

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Baptism

Sunday, October 8, 2017

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Pièce d'orgue, BWV 527

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

HYMN

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

Old Hundredth

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. 30, “To God with Gladness Sing”
The congregation standing

Harewood

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 & Godparents: We present *Edward Augustus Samuel Twerdahl* to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

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

Parents & Godparents: 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 & Godparents: 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 & Godparents: 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 & Godparents: 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 his life in Christ?

People: We will.

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

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Litanist: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Litanist: Send him 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: 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 back of the church.

Psalm 19:1–11, 14 *Cæli enarrant* *Chant by Stephen Darlington (b. 1952)*

The heavens declare the glory of God;
 and the firmament showeth his handiwork.
One day telleth another;
 and one night certifieth another.
There is neither speech nor language;
 but their voices are heard among them.
Their sound is gone out into all lands;
 and their words into the ends of the world.
In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun;
 which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber,
 and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.
It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven,
 and runneth about unto the end of it again;
 and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul;
 the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.
The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart;
 the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever;
 the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold;
 sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb.
Moreover, by them is thy servant taught;
 and in keeping of them there is great reward.
Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart,
 be always acceptable in thy sight,
 O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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 20:1–4

Pew Bible, page 61 (OT)

ANTHEM

Laudate pueri Dominum, SV 206:4 (1610)

Claudio Monteverdi (1567–1643)

Laudate, pueri, Dominum; laudate nomen Domini.
Sit nomen Domini benedictum ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.
A solis ortu usque ad occasum laudabile nomen Domini.
Excelsus super omnes gentes Dominus, et super cælos gloria eius.
Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster, qui in altis habitat,
Et humilia respicit in cælo et in terra?
Suscitans a terra inopem, et de stercore erigens pauperem:
Ut collocet eum cum principibus, cum principibus populi sui.
Qui habitare facit sterilem in domo, matrem filiorum lætantem.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Praise the Lord, ye servants; O praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth for evermore.

The Lord's name is praised from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

The Lord is high above all heathen and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high,

And yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?

He taketh up the simple out of the dust and lifteth the poor out of the mire;

That he may set him with the princes, even with the princes of his people.

He maketh the barren woman to keep house and to be a joyful mother of children.

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 113

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46

Pew Bible, pages 20-21 (NT)

PRAYER 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

ANTHEM

Lauda, Ierusalem, SV 206:10 (1610)

Claudio Monteverdi

Lauda, Ierusalem, Dominum; lauda Deum tuum, Sion.
Quoniam confortavit seras portarum tuarum; benedixit filiis tuis in te.
Qui posuit fines tuos pacem, et adipe frumenti satiat te.
Qui emittit eloquium suum terræ: velociter currit sermo eius.
Qui dat nivem sicut lanam; nebulam sicut cinerem spargit.
Mittit cristallum suam sicut buccellas: ante faciem frigoris eius quis sustinebit?
Emittet verbum suum, et liquefaciet ea; flabit spiritus eius, et fluent aquæ.
Qui annuntiat verbum suum Iacob, iustitias et iudicia sua Israel.
Non fecit taliter omni nationi, et iudicia sua non manifestavit eis.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Sion.

For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates and hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth, and his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who is able to abide his frost?

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them; he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.

He showeth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation, neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

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 147:12–20

SERMON

Love before Leadership, Part II

Text: “..you shall have no other gods before me.”

Exodus 20:3

HYMN

No. 190, “The Great Creator of the Worlds”

Tallis’ Ordinal

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccatà sesta

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583–1643)

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 8, 2017

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 Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church; and seminarians Jane Moran MDiv III and Aric Flemming MDiv II. The first lesson is read by Ozichi Osuoha '19. The second lesson is read by Maggie Beazer '20. 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 especially welcome the Twerdahl family, whose child receives the sacrament of Baptism.

A crying room is available in the lower level of the church for young children and infants. Parents and their children are welcome to use the respite space during worship, complete with an audio broadcast of the service.

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

FAITH FORMATION

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of ages three through fifteen. New this year is our Teen Class. 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. All families are kindly asked to register their children.

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 continue next Sunday, October 15, with the Reverend Kent French, Senior Pastor, The United Parish in Brookline, and former Epps Fellow at the Memorial Church.

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

COFFEE HOUR

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

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: OCTOBER 9 – 13, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: No Morning Prayers — Columbus Day; Tuesday: Andrew Pérez '20
Wednesday: Keith Mason '13, EdM '18; Thursday: Jasmine Waddell
Friday: Edward E. Jones

FALL CONCERT

Claudio Monteverdi's *L'Orfeo* will be presented on Saturday, October 21, at 7:30 p.m. This concert will feature the Harvard University Choir, Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra, and soloists under the direction of Edward E. Jones, University Organist and Choirmaster. This concert is presented in honor of Thomas Forrest Kelly AM '70 PhD '73, Morton B. Knafel Professor of Music, Harvard University.

MUSIC NOTES

Claudio Monteverdi represents the pinnacle of Italian Renaissance composition, and he guided the transformation to the early Baroque style: the Harvard University Choir will be celebrating Monteverdi's compositions throughout this academic year, in honor of the 450th anniversary of the composer's birth. Monteverdi's *Vespro della Beata Vergine*—published in 1610 together with his *Missa in illo tempore*—is a sequence of fourteen pieces (including two versions of the *Magnificat*), that some scholars believe could have been used in a liturgical setting. Others claim that it was a composition portfolio compiled in order to secure employment away from the political intrigues and jealousies of the Court of Mantua; indeed, in 1613, Monteverdi assumed the prestigious post of *maestro di cappella* at the Basilica of St. Mark's, Venice. The Harvard University Choir will present the complete Vespers during Harvard's ARTS FIRST celebrations on Saturday, April 28, 2018; this morning, the group presents two of the celebratory psalm settings from the collection, both based on the appropriate plainsong *cantus firmi* of the liturgical texts. "Laudate pueri" utilizes various combinations of the eight-part choir; "Lauda Ierusalem" has two separated three-voice choirs surrounding a central tenor line singing the plainsong chant.

Johann Sebastian Bach's *Pièce d'orgue* is a unique, self-contained prelude whose French title (also unique in Bach's organ works) probably refers to the central section—a five-part *alla breve* after the models of the Classical French composers, whose works Bach knew well; it is framed by an introductory toccata and a closing *Lentement* in free style. Girolamo Frescobaldi was the organist of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. His *toccatas* follow the standard form for this style, with slow harmonic motion, yet quick figurations.

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 *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.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

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