



From the Pusey Minister

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Responding to Our Global Climate Crisis

Dear friends of the Memorial Church,

Though the bustle of the fall term has barely subsided, we at the Memorial Church are already eager to welcome you back for the spring term with a full slate of exciting plans and programming.

We saw a wonderful increase in participation at our Sparks House Afterschool Snack last fall. My daughter Cami and I are excited once again to don our barista aprons and, along with the rest of my family, to welcome students back into our home each week. Other flourishing student programming will continue, such as the weekly Queer Affirming and Feminist Bible study hosted by Anna Burnham. We're also developing a new student deacons program we're confident will take off in the new term, and will share more news as it does.

Our programming theme centered on the climate crisis also continues. In the fall we gathered fourteen Iceland pilgrims, and in the spring, during spring break, we will travel to the ancient holy site of Skálholt in southwestern Iceland for a walking retreat and glacier visit. This fall's Noble lectures, centered around the theme of climate crisis, were great successes and we will have two more lectures in the spring.

Dekila Chungyalpa, a climate organizer and activist at the University of Wisconsin who specializes in indigenous responses to climate crisis, will speak March 22. The fourth and final lecture in the series will be given in April by Emmanuel Katongole, a Roman Catholic priest from Uganda and professor at the University of Notre Dame, who integrates environmental work with peacebuilding. Professor Katongole will also be our preacher the Sunday after his visit.

Kelly Mason of Arlington Street Church and the Harvard Human Flourishing Project will guest preach in March. And Mark Unno, a professor of Buddhism and ordained Shin Buddhist priest, will visit our pulpit after Easter.

Spring term does of course promise the holy seasons of Lent and Easter. In addition to all our usual ritual observations, this Lent we will also host a weekly midday Wednesday communion service in Appleton Chapel. If you are on campus on Wednesdays, we hope you incorporate this noontime service into your Lenten observances this year. And on Easter Sunday, our 9 a.m. service will be specially tailored toward families with young children, to be followed by our Easter Egg Hunt on the Yard. The 11 a.m. liturgy will be a service of festive, choral holy communion.

The music program will present several exciting offerings in the spring. Notable among them will be a performance of Alfred Fedak's oratorio "The Web of Life: Litanies for the Earth" on Sunday, March 5.



Photo by Stephanie Mitchell

This oratorio employs religious and other texts to explore our relationship to the earth, in accordance with our climate crisis theme. Then, on Friday, April 28, our own Carson Cooman's oratorio "The Revelations of Divine Love," based on the writings of Julian of Norwich, will be presented as part of the Arts First Festival.

Last, in cooperation with Professor Tyler Vanderweele of the T. H. Chan School, the Memorial Church will be hosting a large, international, interdisciplinary conference on the topic of forgiveness in late April. This event promises to be an exciting and illuminating meeting, and will be open to the public. Details will follow in the spring term.

We at the Memorial Church are so grateful for your support of, and participation in, this vibrant community. Whether you visit the church in person each day, or only occasionally by radio, you are an important part of our common life. Thank you. It is my privilege, and the privilege of the whole staff, to serve you.

In faithfulness and gratitude,
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The Heart of Harvard Yard

WORSHIP SERVICES

A multi-denominational Protestant worship service open to all regardless of faith, serving the Harvard University community and beyond. Services are in the Memorial Church Sanctuary and broadcast live on Harvard’s radio station, WHRB 95.3 FM and online at whrb.org.

Jan. 22, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts PhD ’13, Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church of Harvard University and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals in the Faculty of Divinity. Anthems: Daniel Pinkham: Festival Jubilate; Felix Mendelssohn: “How Lovely Are the Messengers” from St. Paul.

Jan. 29, 11 a.m.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF SPRING TERM

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: Dan Locklair: St. Peter’s Rock; Jane Marshall: Earthen Treasures.

Feb. 5, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration, the Memorial Church. Anthems: William Byrd: Diliges Dominum and Mass for Four Voices.

Feb. 12, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: Lee Hoiby: At the Round Earth’s Imagined Corners; Carson Cooman: “Eternitie” from The Revelations of Divine Love.

Feb. 19, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: Philip Moore: All Wisdom Cometh from the Lord; Judith Weir: By Wisdom.

Feb. 22, 12 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts.

Feb. 26, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Calvin Jones, Assistant Minister, the Memorial Church of Harvard University. Anthem: Undine Smith Moore (arr.): I’m Going Home; R. Nathaniel Dett: Listen to the Lambs.

March 5, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: John Stainer: “God So Loved the World” from The Crucifixion; Harold Darke: Communion Service in E (Collegium Regale).

March 12, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Calvin Jones.

March 19, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason, Arlington Street Church, Boston. Anthems: Daniel Read: Broad Is the Road That Leads to Death (“Windham”); William Billings: When Jesus Wept.

March 26, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Emmanuel Akyeampong, Minister for Worship and Formation in the Memorial Church; Ellen Gurney Professor of History and Professor of African and African American Studies, Oppenheimer Faculty Director of the Harvard University Center for African Studies. Anthems: Gwyneth Walker: Lord Jesus, Think on Me; Dan Locklair: Create in Me a Clean Heart.

