

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE KNAFEL CENTER

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 18, 2016

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN

When in Our Music God Is Glorified (page 10)

Engelberg

GREETING

THE PEACE

All are invited to join in singing.

Following the passing of the peace, children join their teachers in the Church School.



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

*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.*

Psalm 138 *Confitebor tibi*

chant by James Turle (1802–1882)

Sung by the choir

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

Amos 8:4–7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

ANTHEM

Jubilate in B-flat major, Op. 10/II (1879)

Charles Villiers Stanford

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.
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.

Psalm 100 with Gloria Patri

SECOND LESSON

Luke 16:1–13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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 hymn is repeated.

ANTHEM

Magnificat in D major (1927)

Herbert Brewer

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm,
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.
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.

Luke 1:46-55 with Gloria Patri

SERMON

The Loneliness of Truth

HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (page 12)

Nettleton

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Finale from Sonata No. 5 in A major, Op. 159
“Quasi una fantasia” (1918)

Charles Villiers Stanford

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.

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Fred Pratt Green, 1971

ENGELBERG 10 10 10 with Alleluias
Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904

1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
3 So has the Church, in li - tur - gy and song,
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!

and a - dor - a - tion leaves no room for pride,
a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!

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it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue,
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight,
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:

1.2.3.4. | 5.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia! A - - - men.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson, 1758

NETTLETON 87 87 D
A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

1 Come, thou fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of
2 Here I raise mine Eb-en - e - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come; and I
3 O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be! Let thy

mer-cy nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise. Teach me
hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home. Je-sus
good-ness, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee: prone to

some me-lo-dious son-net sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove; praise the
sought me when a stran-ger, wan-dering from the fold of God; he, to
wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my

mount! I'm fixed up-on it, mount of thy re-deem-ing love.
res-cue me from dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a-bove.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 18, 2016

WELCOME

Today is the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. 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, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Corbin Miller '17. The second lesson is read by Destiny Nunley '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 also especially welcome the Harvard Crimson Basketball Teams.

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

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 SPEAKERS: SEPTEMBER 19 – 23, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: David L. Evans; Tuesday: Anya Bernstein Bassett, PhD '97;
Wednesday: David N. Hempton; Thursday: Cori Tucker-Price, MTS '12;
Friday: Laura Everett, MDiv '04

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!

CHURCH SCHOOL

The 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. At the conclusion of the worship service, parents are asked to promptly pick up their children. To register, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website.

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

MUSIC NOTES

It is a great pleasure to present the Harvard University Choir of 2016–17, and to welcome its new members. Sir Charles Villiers Stanford studied at Cambridge University, and also in Leipzig and Berlin, where he was a pupil of Carl Reinecke; while in Germany he became an ardent devotee of the music of Johannes Brahms, whose influence is strongly heard throughout Stanford's oeuvre. Stanford later became Professor of Music at Cambridge University and a founding Professor of the Royal College of Music, London, where his pupils would include Vaughan Williams and Howells. The Service in B-flat major, written in 1879 while Stanford was Organist of Trinity College, Cambridge, includes canticles for Matins, Evensong, and an entire Communion Service; the *Jubilate* is written in Stanford's rich, noble vein, but has contrasting moments of great delicacy.

Sir Herbert Brewer began his musical education as a chorister at Gloucester Cathedral and later studied with Stanford at the Royal College of Music in London. In 1897 he returned to Gloucester Cathedral as organist and master of the choristers, and conductor of the Three Choirs Festival; the *Magnificat in D* was written for the 1927 Three Choirs Festival.

On the death of Sir Hubert Parry in 1918 a group of his friends and colleagues contributed to a collection of works in his memory known as "the Little Organ Book," from which this morning's prelude is taken. Also composed in 1918 is Stanford's Organ Sonata No. 5, which is based on his famous hymn tune *Engelberg*.

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!

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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church

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