

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 22, 2017

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

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PRELUDE

“Sinfonia” and “Vocalise” from *Sketchbook Four* (2004) *Daniel E. Gawthrop (b. 1949)*
Nocturne (2005)

HYMN

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

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. 28, “To God Be the Glory” *To God Be the Glory*
The congregation standing

GREETING AND THE PEACE

All are invited to join in 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. 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 96:1-2, 6-9, 11-13 *Cantate Domino* *Chant by David Hurd (b. 1950)*

O sing unto the Lord a new song;
 sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord, and praise his name;
 be telling of his salvation from day to day.
Glory and worship are before him;
 power and honor are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the peoples,
 ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.
Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his name;
 bring presents, and come into his courts.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
 let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
 let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.
Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it;
 then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth;
 and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

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

Deuteronomy 30:8-14

Pew Bible, page 173 (OT)

ANTHEM

Sing Me to Heaven (1991)

Daniel E. Gawthrop

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.

Words alone are vain and vacant, and my heart is mute.

In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices,

And my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.

If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.

If you would mourn me and bring me to God,

Sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.

Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure.

Touch in me grief and comfort, love and passion, pain and pleasure.

Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem.

Love me, comfort me, bring me to God:

Sing me a love song, sing me to heaven.

Jane Griner (b. 1950)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

Pew Bible, page 62 (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

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (publ. 1996)

*African American Spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus.

SERMON

Repairing the Jericho Road

Text: "...he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'

Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho...'" *Luke 10:29b–30a*

HYMN

No. 314, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

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The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Canticle I (1988)

Daniel E. Gawthrop

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 22, 2017

WELCOME

Today is the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Laura Everett MDiv '04, Executive Director of Massachusetts Council of Churches. The service is led by Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church; and the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Chanel Williams GSD '18. The second lesson is read by Kate Brady '19. 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.

A crying room 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, 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 29, with Justin McDaniel, Professor of Religious Studies & Chair of the Department of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania.

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!

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 contact Alanna Sullivan at alanna_sullivan@harvard.edu. We would love to have you join us!

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: OCTOBER 23 – 27, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Mfundo Radebe '20; Tuesday: Amanda Rice MDiv III

Wednesday: Anya Bernstein Bassett PhD '97; Thursday: Annie Valva EdM '95

Friday: Michael Robinson MDiv III

HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL EVENT

Please join us this Tuesday at Harvard Divinity School, 5:30–7:00 p.m., in Andover Hall Room 103, for a conversation with Noah Bullock, Executive Director of Cristosal, a faith-based human rights organization in El Salvador. Mr. Bullock will discuss Cristosal's work on behalf of victims of current and historic human rights violations in the region and strategies for establishing a human rights climate in which peacemaking is possible. Last year, El Salvador was second only to Syria in the per capita level of internal displacement by violence. Join us for a discussion of how people of faith can live out our responsibility to others, including refugees and migrants, in a time when governments, including our own, are retreating from commitments to protect and promote the rights of the most vulnerable. All are welcome.

BOSTON CAMERATA CONCERT

Next Sunday, October 29, at 4 p.m. in the Memorial Church, the Boston Camerata and Harvard University Choral Fellows will present *Liberty Tree: Early Music for the American Soul*, a concert of music from the new nation of the United States of America.

UPPSALA UNIVERSITY CHAMBER ENSEMBLE CONCERT

On Sunday, November 5, at 4 p.m., the Uppsala University Chamber Ensemble with pianist Paul-André Bempéchat will perform works of W. A. Mozart, Arne Mellnäs, and Viking Dahl.

MUSIC NOTES

This morning's music celebrates the vibrant legacy of contemporary American church music. The composer, organist, and conductor, Daniel E. Gawthrop, has received commissions from Washington National Cathedral, the American Boychoir, and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. This morning's prelude and postlude comprise selections from Gawthrop's significant organ oeuvre. "Sing Me to Heaven" was commissioned by Carol Hunter and the Virginia choir VOCE; Gawthrop's wife, the writer Jane Griner provided the text, and the work has become the composer's best-loved composition.

Moses Hogan was a gifted concert pianist, conductor, and founder of the Moses Hogan Chorale; he died at a tragically young age just over a decade ago. He is most widely remembered for his contemporary settings of spirituals: “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” is one of his most powerful arrangements.

CHAPLAIN’S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Harvard University Chaplaincy will offer a three-week Grief and Bereavement Group for students this November. Whether you’ve already lost a loved one or are in the midst of losing someone now, you are welcome to share in this safe space of connection, contemplation, and conversation. We will meet in a confidential setting in the Chaplains’ Conference Room, 44R Brattle, First Floor, on Wednesdays, November 1, 8, and 15, 5:00–6:00 p.m. If you’d like to register, please contact the Rev. Dr. Lucy Forster-Smith directly via e-mail (lucy_forster-smith@harvard.edu) or phone, 617-496-3217.

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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