

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE KNAFEL CENTER

Freshman Sunday

Sunday, August 28, 2016

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES UPON ENTERING
THE MAIN HALL OF THE KNAFEL CENTER.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Georgian Suite, op. 81 (1990)

Francis Jackson (b. 1917)

- I. Prelude
- II. Invention
- IV. Sarabande
- VI. Jig

HYMN

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Old Hundredth

The congregation standing



All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
For why? The Lord our God is good, his



to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times



praise forth tell, come ye be-fore him and re - joice.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure. A - men.

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

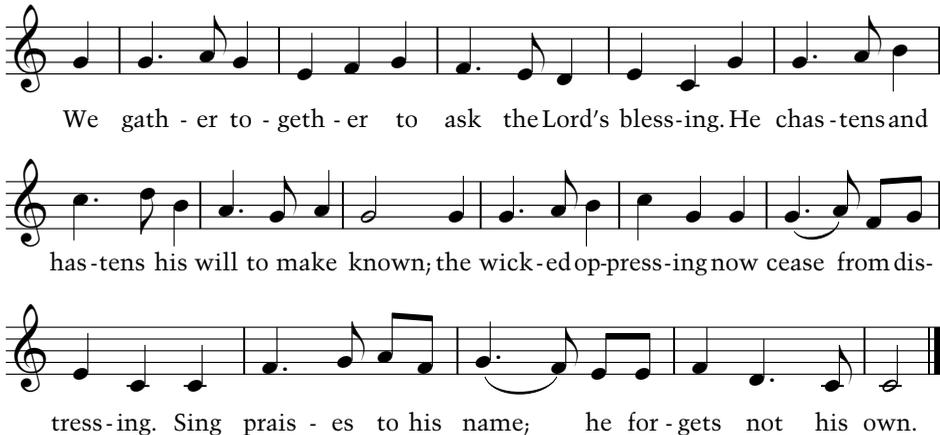
Let the Whole Creation Cry

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GREETING

THE PEACE

All are invited to join in singing.



We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing. He chas - tens and
has - tens his will to make known; the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis -
tress - ing. Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.

OFFERTORY

Psalm 81:1–11 *Exultate Deo*

chant by John Davy (1763–1824)

Sung by the choir

Sing we merrily unto God our strength;
 make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret,
 the merry harp with the lute.
Blow up the trumpet in the new-moon,
 even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast-day.
For this was made a statute for Israel,
 and a law of the God of Jacob.
This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony,
 when he came out of the land of Egypt, and had heard a strange language.
I eased his shoulder from the burden,
 and his hands were delivered from making the pots.
Thou calledst upon me in troubles, and I delivered thee;
 and heard thee what time as the storm fell upon thee.
I proved thee also
 at the waters of strife.
Hear, O my people, and I will assure thee, O Israel,
 if thou wilt hearken unto me,
There shall no strange god be in thee,
 neither shalt thou worship any other god.
I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt;
 open thy mouth wide and I shall fill it.

*Here an offering is received for the work of the Church within and beyond the University.
Ushers will begin the collection from the back of the hall forward.*

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

Proverbs 25:6–7a

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
Or stand in the place of the great;
For it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
Than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

ANTHEM

I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me (1685)

Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord.
For thither the tribes go up, e'en the tribes of the Lord:
To testify unto Israel, and to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.
For there is the seat of judgment: e'en the seat of the house of David.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Psalms 122:1, 4–7 (The Great Bible)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 14:1, 7–14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

HYMN

The congregation standing

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.

ANTHEM

O God, Thou Art My God, Z. 35 (ca. 1681–82)

Henry Purcell

O God, thou art my God: early will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee:

In a barren and dry land where no water is.

Thus have I looked for thee in holiness: that I might behold thy power and glory.

For thy loving-kindness is better than life itself: my lips shall praise thee.

As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner: and lift up my hands in thy name.

Because thou hast been my helper:

Therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. Hallelujah.

Psalm 63:1–5, 8 (The Great Bible)

SERMON

Welcome to the Party!

HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
The congregation standing

Westminster Abbey

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in G major, Z. 720

Henry Purcell

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.

