

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE KNAFEL CENTER

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 9, 2016

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Adoro Te Devote (1996)

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

HYMN

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Old Hundredth

The congregation standing



All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
For why? The Lord our God is good, his



to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times



praise forth tell, come ye be-fore him and re - joice.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure. A - men.

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

When the Morning Stars Together (page 8)

Everton

GREETING

THE PEACE

All are invited to join in singing.

Children join their teachers in the Church School at the invitation of the worship leader.



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 66:1-8 *Jubilate Deo*

chant by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Sung by the choir

O be joyful in God, all ye lands;

 sing praises unto the honor of his name; make his praise to be glorious.

Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works!

 through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies bow down unto thee.

For all the world shall worship thee,

 sing of thee, and praise thy name.

O come hither, and behold the works of God;

 how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.

He turned the sea into dry land,

 so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.

He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations:

 and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.

O praise our God, ye peoples,
and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holdeth our soul in life;
and suffereth not our feet to slip.

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

2 Kings 5:1-19a

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to

you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant." But he said, "As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing!" He urged him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, "If not, please let two mule-loads of earth be given to your servant; for your servant will no longer offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god except the Lord. But may the Lord pardon your servant on one count: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow down in the house of Rimmon, when I do bow down in the house of Rimmon, may the Lord pardon your servant on this one count." He said to him, "Go in peace."

ANTHEM

Pure River of Water of Life (2008)

James Whitbourn (b. 1963)

He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, flowing out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. On either side was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall be no night there, and they need no candle, neither the light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: And they shall reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22:1-2, 5

SECOND LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

"Pilgrims' Hymn" from *The Three Hermits* (1997)

Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)

Even before we call on your name
To ask you, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify you,
You hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,
Surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in,
We breathe your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast,
We trust in you;
Endless your grace, O endless your grace,
Beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and for ever,
And unto ages and ages,
Amen.

Michael Dennis Browne (b. 1940)

SERMON

Dipped Below

Text: “I Thought He Would Surely Come Forth for Me”

HYMN

Go Forth for God (page 9)

Magda

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

King David’s Dance (2008)

Stephen Paulus

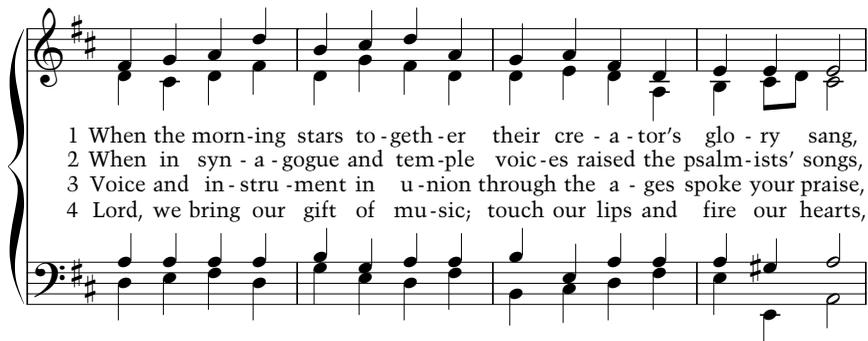
OUR MISSION

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.

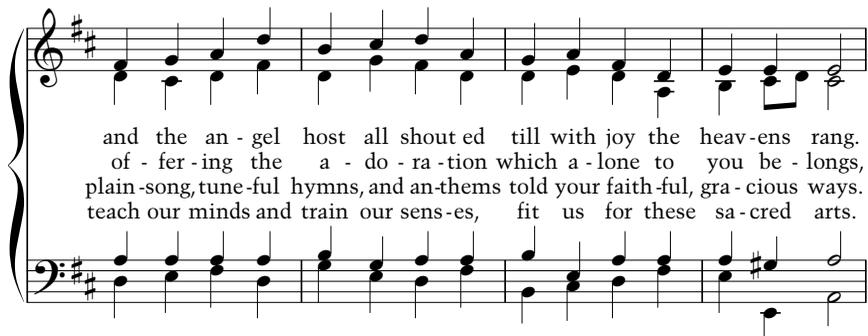
When the Morning Stars Together

Albert F. Bayly, 1969, alt.

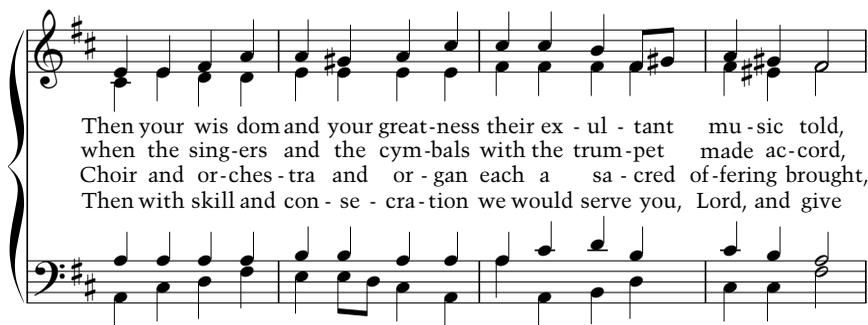
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Henry Thomas Smart, 1867



