

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Prelude” from Three Short Preludes
Soliloquy

Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)
Philip Moore (b. 1943)

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. 14, "God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him"
The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

Abbot's Leigh

THE PEACE & GREETING

All are invited to join in the singing of Hymn No. 27, stanza 1.

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 104:1-9, 24 *Benedic, anima mea* *Chant by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)*
Sung by the choir

Praise the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, thou art become exceeding glorious;
thou art clothed with majesty and honor.

Thou deckest thyself with light as it were with a garment,
and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters, and maketh the clouds his chariot,
and walketh upon the wings of the wind.

He maketh his angels winds, and his ministers a flaming fire.

He laid the foundations of the earth, that it never should move at any time.

Thou coveredst it with the deep like as with a garment;
the waters stand above the hills.

At thy rebuke they flee; at the voice of thy thunder they haste away.

They go up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath;
even unto the place which thou hast appointed for them.

Thou hast set them their bounds, which they shall not pass,
neither turn again to cover the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all;
the earth is full of thy riches.

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

Job 38:1–7

Pew Bible, page 447 (OT)

ANTHEM

Blessed City, Heavenly Salem (1914)

Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

Blessed city, heavenly Salem,
Vision dear of peace and love,
Who of living stones art builded
In the height of heaven above,
And by angel hands apparelled,
As a bride doth earthward move.

Bright thy gates of pearl are shining,
They are open evermore;
And, their well-earned rest attaining,
Thither faithful souls do soar,
Who for Christ's dear name in this world
Pain and tribulation bore.

Out of heaven from God descending,
New and ready to be wed
To thy Lord, whose love espoused thee,
Fair adorned shalt thou be led;
All thy gates and all thy bulwarks
Of pure gold are fashioned.

Many a blow and biting sculpture
Polished well those stones elect,
In their places now compacted
By the heavenly architect.
Nevermore to leave the temple,
Which with them the Lord hath decked.

To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving kindness,
Hear thy servants as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls away. Amen.

Anonymous Latin 7th cent., English translation John Mason Neale (1818–1866)

SECOND LESSON

Mark 10:35–45

Pew Bible, page 40 (NT)

ANTHEM

In Beauty May I Walk (1998)

Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

In beauty may I walk,
All day long may I walk,
Through the returning seasons,
Beautifully joyful!

Beautifully will I possess again,
Beautifully joyful birds.

On the trail marked with pollen may I walk.
With grasshoppers about my feet may I walk.
With dew about my feet may I walk.
All day long may I walk.

With beauty before me,
With beauty behind me,
With beauty above me,
With beauty all around me.
It is finished in beauty.

Anonymous Navajo, trans. Jerome K. Rothenberg (b. 1931)

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. 276, "Go Forth for God"

Magda

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festival Toccata (1915)

Percy Fletcher (1872–1932)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 17, 2021

WELCOME

Today is the Twenty-First 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 Calvin Tijuan Jones, Assistant Minister in the Memorial Church and Laurie Sedgwick MDiv III. 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

Sir Edward Bairstow was appointed Organist of York Minster in 1913, a post he held until his death; in addition, he became Professor of Music at Durham University in 1929, where his pupils included Gerald Finzi and Francis Jackson. *Blessed City, Heavenly Salem* is one of Bairstow's best-known works and sets words from the seventh-century hymn *Urbs beata Hierusalem* translated by the Anglican priest and scholar John Mason Neale. The composer bases the work on the plainsong melody found in the thirteenth-century Nevers Manuscript: the melody appears in a variety of different guises throughout the work, in which the organ plays an important and prominent role.

Jonathan Dove is an English composer whose music spans the worlds of opera, theater, film, and the church. *In Beauty May I Walk* is a setting of the American poet Jerome K. Rothenberg's translation of an anonymous Navajo prayer. The basses sing a chant-like phrase at the outset which becomes the musical kernel of the whole work, heard in overlapping long and shortnote values.

The prelude features the first of Bairstow's *Three Short Preludes* followed by Philip Moore's *Soliloquy*. Moore was Organist and Master of the Music in York Minster from 1983 to 2008, and the work is dedicated to Moore's predecessor at York, Francis Jackson (Bairstow's successor). The musical material derives from a sequence of notes which translates Jackson's surname into pitches.

Percy Fletcher was Musical Director at the Savoy and Drury Lane theatres, London, and is mainly remembered as an arranger and conductor of hit musicals in those famous spaces. *Festival Toccata* was written in 1915 and is dedicated to the virtuoso English organist and composer Edwin Lemare.

MORNING PRAYERS

Our daily service of Morning Prayers takes place at 8:30 am. Monday: Vanessa Zoltan MDiv '15; Tuesday: Alanna C. Sullivan; Wednesday: Emmanuel K. Akyeampong; Thursday: Kevin Bryant; Friday: Francis X. Clooney, S.J.

CHORAL EVENSONG

On Thursday, October 21 at 5:30 pm, the Harvard University Choir will present a service of choral evensong featuring works of Charles Wood and Edward Bairstow. All are welcome.

CHORAL FELLOWS RECITAL

On Sunday, October 31 at 1:15 pm, the Choral Fellows of the Harvard University Choir will present a recital of works for chorus and piano, including choral cycles by Gwyneth Walker and Alfred V. Fedak. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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 & LIFE FORUM

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. There is both a virtual and in-person component. Please visit our website to learn more.

CHURCH SCHOOL

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. Please visit our website to learn more or email Assistant Minister, Calvin Jones (*calvon_jones@harvard.edu*), with any questions.

The Rev. Jones and the Church School team are excited to announce the launch of our newly designed MemChurch School digital platform. Our children and families will have access to fun, exciting, and educational episodes, steeped in stories of love and humanity. Take a virtual journey to a digital place where the Bible comes to life. You can find episodes at: <https://bit.ly/3iUtEWW>

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. Feel free to drop in and out as you need. Bring a friend!

STUDENT OASIS

The Student Oasis in the lower level of the Memorial Church is a tranquil and relaxing space for study, for meeting friends and fellow students, even cooking a favorite meal in the full-service kitchen. Located in the heart of Harvard Yard, the Oasis is open daily to Harvard students during the academic term. For more information and the hours of operation, visit <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/studentoasis>

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

Next Sunday is the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Rev. Teddy Hickman-Maynard, Associate Dean for Ministry Studies, Harvard Divinity School.

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