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Stopford A. Brooke, 1881, alt.

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Robert Williams, 1817

harm. John Roberts, 1837

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry,
2 Praise your ma - ker, hosts a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Men and wom - en, young and old,
4 From the north to south - ern pole,

Glo - ry to our Lord on high!
Ev - er bright and fair in love; Al - le - lu - ia!
Raise the an - them man - i - fold;
Let the might - y cho - rus roll:

Heaven and earth, a - wake and sing,
Sun and moon, up - lift your voice, Al - le - lu - ia!
And let child - ren's hap - py hearts,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly one,

unison
"God is good, and there - fore King."
Night and stars, in God re - joice! Al - le - lu - ia!
In this wor - ship bear their parts.
Glo - ry be to God a - lone!

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Angularis fundamentum

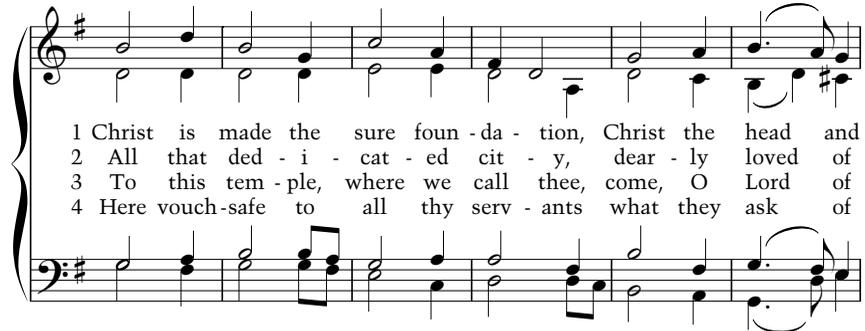
Latin, 8th cent.?

trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY 87 87 87

Henry Purcell, c. 1680

adapt. Hymnal Supplement II, 1976



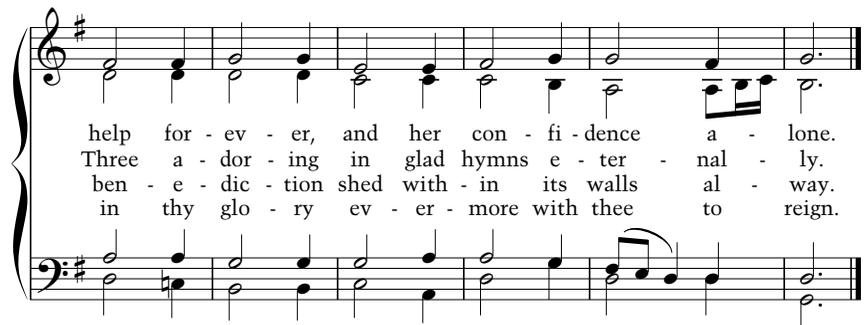
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed cit - y, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ul - tant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for - ev - er



bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy peo - ple as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



help for - ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 28, 2016

WELCOME

Today is Freshman Sunday. The preacher is Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Caroline Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Nathan Marsh Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church. The service is led by the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Krista Anderson '19. The second lesson is read by Benjamin Schafer '19.

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

WELCOME CLASS OF 2020!

Be a part of the #spaceofgrace! Come meet our unique and welcoming community in the heart of Harvard Yard—we're excited to meet you and you may be surprised. As we like to say, "Everyone may not belong to MemChurch but MemChurch belongs to everyone." After worship we will be gathering on the Porch of the Memorial Church at 12:30 p.m. Join us for brunch, make new friends, and discover new conversations.

WELCOME TABLE

Want to learn about the Memorial Church? Stop by the Welcome Table to learn more about our array of events, programs, and ministries. Questions are encouraged!

MORNING PRAYERS BEGINS AUGUST 31

The Memorial Church's daily Morning Prayers services begin on Wednesday, August 31, at 8:45 a.m. Due to the Memorial Church renovation project, they will be held in Holden Chapel in Harvard Yard through the Fall 2016 term.

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 2, 8:45 A.M.

