

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 3, 2021

11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Praeludium to Ye Fancie
Fantasia in A

William Byrd (ca. 1540–1623)

HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”
The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

Old Hundredth

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 36 & Isaiah 2

Minister: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep.

Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

Minister: Come, let us set out in the light of the Lord!

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. 4, "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Dix

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

THE PEACE & GREETING

OFFERTORY

The offering collected goes directly to fund the Memorial Church Grants Committee's recipient organizations and their important work in our local communities. Please donate online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>. There also is the opportunity to share your offering at the end of the service. There will be offering plates in the Narthex where you can place your monetary gift or checks. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Grants Committee."

Psalm 8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

Chant by John Davy (1763–1824)

Sung by the choir

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world;
thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength,
because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy fingers;
the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained;

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Thou madest him lower than the angels, to crown him with glory and worship.

Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands;
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet:

All sheep and oxen; yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea;

and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

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

Hebrews 1:1–4, 2:5–12

Pew Bible, page 192 (NT)

ANTHEM

O Be Joyful in the Lord (Jubilate Deo) (1961)

Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)

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, The Great Bible

SECOND LESSON

Mark 10:2–16

Pew Bible, page 39 (NT)

ANTHEM

Sing Joyfully

William Byrd

Sing joyfully to God our strength; sing loud unto the God of Jacob!

Take the song, bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp, and the viol.

Blow the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and at our feast day.

For this is a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

Psalm 81:1–4, Geneva Bible

PRAYER HYMN

The congregation remains 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Following the Lord's Prayer, the Prayer Hymn is repeated.

SERMON

HYMN

No. 317, “Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us”
The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

Mannheim

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasia

William Byrd

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, October 3, 2021

WELCOME

Today is the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Faculty of Divinity, Harvard University. The worship leaders are the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration in the Memorial Church; the Reverend Calvin Jones, Assistant Minister in the Memorial Church; and Laurie Sedgwick MDiv III. The first lesson is read by Maeve Hammond MDiv III. The second lesson is read by Maisie Luo MTS '22. 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.

MUSIC NOTES

Benjamin Britten is widely regarded as one of the foremost composers of English church music in the twentieth century. His setting of Psalm 100—traditionally the second canticle at the Office of Matins—was written in 1961, commissioned by the Duke of Edinburgh for St. George's Chapel, Windsor. Although a late work, it is full of the rhythmic vitality and unexpected harmonic twists associated with the composer's earlier choral music. It opens with a perky organ motif that recurs throughout; the choral writing consists of short, vibrant phrases that frequently pair the sopranos with the tenors, and the altos with the basses.

William Byrd was a prolific and versatile composer in virtually all contemporary English genres, and his music could be heard in the great cathedrals, in private chapels, at court, and in domestic amateur music-making. Indeed, the quality of his output even transcended the bitter religious divisions of the time, and his music was admired and performed by Protestants and Roman Catholics alike. *Sing Joyfully* is a lively setting of the opening verses of Psalm 81, during which the composer's famed aptitude for imaginative word painting can be heard in the increased number of vocal parts at the words "sing loud," and in the musical depiction of the bow strokes of the viol and the trumpet fanfares.

Byrd's keyboard music has always stood in the shadow of his vocal music, notwithstanding admirers as diverse as Moscheles, Rubinstein, and Glenn Gould. Byrd masterfully combined English and Italian Renaissance traditions to create an independent musical language suitable to the refined keyboard instruments of the time. In the sixteenth century the fantasia was still an unclassified genre containing elements from a wide variety of different styles: Thomas Morley states that a fantasia is made "when a musician taketh a point at his pleasure and wresteth and turneth it as he list." For the prelude and postlude, Byrd fashions virtuosic works, combining intricate polyphony and beautiful homophony;

these works are contained in the primary source of keyboard music from the late Elizabethan and early Jacobean period in England, the *Fitzwilliam Virginal Book*.

SPARKS HOUSE GATHERING

Following service today, Professor Potts and his family invite members of the congregation to a coffee hour on the front lawn of Sparks House at 21 Kirkland St. For the wellbeing of our visitors, students, and staff we will ask individuals to remain masked when not eating or drinking. Unvaccinated people who unmask to eat should remain at a 6-foot distance from others not in their household.

MORNING PRAYERS

Our daily service of Morning Prayers takes place at 8:30 am. Monday: David von Behren; Tuesday: Daniel Smith; Wednesday: Matthew Ichihashi Potts; Thursday: Terrence Murphy; Friday: TBA

THE OFFICE OF COMPLINE

On Thursday, October 7 at 9 pm, 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.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The wellbeing of our visitors, students, and staff remains our top commitment at the Memorial Church. Harvard University continues to closely monitor the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and it is an ever-changing situation.

We are taking important steps to protect against COVID-19. We grateful for your assistance helping us to take these precautionary measures to prevent the spread of infection and to prioritize the wellbeing of our community, especially the most vulnerable in our midst.

We ask that all visitors, students, and staff abide by the following:

- All individuals will be masked indoors.
- All individuals/households will attest to the state of their health upon arrival. Individuals will be asked to leave if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and/or exhibiting symptoms with COVID-19.
- All individuals will refrain from public consumption of food and beverage indoors.

Please review the latest guidance for on-campus activity before attending services or other events on campus. Seating with physical distancing is available.

Guidance may be subject to additions and changes based upon the distribution of the disease and local disease dynamics. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this time.

Things are a bit different. Some of the details of our worship life have be altered to accommodate pandemic restrictions. Some of our programming has been adjusted to keep everyone safe. But

what we hope you find entirely familiar is the love and openness and welcome with which we hope to fill our church each day.

FAITH FORMATION

Church School and the Faith and Life Forum have officially begun for the 2021–22 academic year!

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. To participate in the Church School program, parents or guardians need to register their children, and to attest to the state of their children's health weekly.

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. Participants will need to register and attest to their health in order to participate in the weekly forum gatherings.

Both programs have virtual and in-person components. Please visit our website to learn more or email Assistant Minister, Calvon Jones (calvon_jones@harvard.edu), with any questions.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a way to get more involved with the Memorial Church? Student Deacons might be the answer! Student Deacons is a volunteer, ecumenical Christian program involving both undergraduate and graduate students. Their service involves a ministry of hospitality and welcome during Sunday services and in the wider MemChurch community. If you're looking for a new opportunity for spiritual growth, please contact Student Program Coordinator, Anna Burnham (anna_burnham@harvard.edu), for more information!

AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK

Looking for a space to relax, connect with other students, and grab some good food towards the end of your week? Join Professor Potts, his family, and their dog Suki for weekly After-School Snack at Sparks House (21 Kirkland St., Thursdays from 4–6 pm starting October 7th. Feel free to drop in and out as you need. Bring a friend!

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 *wbrb.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.

STAY CONNECTED TO THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

E-mail: Join our e-mail list and stay up-to-date with all the happenings in the Memorial Church. To sign up, visit our website at *memorialchurch.harvard.edu*

Like us on Facebook: *facebook.com/harvardmemorialchurch*

Follow us on Twitter: *twitter.com/memchurch*

and **Instagram:** *instagram.com/memchurch*

Watch us on YouTube: *youtube.com/memchurchharvard*

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is Imam Dr. Khalil Abdur-Rashid, Muslim Chaplain to Harvard University.