

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Holy Baptism
Holy Communion
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 7, 2017

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Kyrie” from *Mass in C major*, Op. 169 (1891)

Josef Rheinberger

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

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. 241, “Come Down, O Love Divine”

Down Ampney

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 these children who are baptized today, and strengthen us all to be your people in the world and a blessing to the Earth.

The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents: We present *Oliver James Johnson* to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Parents & Godparents: We present *Eleanor Virginia McKiernan* to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Parents & Godparents: We present *Hannah Marie Caridad* to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Minister: Will you, as the parents and godparents of these children, be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents: We will with God's help.

Minister: Will you by your prayers and witness help these children grow into the life of God's grace and love?

Parents & Godparents: We will with God's help.

Minister: Will you continue to honor your own spiritual journeys, as role models for the children you present?

Parents & Godparents: We will with God's help.

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

Parents & Godparents: We will with God's help.

To the congregation:

Minister: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

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

Litanist: Open their hearts, O God, to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: Send them 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 each of these children 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 23 *Dominus regit me* *Chant by Charles Hylton Stewart (1884–1932)*
Sung by the choir

The Lord is my shepherd;
 therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture,
 and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul,
 and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
 for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me;
 thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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

1 Peter 2:19–25

Pew Bible, page 206 (NT)

GLORIA from *Mass in C major, Op. 169*

Josef Rheinberger

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.
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.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
Miserere nobis.
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.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
Have mercy on us.
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 2:42–47

Pew Bible, page 104 (NT)

HYMN

The congregation standing

No. 196, st. 1–3, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

St. Columba

SERMON

A Pre-Existing Condition

Text: “...they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.”

Acts 2:45

HYMN

No. 196, st. 4–6, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

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

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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

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

Communicants will proceed to the foot of the chancel steps at the direction of the ushers and will return to their seats by the side aisles. 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 people respond with "Amen."

AGNUS DEI from *Mass in C major, Op. 169*

Josef Rheinberger

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 sins of the world: have mercy on us.

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

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

HYMN

No. 65, "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let Us Break Bread

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Final" from First Sonata, Op. 42 (1874)

Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)

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, May 7, 2017

WELCOME

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. The preacher is Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church. The service is led by the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church; Westley Conn MDiv III, Church School Director in the Memorial Church; Jane Moran MDiv I, seminarian in the Memorial Church; Karen-Alexandra Noguees '18; and Benjamin Schafer '19. The first lesson is read by Makinde Ogunnaike '17. The second lesson is read by Abraham Rebollo '20. The testimony is given by Katie Wu '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. Today we especially welcome the Johnson, McKiernan, and Caridad families, whose children receive the sacrament of Baptism.

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

CHURCH SCHOOL

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. Next Sunday, May 14th will be the last day of Church School for the Spring Term.

CHORAL EVENSONG

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m., the University Choir will present a service of choral evensong in Appleton Chapel, featuring works of Charles Villiers Stanford, Edward Bairstow, and UChorister Fraser Weist '18. All are welcome.

MUSIC NOTES

Much of today's music was composed by one of the most famous Liechtensteiners of all time, Josef Rheinberger. A prodigy as a child, Rheinberger began composition lessons at age 10. After graduating from the Munich Conservatory, he taught piano and composition there until the dissolution of that institution. Most of his compositions were written while employed at his next post, court conductor to the King of Bavaria. As such, he was also responsible for providing music for the masses in the royal chapel. Also during this time, the Munich Conservatory was reformed, and Rheinberger was made professor of organ and composition; simultaneously he began a project to write organ sonatas in all 24 major and minor keys, a project which he never finished, leaving us with a still very impressive 20 of them completed.

A rather conservative composer, Rheinberger's music shows influences more from composers of previous generations than from his contemporaries. In particular one can hear stylistic reference to Mendelssohn, Schubert, and Bach. The counterpoint is exceptional, and, similarly to his contemporary, Brahms, he makes use of older formal structures such as fugue and sonata form, rather than the more freewheeling thematically linked forms of Wagner or Liszt.

Alexandre Guilmant was the organist at L'Eglise de Sainte-Trinité in Paris for 30 years. His first organ sonata is probably his most famous work, and concludes with a virtuosic finale incorporating sixteenth-note scales and triple pedal chordse.

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 Mother's Day and the Fifth Sunday of Easter.

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