

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Last Sunday after Pentecost — Christ the King
Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, November 24, 2013

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress
“Pastorale” from *Revelations*
Music for a Solemn Occasion

Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)
Daniel Pinkham (1923–2006)
Calvin Hampton

HYMN

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

Old Hundredth

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens.
People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.
Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
People: We feast on the abundance of your house,
Minister: For with you is the fountain of life;
People: In your light we see light.

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

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.

HYMN

No. 258, “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”
The congregation standing

Austrian Hymn

GREETINGS

THE PEACE

AT THE OFFERTORY

“Gavotte” from *Partita No. 3 in E Major*, BWV 1006

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Nancy Zhou '16, violin

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 Church forward.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PSALTER

Psalms 46

Pew Bible, pages 480–481 (OT)

To be read responsively; the congregation standing

GLORIA PATRI

See Hymn No. 371

FIRST LESSON

Colossians 1:11–20

Pew Bible, pages 176–177 (NT)

ANTHEM

We Plow the Fields

Calvin Hampton

We plow the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his Love.*

He only is the Maker of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.

We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food:
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts,
But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 23:33–43

Pew Bible, page 77 (NT)

ANTHEM

Schenectady

Nebemiah Shumway (1761–1843)

From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise.
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
Through every land by every tongue.

*Eternal are thy mercies Lord; eternal truth attends thy word.
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.*

With all my powers of heart and tongue
I'll praise my Maker in my song
Angels shall hear the notes I raise,
Approve the song and join the praise.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Let us pray.
Lord, show us your love and mercy;
People: For we put our trust in you.
Minister: In you, Lord, is our hope;
People: And we shall never hope in vain.

Each time the minister says "Lord, in your mercy," the congregation will respond with "Hear our prayer."

THE GRACE

The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

HYMN

No. 266, verses 1, 2, 3, 7, "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"
The congregation standing

Marion

SERMON

King of the Road
Text: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Luke 23:42

HYMN

No. 79, "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"
The congregation standing

Wir pflügen

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Joy and Splendor of the Glorious Bodies" from *Glorious Bodies* *Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 24, 2013

WELCOME

Today is the Last Sunday after Pentecost — Christ the King and Thanksgiving Sunday. The preacher is the Reverend Ann Stevenson, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church. Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance. Following the service, the congregation is invited to a reception in the Memorial Room.

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: NOVEMBER 25 – 30, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Richard Parker; Tuesday: Iris Bohnet; Wednesday: Seth Robinson MDiv III; Thursday–Saturday: Thanksgiving recess, no services of Morning Prayers

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday there will be no MemCafé this week.

PHILLIPS BROOKS HOUSE HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

Please help us collect presents this holiday season for children in Boston and Cambridge. Place items such as books, toys, art supplies, board games, and sports equipment in the boxes provided at the back of the church on the first three Sundays in December (1, 8, and 15). Gifts should be new and unwrapped. We will also accept toys throughout the week in the boxes located downstairs in the Church's reception office. For more information contact Robert Bridgeman at bridgemanrobert@gmail.com.

TODAY! HBCO CONCERT: "WUNDERKAMMER"

Today at 4:00 p.m. in the Memorial Church. Tickets: \$10 general admission, \$5 students and seniors. The Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra's fall program delves into the library of Dresden — a "cabinet of wonders" filled with the fruits of the multinational appeal of Europe's most virtuosic eighteenth-century orchestra. Featuring works by Lully, Handel, Telemann, Fasch, Albanoni, Locatelli, and Heiniche.

SEASONS OF LIGHT: A MULTI-RELIGIOUS SERVICE TO HONOR THE HOLY DARKNESS AND THE SACRED LIGHT

Tuesday, December 3, 5:00–6:30 p.m. at Harvard Divinity School, Andover Chapel, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge. As the nights grow longer and the days shorter, join the Harvard Divinity School community for this beloved annual service honoring the interplay of holy darkness and light in the world's religious traditions. The service includes choral and instrumental music under the direction of Harry Lyn Huff, readings by HDS students, the ritual kindling of many flames, and communal prayers and songs.

TUESDAY ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

The Memorial Church's biweekly Tuesday organ recital series continues on December 3 at 7:30 p.m. Featuring student members of the Harvard Organ Society, our instruments will be showcased in a variety of colorful repertoire. The concert is free, and all are invited.

CHRISTMAS AT THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

The Christmas Season is fast approaching. Save the date for the 104th Annual Christmas Carol Services on Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m. and Monday, December 16 at 8:00 p.m. and a Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith & Life Forum seeks to deepen our devotional lives by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency concerning communities of faith. Held every Sunday morning during the Term before the 11:00 a.m. worship service, the presentations take place in the Pusey Room of the Memorial Church from 9:30–10:30 a.m., but you are invited to gather for coffee and conversation at 9:00 a.m. The next Faith & Life Forum will be held on Sunday, December 1. Professor Stephanie A. Paulsell, Houghton Professor of the Practice of Ministry Studies, Harvard Divinity School and Affiliated Minister in the Memorial Church will give the presentation.

MUSIC NOTES

Calvin Hampton is widely considered to be one of the most important composers of American church music in the twentieth century. He was Director of Music at Calvary Episcopal Church, New York City, from 1963 to 1983, and before his untimely death at the age of 46, he developed a unique compositional voice which is heard in his extensive catalogue of hymn-tunes and works for choir and organ; “We Plow the Fields” is his picturesque setting of the well-known harvest hymn.

Nehemiah Shumway was an important member of a group of self-taught composers active in New England during the period 1770–1820, who created an indigenous sacred repertoire readily accessible to all, which became instantly popular amid the explosion of religious fervor at that time. *Schenectady* is typical of such compositions: a rugged, vigorous tune, it sets a famous text by the popular hymn writer and theologian, Isaac Watts.

The prelude music presents selections from Hampton’s significant organ oeuvre, alongside a work by one of Boston’s most celebrated composers, Daniel Pinkham, longtime organist of King’s Chapel. The postlude is by the French composer, Olivier Messiaen: a musical prodigy, he was admitted to the Paris Conservatory at age eleven, where he studied with Dupré and Dukas. In 1930 he was appointed principal organist of Saint Trinité church in Paris, a position he held until the early 1970s. “Joy and Splendor of the Glorious Bodies” comes from the collection *Glorious Bodies*, and is a dazzling, colorful musical representation of the following scriptural passage, “Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father” (Matthew 13:43). Its resplendent exuberance seems appropriate for the feast of Christ the King, the conclusion of the church’s liturgical year.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children ages three through twelve. Classes are held in the Buttrick Room during Sunday services, and emphasize biblical themes and scripture. At the conclusion of the worship service, parents are asked to promptly pick their children up in the Buttrick Room. A committed staff of undergraduate teachers work closely with the Church School Coordinator, Brianna Goodlin. Contact Brianna at briannagoodlin@college.harvard.edu for more information.

NEXT SUNDAY’S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and Holy Communion. The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church, Harvard University.

For more information on upcoming services and events:

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