April 2, 11 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: Howard Helvey (arr.): Ride On, King Jesus; Kenneth Leighton: Solus ad victimam.

April 6, 7 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Preacher: The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan.

April 7, 12 - 3 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts.

April 9, 9 and 11 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: Alfred V. Fedak: Spring Bursts Today Howard Helvey: Awake, Arise. Children and family service at 9 a.m. Choral Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

April 16, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Mark Unno, Professor of Religious Studies, University of Oregon. Anthem: George Frideric Handel: “Worthy Is the Lamb” from Messiah; William Byrd: Laudibus in sanctis.

April 23, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Katongole, Professor of Theology and of Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame. Anthems: James MacMillan: Who Shall Separate Us?; Cecilia McDowall: I Know That My Redeemer Liveth.

April 30, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan. Anthems: Bach: Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied, BWV 225.

May 7, 11 a.m.

CHILDREN’S DAY SUNDAY

Preacher: The Rev. Calvin Jones. Anthem: Katherine Burk: Listen, Sweet Dove; Jonathan Dove: Missa brevis.

May 14, 11 a.m.

MOTHERS DAY SUNDAY

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: Vittoria Aleotti: Ego flos campi; Orlando Gibbons: O Clap Your Hands.

May 21, 11 p.m.

SENIOR SUNDAY

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: Music Honoring the Class of 2023.

MORNING PRAYERS

Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 8:45 a.m.

Begins Jan. 23 • Appleton Chapel

Consisting of music, prayer, and a brief address given by a member or friend of the University, this service is a great way to start the day. For the full schedule of speakers, visit: memorialchurch.harvard.edu/morningprayers.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Begins Jan. 22 • Buttrick Room

The Faith & Life Forum explores matters of faith and public life. This term we will focus on the themes of climate crisis.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Sundays, 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Begins Jan. 22 • Lower Level

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children ages three through sixteen. All classes are held during Sunday services in the Fall and Spring Terms. Learn more: memorialchurch.harvard.edu/churchschool.

MUSIC

Music in the Memorial Church is performed by the Harvard University Choir. The choir provides the music for weekly and daily services, as well as special concerts throughout the year. Concerts are held in the Memorial Church Sanctuary and are free and open to the public.

March 5, 4 p.m.

SPRING CONCERT

Harvard University Choir performs *The Web of Life: Litanies for the Earth* by Alfred V. Fedak, *The Great Trees* by Gwyneth Walker, and *From Darkness to Light* by Ruth Watson Henderson.

April 4, 7 p.m.

HOLY WEEK MUSICAL MEDITATION

Harvard University Choir and Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra perform Agostino Steffani’s *Stabat Mater*.

April 28, 7:30 p.m.

ARTS FIRST

Harvard University Choir performs *The Revelations of Divine Love* by Carson Cooman.

May 7, 4 p.m.

FERRIS CHORAL FELLOWS

The Choral Fellows and Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra perform *Acis and Galatea* by George Frideric Handel.

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Feb. 15, March 7, April 12, May 17, June 16

Featuring David von Behren, Carson Cooman, the Uppsala University Chamber Ensemble, and Philip Hartmann. Concerts begin at 12:15 p.m.

CHORAL SERVICES

COMPLINE

Feb. 2, March. 2, May 4 • 9 p.m.

Appleton Chapel

This twenty-minute candlelit evening service is sung by the Harvard University Choir, based upon the traditional evening liturgy of scripture, music, prayers, and silence.

EVENSONG

Feb. 16, March 23, April 20 • 5:45 p.m.

Appleton Chapel

The March 23 service will feature Harvard Glee Club and Ashmont Boy Choir joining the Harvard University Choir in the premiere of a new Evensong setting by Dan Locklair..

STUDENT PROGRAMS

The Memorial Church is a unique and welcoming community in the heart of Harvard Yard. From our Student Advisory Board, Grants Committee and Student Deacon programs, to the 40-member Harvard University Choir, and our robust seminarian and internship programs, and fellowship events, we offer many opportunities for students to get involved, connect, and make life-long friendships. We also offer ongoing pastoral care and support for all students, as well as work-study and volunteer opportunities.

Learn more about our thriving student community and new programs including, Love United Black Fellowship, Queer-Affirming Bible Study, and Student Deacon Program:

memorialchurch.harvard.edu/students

STUDENT OASIS

The Student Oasis, located in our lower level, is available to all Harvard students as a place to relax, study, and connect with friends. Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–11 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.–9 p.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m.–9 p.m. The entrance to the Student Oasis is located across from Canaday Hall.

AFTER SCHOOL SNACK

Students are invited to Sparks House for snacks, soft-drinks and fellowship with Matt, his family and their dog “Suki” each Thursday during the academic term, from 4-5:30 pm. Start date: Feb. 2.

LOVE UNITED BLACK FELLOWSHIP

Feb. 26, March 26, April 30, May 17, 3 p.m.

The Love United Black Fellowship (LUBF) is a ministry seeking to curate a welcoming space for persons of color in the Harvard community. All are welcome.