

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Commemoration of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, January 17, 2016

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Oh! What a Beautiful City

David Hurd (b. 1950)

HYMN

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

Old Hundredth

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Praise be to God, who has freed us from oppression.

People: Praise be to God, who has healed our wounded souls.

Minister: Let our hearts rejoice at God's redeeming love.

People: Let our voices raise in songs of thanksgiving for all that God is doing for us.

Minister: Come, let us worship the Lord with our whole hearts.

People: May our praise and voices resound with joy.

HYMN

No. 272, "Lift Every Voice and Sing"
The congregation standing

Lift Every Voice

INVOCATION

CONFESSION

In unison:

Holy God, we have failed to remember that our unity lies in you. We say the creation of the Beloved Community can't be done. We throw our hands up in the air and wash ourselves clean of responsibility. We become fractured and divided over trivial matters. We create enemies and refuse to love one another. Forgive us for denying that we are all your beloved children. Forgive us for not loving others as you have loved us. Call us into the work of healing, justice, restoration, and reconciliation. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE

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

GREETINGS

OFFERTORY

My Lord, What a Morning

Calvin Taylor (b. 1948)

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.

O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day and
sing the love a - ma-zing that songs can-not re - pay; for we can on-ly
won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and
mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait u-pon your
word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1921, alt.

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PSALTER

Psalms 36:5–10

Pew Bible, page 473 (OT)

To be read responsively; the congregation standing

GLORIA PATRI

See Hymn No. 371

FIRST LESSON

Galatians 6:1–10

Pew Bible, page 168 (NT)

ANTHEM

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas A. Dorsey (1899–1993)
arr. Roy Ringwald (1910–1995)

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night,
Through the dark, through the storm, to thy light.
I have been to the mount, I have seen the promised land:
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring thy child home at last,
Where the strife and the pain all are past:
I have dreamed a great dream that thy love shall rule our land:
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, take thy child unto Thee,
With my dream of a world that is free,
For that day when all flesh joins the glory Thou hast planned,
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:4–9

Pew Bible, pages 175–176 (NT)

ANTHEM

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace

arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

We shall walk through the valley in peace.
For Jesus himself will be our leader.
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We will meet our loved ones there.
For Jesus himself will be our leader.
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no more trials there.
For Jesus himself will be our leader.
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

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 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.

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. 306, "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Balm in Gilead

The congregation standing

SERMON

Where the Moral Arc Bends

Text: "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9

HYMN

No. 299, "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"

New Britain

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Deep River

David Hurd

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, January 17, 2016

WELCOME

Today is the Commemoration of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Lawrence E. Carter, Professor of Religion and Dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel, Morehouse College. The service is led by Seminarians Adam Vander Tuig MDiv III, Danny Ballon MTS II, and Patrick Jackson MDiv II. The first lesson is read by Micah Walter. The second lesson is read by Joan Howard.

The liturgy is adapted from *Ministry Matters* by Nancy Townley, ministrymatters.org; *Rev-o-lution* by Mindi Welton-Mitchell, rev-o-lution.org; and *Worship Ways* by Cari Jackson, ucc.org.

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.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

Prayer request cards are available in the pew card holders or in the church lobby. We would be honored to pray for your specific needs. Please place prayer request cards in the offering plates during worship services or in the prayer request box in the church lobby.

MANY HELPING HANDS:

CAMBRIDGE'S ANNUAL MLK DAY OF SERVICE

On Monday, January 18 from 2:00–5:00 p.m., volunteer at the Annual Cambridge Day of Service for an afternoon of hands-on service projects that benefit Cambridge residents in need. Many Helping Hands 365 has organized this annual event to honor Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy. The kickoff will take place on the steps of City Hall in Central Square; activities will be held at City Hall, the Citywide Senior Center, and the YWCA. For more information, visit manyhelpinghands365.org.

UCHOIR TOUR BON VOYAGE CONCERT

On Monday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m. come wish the Harvard University Choir a fond farewell as they perform the concert program for their upcoming Georgia and South Carolina tour with works by composers from the 17th century to the present day including Bach, Cooman, Hovland, and Woodman. The concert will be held in the Memorial Church Sanctuary and is free and open to the public. The tour schedule is as follows: January 20, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Church, 1 West Macon Street, Savannah, GA; January 21, 7:30 p.m., Trinity Cathedral, 1100 Sumter Street, Columbia, SC; January 22, 7:00 p.m., Grace Church Cathedral, 98 Wentworth Street, Charleston, SC. For more information, visit memorialchurch.harvard.edu/calendar.

WINTER RECESS

Morning Prayers services have ended for the Fall Term and will resume at the start of the Spring Term on Monday, January 25, 8:45 a.m.; you can listen to recordings of previous Morning Prayers services on our website, memorialchurch.harvard.edu, or listen on SoundCloud or iTunes. The Faith & Life Forum has ended and will resume on February 7. The Church School for Children is in recess and will resume on January 31.

MUSIC NOTES

The noted composer and arranger Alice Parker once reflected, “Why it is that man’s inhumanity to man should often produce great art is one of the mysteries of the human spirit.” The question is no more relevant than when applied to the history of the traditional spiritual; an artform born out of oppression and despair, it has now become a language which “leaps over national and racial boundaries, speaking to all people in a uniquely rich and varied art.”

This morning, we honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. with a selection of hymns and spirituals; “Precious Lord, Take my Hand” was a favorite of Dr. King’s, and today’s arrangement, by Roy Ringwald, incorporates phrases from the famous “I have a dream” speech. One of the most important arrangers of spirituals of the late twentieth century, Moses Hogan was a gifted pianist and conductor who died at a tragically young age a decade ago. “We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace” is one of his most powerful arrangements. Similarly, today’s organ and piano music is drawn from the repertory of familiar spirituals in settings by David Hurd and Calvin Taylor, two of America’s most important church music composers.

SUNDAY SERMONS AND MORNING PRAYERS SERVICES

ON HARVARD’S ITUNES U

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NEXT SUNDAY’S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher will be the Reverend Gregory W. McGonigle, Chaplain at Tufts University and Affiliated Minister in the Memorial Church.

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