

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The First Sunday of Fall Term
Holy Communion

Sunday, September 3, 2017

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Ceremonial Suite, Op. 1215 (2017)

Carson P. Cooman '04 (b. 1982)

I. Processional

II. Aria

III. Grand chœur dialogué

HYMN

No. 1, stanzas 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. 23, “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Hymn to Joy

GREETING AND THE PEACE

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

TESTIMONY

Community members reflect upon what the Memorial Church means to them.

OFFERTORY

The offering collected today goes directly to assist those affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Hurricane Relief." Ushers will begin collection from the back of the church.

Psalm 150 *Laudate Dominum* *Chant by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)*
Sung by the choir

O praise God in his sanctuary:
 praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts:
 praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:
 praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the timbrels and dances:
 praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals:
 praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath
 praise the Lord.

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

Exodus 1:8–12 *Pew Bible, page 45 (OT)*

ANTHEM

Psalm 66 (Be Joyful in God), Op. 664 (2005) *Carson P. Cooman '04*
Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of his name; sing the glory of his praise.
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."
Come now and see the works of God, how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer.

Psalm 66:1-2a, 3-4, 7-8, 18a; The Book of Common Prayer, 1979

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9–21

Pew Bible, page 142 (NT)

HYMN

The congregation standing

No. 67, st. 1–3, “Just As I Am, without One Plea”

Woodworth

SERMON

Rewriting History, Part II

Text: “Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.”

Exodus 1:8

HYMN

The congregation standing

No. 67, st. 4–6, “Just As I Am, without One Plea”

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to share in the Lord’s Supper without regard to denomination.

The congregation remains standing.

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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



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 is 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.

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. At the giving of the bread and the cup, the people respond with "Amen."

ANTHEM

O Sing Joyfully

Adrian Batten (ca. 1591–1637)

O sing joyfully unto God our strength: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Take the song, 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.

Psalm 81:1–4, paraphrase after The Great Bible

HYMN

No. 65, “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Let Us Break Bread

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Grand chœur dialogué (1881)

Eugène Gigout (1844–1925)

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, September 3, 2017

WELCOME

Today is the the First Sunday of Fall Term. 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; and the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Sophia Iosue '18. The second lesson is read by Rebecca Hernandez '19. The testimony is given by Westley P. Conn. 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.

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

A crying room is available for young children and infants in the lower level of the church. Parents and their children are welcome to use the respite space during worship.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Church School will begin next Sunday, September 10! The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of ages three through fifteen. New this year is our Teen Class. Confirmation is offered for students in grades seven and eight. This program is designed to help young people in the formation of their faith and Christian identity while also exploring other traditions through interdenominational and interfaith experiences. All classes are held during Sunday services in the Fall and Spring Terms. To register or learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website.

For adults in the MemChurch community, the Faith and Life forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. These programs are held Sunday mornings during the Fall and Spring Terms in the Buttrick Room from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Speakers include scholars, pastors, and other public figures whose work enhances our awareness of the pivotal role religion plays across space and time. The Forum will also begin next Sunday, September 10, with Ben Clark MPP '08, Executive Director of Enroot. To kickoff the Forum, join us today in the Pusey Room following worship. Light snacks, the Forum's syllabus, and a preview of the Term's books will be available.

Contact the Reverend Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) for more information about faith formation at MemChurch.

COFFEE HOUR

Please join us for coffee and conversation following the service. We look forward to getting to know you!

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: SEPTEMBER 4 – 8, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: No Service—Labor Day; Tuesday: Westley Conn

Wednesday: Tom Dingman '67 EdM '73; Thursday: David N. Hempton

Friday: Rakesh Khurana AM '98 PhD '98

PEACEFUL PIPES ORGAN MUSIC SERIES

This Wednesday, September 6, Carson Cooman will perform contemplative and meditative organ music by Andreas Willscher and the premiere of Cooman's own *Three Autumn Sketches* in Appleton Chapel at 12:15 p.m.

THE OFFICE OF COMPLINE

This Thursday, September 7, at 9 p.m., compline, a twenty-minute candlelit evening service will be sung by the Harvard University Choir, based upon the traditional evening liturgy of scripture, music, prayers, and silence. Weather permitting, this service will be held on the steps of the church facing Tercentenary Theatre.

MUSIC NOTES

To mark the opening of term, we welcome the voices of candidates for membership in the Harvard University Choir—as well as returning Sunday Choir members—to sing two jubilant choral works. Harvard College graduate Carson Cooman '04 is Composer-in-Residence at the Memorial Church, which has witnessed the premieres of many of his works. His perky setting of Psalm 66 was commissioned by the choir of Battell Chapel at Yale University, and was premiered on Easter Day 2005.

Adrian Batten is thought to have been a chorister at Winchester Cathedral—his name is still legible today, carved into the wall of its chantry—before serving in both Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral, London. The clarity of texture and directness of expression found in “O Sing Joyfully” are characteristics typical of English church music of the Tudor period.

The prelude this morning, also written by Carson Cooman, is a three-movement suite written for ceremonial occasions, the final movement of which uses two organ divisions antiphonally. Sharing its title, today's postlude was written by the celebrated Parisian teacher and composer Eugène Gigout (whose pupils included Gabriel Fauré), originally written with a similar use of the divisions in mind—this morning it will be played by both our organs (and organists)!

NEW STUDENT POSITION

MemChurch is hiring! We are looking to hire college students as Front Desk Attendants for the Memorial Church's lower level, including the Student Oasis. Front Desk Attendants will be the first points of contact for students and patrons during evenings and weekends. This is a Federal Work-Study position. For more information please reach out to Allison Berger (allison_berger@harvard.edu).

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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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 in the narthex. We would love to have you join us!

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church.

For more information on upcoming services and events:

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