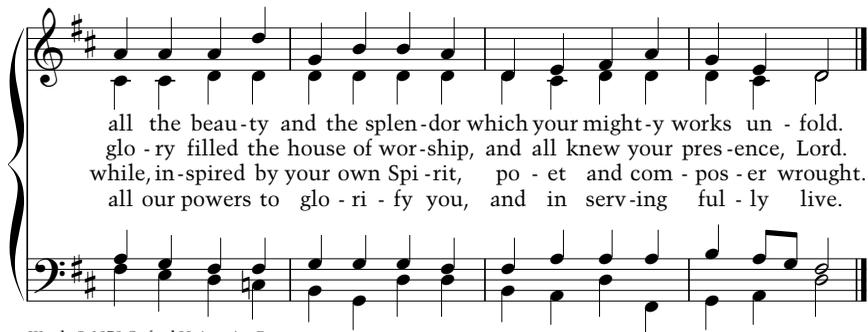
1 When the morn-ing stars to-geth-er their cre-a-tor's glo-ry sang,
2 When in syn-a-gogue and tem-ple voic-es raised the psalm-ists' songs,
3 Voice and in-stru-ment in u-nion through the a-ges spoke your praise,
4 Lord, we bring our gift of mu-sic; touch our lips and fire our hearts,



and the an-gel host all shout ed till with joy the heav-ens rang.
of-fer-ing the a-do-ra-tion which a-lone to you be-longs,
plain-song, tune-ful hymns, and an-thems told your faith-ful, gra-cious ways.
teach our minds and train our sens-es, fit us for these sa-cred arts.



Then your wis dom and your great-ness their ex-ul-tant mu-sic told,
when the sing-ers and the cym-bals with the trum-pet made ac-cord,
Choir and or-ches-tra and or-gan each a sa-cred of-fering brought,
Then with skill and con-se-cra-tion we would serve you, Lord, and give



all the beau-ty and the splen-dor which your might-y works un-fold.
glo-ry filled the house of wor-ship, and all knew your pres-ence, Lord.
while, in-spired by your own Spi-rit, po-et and com-pos-er wrought.
all our powers to glo-ri-fy you, and in serv-ing ful-ly live.

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Go Forth for God

J. R. Peacey, 1970
adapt. New English Hymnal, 1986, alt.

MAGDA 11 10 10 10
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925

1 Go forth for God; go forth to the world in peace;
2 Go forth for God; go forth to the world in strength;
3 Go forth for God; go forth to the world in love;
4 Go forth for God; go forth to the world in joy,

be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right,
strength-en the faint, give cour - age to the weak,
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,

in God's good Spir - it dai - ly to in - crease, till
ren - der to no - one e - vil; Christ at length shall
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove his
and serv - ing Christ, his ev - ery gift em - ploy, re -

in the king - dom we be - hold God's face.
o - ver - come all dark - ness with true light.
love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.
joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's power.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 9, 2016

WELCOME

Today is the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Dudley Rose, Associate Dean for Ministry Studies and Lecturer on Ministry, Harvard Divinity School. The service is led by Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church; and the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Sahar Shahid MDivIII. The second lesson is read by Emma van der Heide '18. 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.

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: OCTOBER 10 – 14, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: No Service; Tuesday: Sheehan Daniel Scarborough '07, MDiv '14;

Wednesday: Seun Araromi; Thursday: Karen-Alexandra Nogues '18;

Friday: Stephanie Paulsell

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

British composer James Whitbourn is a graduate of Magdalen College, Oxford, and has worked for the BBC as composer, conductor, producer, and presenter. *Pure River of Water of Life* sets verses from the Book of Revelation; slow-moving, lilting figures in the lower voices accompany beautiful arabesque motifs in the soprano line.

Before his untimely death in the fall of 2014, Stephen Paulus was one of America's most prolific contemporary composers, especially well-known for his operas and choral music. "Pilgrims' Hymn" forms the poignant conclusion of the one-act church opera, *The Three Hermits*, and has become one of Paulus's most widely-performed choral works. The Harvard University Choir will perform the complete opera on Sunday, October 23, at 4 p.m. in First Church, Cambridge.

Gerald Near's wide-ranging sacred compositions make an important contribution to contemporary church music; the Gregorian chant *Adoro Te Devote* forms the basis of this morning's prelude. The postlude is a sprightly representation of 2 Samuel 6:14, "David danced before the Lord with all his might." The dance is represented both by the lively rhythms and also more literally by the leaping pedal part.

UNIVERSITY CHOIR CONCERT OCTOBER 23

On Sunday, October 23, at 4 p.m., the Harvard University Choir will present Stephen Paulus's church opera *The Three Hermits* in concert at First Church, Cambridge at 11 Garden St. The concert will also feature soloists David McFerrin and Clare McNamara and is free and open to the public.

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 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be the Reverend Professor McGlory Speckman, Campus Rector, Walter Sisulu University, Queenstown, South Africa.

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