Wednesday: Drew Gilpin Faust; Thursday: Jonathan L. Walton; Friday: Lucy A. Forster-Smith

Following each service of Morning Prayers on Wednesdays, free coffee and snacks will be available at MemCafé from 9:00–10:15 a.m. on the Porch of the Memorial Church. 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, September 1, at 9:00 p.m. on the Porch of the Memorial Church. Music is provided by the Harvard University Choir. All are welcome.

CHOIR AUDITIONS

For over 180 years, the Harvard University Choir (UChoir) has provided a unique opportunity for student singers to perform choral literature at the highest level, both in concert and during the services of the Memorial Church of Harvard University.

No appointment is necessary to audition. Simply prepare a short selection—you are also free to sing a song like Happy Birthday or a well-known hymn tune. An accompanist will be provided.

Wednesday, August 31, 2–5 p.m.: Paine Hall, 3 Oxford Street

Thursday, September 1, 2–4 p.m.: Holden Chapel, Harvard Yard

Friday, September 2, 2–4 p.m.: Paine Hall, 3 Oxford Street

Tuesday, September 6, 2–4 p.m.: Paine Hall, 3 Oxford Street

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS

Church School will begin on Sunday, September 11. Church School offers Christian education classes for children of ages three through twelve. Classes are held in the lower level of the Knafel Center during Sunday services and emphasize biblical themes and scripture. For registration, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website. We greatly look forward to another exciting year!

The Church School will be offering confirmation for students in grades 7–8. This program also begins Sunday, September 11 and is designed to guide students in the formation of their Christian identity and personal faith. Contact Church School Director, Westley (Wes) Conn at westley_conn@harvard.edu to register for this class, or for more information about Church School programs.

MUSIC NOTES

Today's service presents the first opportunity to hear the Choral Fellows of 2016–2017, and I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new members of the group.

Considered one of the greatest of all English composers, Henry Purcell was born just a few months before the end of Cromwell's puritan rule and the restoration of the monarchy, which ushered in a golden age for the arts in England. As a boy he was a chorister in the Chapel Royal; in 1679 he became organist of Westminster Abbey, and of the Chapel Royal in 1682. Church music occupied a position of great importance during the reign of Charles II, and most of Purcell's sacred music was written before the king died in 1685. This morning's anthems demonstrate Purcell's consummate mastery of the art of text setting, a skill for which he is justly famed.

The recently discovered "I Was Glad" (the manuscript was unearthed in 1975) was sung at the coronation of James II in 1685, and is an example of the full anthem genre: sectional, and contrasted, it is an extroverted display of Purcell's compositional prowess, combining

both single and double augmentation at its conclusion.

“O God, Thou Art My God” dates from the early 1680s and contains many beautiful examples of word painting: “and lift up my hands” is set to a rising scale; “for thy loving-kindness” is given to a trio of high voices. The music forming the closing “Hallelujah” section became so popular that it was subsequently adapted as the hymn tune, *Westminster Abbey*.

Very little organ music of Purcell is extant, presumably due to the improvisatory nature of his performances; the Voluntary in G major is Italian in influence—a solo section leads into a sprightly *canzona*. The prelude is several movements from Francis Jackson’s *Georgian Suite*, which is composed of pieces based on music of the English Baroque.

Hymn Attributions:

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

para. of Psalm 100; William Kethe, 1561, alt.

OLD HUNDRETH LM; Genevan Psalter, 1551

We Gather Together to Ask the Lord’s Blessing

Wilt heden nu treden voor God den Heere; *Nederlandisch Gedenckclanck*, 1626; trans. Theodore Baker, 1917

KREMSEK; *Nederlandisch Gedenckclanck*, 1626; adapt. Eduard Kremser, 1877

Day By Day

att. Richard of Chichester

SUMNER; Arthur Henry Biggs, 1941

SUNDAY SERMONS AND MORNING PRAYERS SERVICES

ON HARVARD’S ITUNES U

Sunday sermons and weekly Morning Prayers services are available on Harvard’s iTunes U in the “Religion & Spirituality” channel. From your iTunes software, search “Harvard Memorial Church” to listen on your iPod, iPhone, iPad, Mac, or PC.

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NEXT SUNDAY’S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Fall Term. The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Caroline Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Nathan Marsh Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church.

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