

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Baptism
Holy Communion

Sunday, October 6, 2019
11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Air” from Suite No. 3 in D major, BWV 1068

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

“Arioso” from Cantata BWV 156

Transcribed for simultaneous violin and organ performance by David von Behren (b. 1994)

HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Old Hundredth

The congregation standing

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. 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 this child who is baptized today, and strengthen us all to be your people in the world and a blessing to the Earth.

The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents: We present *Maxine Thekla Hub* to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Minister: Will you, as the parents of this child, be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We will with God's help.

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

Parents: We will with God's help.

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

Parents: 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: We will with God's help.

To the congregation:

Minister: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in their lives in Christ?

People: We will.

Minister: Let us pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Litanist: Open her heart, O God, to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Litanist: Send her 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: *Maxine Thekla Hub*, 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 this child 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

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 front of the church.

Psalm 37:3–11, 40–41 *Noli æmulari*

Chant by John Joubert (ca. 1927–2019)

Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good;
 dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
Delight thou in the Lord, and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.
Commit thy way unto the Lord,
 and put thy trust in him, and he shall bring it to pass.
He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light,
 and thy just dealing as the noon-day.
Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him:
 but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper,
 against the man that doeth after evil counsels.
Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure:
 fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.
Wicked doers shall be rooted out;
 and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.
Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone:
 thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.
But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth,
 and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.
But the salvation of the righteous cometh of the Lord;
 who is also their strength in the time of trouble.
And the Lord shall stand by them, and save them:
 he shall deliver them from the ungodly,
 and shall save them, because they put their trust in him.

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

Matthew 25:31–46

Pew Bible, page 25 (INT)

ANTHEM

“Gloria” from *Mass for Four Voices*

Thomas Tallis (ca. 1503–1585)

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 4:1–20

Pew Bible, pages 105–106 (NT)

SERMON

What About Jesus?

Text: “Just as you did not do it to the least of these, you did not do it to me.” *Matthew 25:40*

HYMN

No. 64, “All for Jesus, All for Jesus”
The congregation standing

All for Jesus

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 for Four Voices*

Thomas Tallis

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

Toccatina in C major, BWV 564

Johann Sebastian Bach

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 6, 2019

WELCOME

Today is the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is Jim Wallis, President and Founder, Sojourners. The service is led by Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church and Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School, the Rev. Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church, the Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church, Grace Killian MDiv III, Seminarian in the Memorial Church, and KMarie Tejada MDiv III, Seminarian in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Dani Perez '22. The second lesson is read by Chandra Plowden MDiv '18 G1. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir, under the direction of Edward E. Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster, and David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster. We especially welcome the family of Eugenia Schraa and Ming-Tai Huh, whose child receives the sacrament of Baptism today.

Our “Baby Oasis” 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. Audio from the service streams in the Baby Oasis.

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

MORNING PRAYERS

Monday: Aidan Stoddart '21; Tuesday: Elizabeth Propst '22; Wednesday: David Diaz MDiv II; Thursday: Makeda Djata Best PhD '10; Friday: Edward Jones

WILLIAM BELDEN NOBLE LECTURES

The 2019–2020 William Belden Noble Lecturer in Residence, the Rev. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock, will deliver four lectures over the course of the academic year on October 16, November 20, March 11, April 22 at 7 pm. A national voice on social justice issues such as voting rights and criminal justice, Dr. Warnock is Senior Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, the spiritual home of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. All lectures will take place in the Memorial Church Sanctuary and are free and open to the public. The title of the first lecture on October 16 is “Let My People Go: The Scandal of Mass Incarceration in the Land of the Free.”

THE PILGRIMAGE PROJECT

The pilgrimage reading group continues on Wednesday, October 23, 7:00-8:30 pm in the Seminar Room of the Student Oasis. We will discuss Toni Morrison's 2012 novel, *Home*, and all are welcome to join.

We have several pilgrimage opportunities this semester. On Friday, October 25, we will gather at 1:30 pm in the Student Oasis to join May Wang '20 for a pilgrimage to the "Crossing Lines" exhibit at the Harvard Art Museums. In addition, please join us for a pilgrimage to Walden Pond on Saturday morning, October 26. Registration is only required for the Walden Pond pilgrimage; please write to Grace Killian, Seminararian in the Memorial Church, at grace_killian@mail.harvard.edu for more information. We will also offer a pilgrimage led by Professor David Carrasco, Neil L. Rudenstine Professor of Latin America, to the Day of the Dead altars in the Peabody Museum on Friday afternoon, November 1, and an interior pilgrimage at the Memorial Church on Tuesday evening, December 3, 7:00-8:30 pm. No registration is required for the November or December pilgrimages.

FAITH FORMATION

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 register and 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. The Forum is held Sunday mornings during the Fall and Spring Terms in the Buttrick Room from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Speakers include scholars, pastors, and other public figures whose work enhances our awareness of the pivotal role religion plays across space and time. To learn about upcoming speakers, please visit the Faith & Life Forum page on our website. The Forum will continue next Sunday, October 13th with Lara Glass, Student Program Fellow in the Memorial Church. To learn about upcoming speakers, please visit the Faith & Life Forum page on our website.

Contact Ministry Fellow, Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) for more information about faith formation at MemChurch.

MUSIC NOTES

Thomas Tallis was born in the first decade of the sixteenth century and played an active role in the composition of church music under four monarchs: Henry VIII, Edward VI, Queen Mary, and Queen Elizabeth I. In the 1540s, as the Reformation took hold, the style of music required from church composers changed significantly: turning away from large-scale, melismatic votive antiphons, these composers moved towards more syllabic, compact, and English settings.

Tallis's *Mass for Four Voices* falls in the midst of this development: the Mass is still in Latin but it is set in a more syllabic way, resulting in a clear declamation of the text. The work is found in one of the most important sources of Tudor music, the Gyfford Partbooks.

Our organ music comes from the pen of Johann Sebastian Bach. The composer Nicolaus Bruhns (whose organ works influenced those of Bach) is said to have sat on the organ bench playing the violin, accompanying himself on the pedals. Assistant Organist and Choirmaster David von Behren (an accomplished violinist himself) will perform exactly this feat during the prelude with his own transcriptions of two of Bach's beloved works. This morning's postlude, the extrovertly cheerful *Toccata*, BWV 564, opens with a florid passage for the manuals followed by an extensive pedal solo, stylistically similar to examples found in Buxtehude and Bruhns. The manuals and pedals join together for the main body of the work, with its concerto-like alternation of ritornello and episodic passages.

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 wrb.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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interm Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School.

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