritual or pastoral care during a difficult time. Please call or text 617-595-9044 and a clergy person will follow up with you shortly.

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter. The preacher is the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration in the Memorial Church.

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