# From the Pusey Minister

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## *The Heart of Harvard Yard*

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I write to you in the early days of a new year, but one that already feels sadly familiar. Once again a wave of the pandemic is causing worry and fear and disruption. Once again we are scrambling to alter our plans and to meet the needs of our community in creative ways. Once again I must thank you for your patience and flexibility while asking you to be patient and flexible some more.

But one thing, at least, is different this January. Today I can look back upon a fall term of fellowship, worship, love, and community within the walls of the Memorial Church, a term that has nourished and heartened me to face the weeks and months ahead. I hope we have nourished and heartened you as you have done us. We are facing another pandemic wave. But we will return to Church this term, taking every necessary precaution, and gathering in fellowship and faith in order to strengthen one another for the year to come.

We plan to offer new programming for students this spring, when and as the latest wave of the pandemic allows us. Afterschool snack at Sparks House last term was a great success, and my family and I look forward to welcoming students back into our home for good conversation and good food soon. Our Student Program Coordinator, Anna Burnham, will begin facilitating a queer-affirming Bible study this term, in cooperation with Harvard's Office of BGLTQ Student Life. Our Assistant Minister, the Rev. Calvon Jones, will also be starting a new ministry of worship and gathering at the church, the Love United Black Fellowship. And I will be hosting a weekly communion service for students, with milkshakes to follow, in the late evenings. Stay tuned for more details on all of these ministries.

One of the great joys of my first term serving the Memorial Church was getting to know the wonderful members of the University Choir, not only through the beautiful music they offer in worship each week, but also through their faithful weekly visits to Sparks House for snacks before rehearsal! In addition to the gift of their music in our church services, the University Choir, along with the Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra, will be performing Bach's St. John's Passion on Sunday, April 3 at 4 p.m. This promises to be a truly wonderful event, especially appropriate in the weeks leading to Easter. Also, we are pleased to note that the Choral Fellows who sing each day at Morning Prayers have been renamed in honor of John Raymond Ferris, University Organist and Choirmaster, 1958-1990, and are now named the Ferris Choral Fellows. May their daily sung prayer remain a lasting tribute to John's service to the Church.

Though the Memorial Church pulpit has become more familiar to me in the last months, the sense of privilege I feel in preaching from it has only grown with familiarity. It is a privilege I'm glad to share with others. This term, in addition to the voices of our own ministerial staff, you will hear preaching from local ministers who are doing transformative work in our community, like the Rev. Brenda Brown of Mass. Ave. Baptist Church here in Cambridge and the Rev. Edgar Gutiérrez-Duarte of St-Luke's-San Lucas Episcopal Church in Chelsea. Professor Cornell Brooks from the Kennedy School of Government will also join us this term to preach, as will our affiliated minister Kevin Bryant, recently retired from the Harvard University Police Department, and Rabbi Jonah Steinberg from Harvard Hillel. Also, please note the dates and times of our Lent and Holy Week observances this spring, including special services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and two services on Easter Sunday.

Finally, as I enter the second term of my first year as your minister, let me express my deepest thanks for the welcome you have extended to me and my family these last months. Ours was a dramatic transition, but we feel truly at home here and look forward to our lives with and among you in joy and anticipation. When I knelt among you at my installation on December 12, I was overwhelmed by the gifts of this ministry, which is to say, by the knowledge of your love and support. I bear that knowledge still, and continue to hold it close to my heart.

With thanks and in faith,

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# SPRING 2022 CALENDAR

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## 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. 23, 11 a.m.**
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF SPRING TERM
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew I. Potts, PhD, Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church of Harvard University and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals. Anthems: Mendelssohn, "There Shall a Star" from Christus; Berlioz, "The Shepherds' Farewell" from L'enfance du Christ.

**Jan. 30, 11 a.m.**
Preacher: The Rev. Emmanuel Akyeampong, Ellen Gurney Professor of History and Professor of African and African American Studies. Anthems: Cross, What Does the Lord Require of You?; Gjeilo, Ubi caritas.

**Feb. 6, 11 a.m.**
Preacher: The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration, the Memorial Church Anthems: Elgar, The Spirit of the Lord; Owolabi, Prayer of St. Francis.

**Feb. 13, 11 a.m.**
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew I. Potts, PhD. Anthems: Parry, Blest Pair of Sirens; Wesley, Lead Me, Lord.

**Feb. 20, 11 a.m.**
Preacher: The Rev. Calvon Jones, Assistant Minister, the Memorial Church of Harvard University. Anthem: Alexander, Song of Kabir; Coxhead, My Eyes for Beauty Pine.

**Feb. 27, 11 a.m.**
Preacher: Rabbi Jonah C. Steinberg, Executive Director and Harvard Chaplain, Harvard Hillel. Anthem: Harris, Faire Is the Heaven; Bainton, And I Saw a New Heaven.

