

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 2024, 11 am

PRELUDE

“Mors et resurrectio” from *Trois paraphrases grégoriennes*, Op. 9 (1933/34) *Jean Langlais (1907–1991)*

HYMN,

No. 1, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” *Old Hundredth*
The congregation stands and sings

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalms 71, 143, 16, and 34

Minister: You are our hope, O Lord our God.

People: We have been sustained by you ever since we were born.

Minister: Let us hear of your loving-kindness this morning,
For we put our trust in you.

People: Show us the road that we must walk,
For we lift up our souls to you.

Minister: You will show us the path of life,
In your presence there is fulness of joy.

People: The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
And his ears are open to their cry.

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. 227, “Hope of the World” *Vicar*
The congregation stands and sings

THE PEACE AND GREETINGS

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

OFFERTORY

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Psalm 61 *Exaudi, Deus*

C. Hylton Stewart (1884–1932)

Sung by the choir

DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and sings.

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

James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a

Pew Bible, page 203 (NT)

ANTHEM

Psalm 148, H. 117.2 (1912)

Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

Lord, who has made for us thine own,

Hear as we sing before thy throne.

Accept thy children's reverent praise

For all thy wondrous works and ways.

Waves, rolling in on every shore.

Pause at his footfall and adore.

Ye torrents rushing from the hills.

Bless him whose hand your fountains fill.

Earth, ever through the power divine,

Seed-time and harvest shall be thine.

Sweet flowers that perfume all the air.

Thank him that he hath made you fair.

Burn lamps of night, with constant flame;
Shine to the honor of his name.
Thou sun, whom all the lands obey
Renew his praise from day to day. Alleluia.

Psalm 148, translated by Frances Ralph Gray (1861–1935)

SECOND LESSON

Mark 9:30–37

Pew Bible, page 39 (NT)

ANTHEM

A Hymne to Christe (1940)

Imogen Holst (1907–1984)

In what torn ship so ever I embark,
That ship shall be my emblem of Thy ark ;
What sea soever swallow me, that flood
Shall be to me an emblem of Thy blood ;
Though Thou with clouds of anger do disguise
Thy face, yet through that mask I know those eyes,
Which, though they turn away sometimes,
They never will despise.

I sacrifice this island unto Thee,
And all whom I love there, and who loved me ;
When I have put our seas 'twixt them and me,
Put thou Thy seas betwixt my sins and Thee.
As the tree's sap doth seek the root below
In winter, in my winter now I go,
Where none but Thee, the eternal root
Of true love, I may know.

John Donne (1572–1631)

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

The congregation remains seated



Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts

HYMN

No. 21, "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Grosser Gott

The congregation stands and sings

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Hymne d'Actions de grâce: Te Deum"

Jean Langlais

from *Trois paraphrases grégoriennes*, Op. 9 (1933/34)

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