**March 2, 12 p.m.**
ASH WEDNESDAY
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew I. Potts, PhD.

**March 6, 11 a.m.**
Preacher: The Rev. Brenda Ann Brown, Pastor of the Massachusetts Avenue Bapist Church. Anthems: Monteverdi, Adoramus te, Christe; Pierluigi da Palestrina, Sicut cervus.

**March 13, 11 a.m.**
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew I. Potts, PhD.

**March 20, 11 a.m.**
Preacher: Kevin P. Bryant, Affiliated Minister in the Memorial Church. Anthems: Parker (arr.), "Come, Ye Disconsolate" from Melodious Accord; Wondrous Love (Sacred Harp)

**March 27, 11 a.m.**
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew I. Potts, PhD. Anthems: Othmayr, O Mensch bewein dein Sünden groß; Selle, Die mit Tränen säen.

**April 3, 11 a.m.**
Preacher: The Rev. Cornell William Brooks, Hauser Professor of the Practice of Nonprofit Organizations, Professor of the Practice of Public Leadership and Social Justice, Director, William Monroe Trotter Collaborative for Social Justice, Harvard Kennedy School. Anthems: Hagenberg, Still with Thee; Hogan, Hear My Prayer.

**April 10, 11 a.m.**
PALM SUNDAY
Preacher: The Rev. Calvon Jones. Anthem: Helvey (arr.), Ride On, King Jesus; Leighton, Solus ad victimam.

**April 14, 7 p.m.**
MAUNDY THURSDAY
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew I. Potts, PhD.

**April 14, 12 - 3 p.m.**
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew I. Potts, PhD.

**April 17, 9 and 11 a.m.**
EASTER SUNDAY
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Potts, PhD. Anthems: Rutter, Most Glorious Lord of Life; Cooman, Easter Day.

**April 24, 11 a.m.**
Preacher: Edgar Gutiérrez-Duarte, Priest in Charge, St. Luke's-San Lucas Episcopal Church, Chelsea, Mass. Anthems: Weir, Leaf from Leaf Christ Knows; Randall, The Call.

**May 1, 11 a.m.**
CHILDREN'S DAY SUNDAY
Preacher: The Rev. Calvon Jones. Anthems: Handel, "Worthy Is the Lamb" from Messiah; Lindley (arr.), Now the Green Blade Riseth.

**May 8, 11 a.m.**
Preacher: The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan. Anthems: Kirchner (arr.), Hallelujah; Ives, There Is a Land of Pure Delight.

**May 15, 11 a.m.**
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Potts, PhD. Anthems: Britten: Rejoice in the Lamb; Goodall, The Lord Is My Shepherd.

**May 22, 5 p.m.**
SENIOR SUNDAY
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew I. Potts, PhD. Anthems: Rena Cohen '22, The Lord's Prayer.

## 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. 23 • Buttrick Room**
The Faith & Life Forum explores matters of faith and public life. For the full list of speakers, visit: ***memorialchurch.harvard.edu/faith-life-forum***.

## CHURCH SCHOOL

**Sundays, 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**
**Begins Jan. 23 • 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.

**April 3, 4 p.m.**
SPRING CONCERT
Johann Sebastian Bach: St. John Passion, Harvard University Choir with Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra.

**April 12, 7 p.m.**
MUSICAL MEDITATIONS
The Harvard University Choir performs a Holy Week Musical Meditation.

**April 30, 1 p.m.**
ARTS FIRST
The Harvard University Choir performs André J. Thomas: Mass: A Celebration of Love and Joy.

**TBD**
FERRIS CHORAL FELLOWS
Henry Purcell: Dido and Aeneas.

ORGAN RECITALS
**March 20 and April 24, 4 p.m.**
David von Behren, Assistant Organist and Chorimaster. Carson Cooman, Research Associate in Music and Composer in Residence.

## CHORAL SERVICES

COMPLINE
**Feb. 3, March. 3, April 7, May 5, 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. 17, March 24, April 21, 5:45 p.m. • Appleton Chapel**
Directed by Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund Organist and Choirmaster, Memorial Church.

## 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 Evening Eucharist/ Milkshake Mass: ***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–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 TBA.

## COVID INFORMATION

The Memorial Church is following health and safety guidelines for the wellbeing of the Harvard and surrounding communities. Face coverings continue to be required in all indoor University spaces for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. This is an ever-changing situation, so please review the latest guidelines before attending services or other events on campus. For the latest information:
***harvard.edu/coronavirus/campus-access/***

Events are subject to change. Please visit our website for the latest schedule: **memorialchurch.harvard.edu/calendar**. Unless otherwise noted, all events and services will take place in the Memorial Church Sanctuary and are free and open to the public.