HARVARD

The Memorial Church



Order of Worship

Third Sunday after the Epiphany The First Sunday of Spring Term

> January 24, 2021 11 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Psalm Prelude: Psalm 40:1–3 (2004)

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

Old Hundredth

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 36 & Isaiah 2

Minister: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,

your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,

your judgments are like the great deep.

Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light we see light.

Minister: Come, let us set out in the light of the Lord!

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. 291, "Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart" See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

Slane

GREETING & THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

The offering collected goes directly to fund the Memorial Church Grants Committee's recipient organizations and their important work in our local communities. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Grants Committee." Give online at https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate.

The Word Was God (1995)

Rosephanye Powell (b. 1962)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made that have been made. Nothing was made, he has not made.

John 1:1-3

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 Jonah 3: 1–5, 10

from the New Revised Standard Version (OT)

ANTHEM

My Lord Has Come (2010)

Will Todd (b. 1970)

Shepherds, called by angels, Called by love and angels: No place for them but a stable. My Lord has come.

Sages, searching for stars, Searching for love in heaven; No place for them but a stable. My Lord has come.

His love will hold me, His love will cherish me, Love will cradle me. Lead me, lead me to see him, Sages and shepherds and angels; No place for me but a stable. My Lord has come.

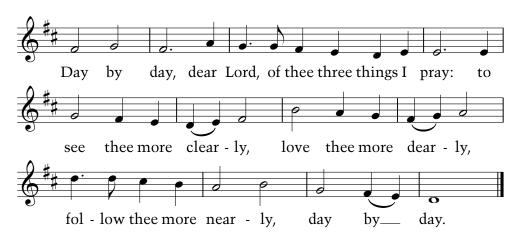
Will Todd

SECOND LESSON Mark 1: 14–20

from the New Revised Standard Version (NT)

PRAYER HYMN

The congregation remains seated.



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.

Following the Lord's Prayer, the Prayer Hymn is repeated.

SERMON

What Next?

HYMN

No. 277, "All My Hope on God Is Founded" See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

Michael

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Meditation on "Ubi caritas", Op. 1278 (2018)

Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)

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 24, 2021

WELCOME

Today is the Third Sunday after the Epiphany, the First Sunday of Spring Term. The preacher is Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School. The service is led by the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church, and the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. You will also hear the voices of some of the family members and friends with whom we are sheltering and for whose help with the liturgy we are most grateful. The first lesson is read by Rosemarie Smurzynski. The second lesson is read by Daniel Cushing. The music for this Sunday's service is provided by Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster. The offertory and anthem are taken from archival recordings of the Harvard University Choir. The prelude and postlude this morning were recorded on the organ at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska this past week by David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

MUSIC NOTES

The American composer, singer, and educator Rosephanye Powell is Associate Professor of Voice at Auburn University where she conducts the Women's Chorus and the Gospel Choir. *The Word Was God* sets the opening verses of the Gospel of John and builds in intensity from a hushed, rhythmic opening.

British composer Will Todd's oeuvre encompasses choral works, opera, musical theatre, and orchestral pieces; his anthem *The Call of Wisdom* was sung at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee service in June 2012. *My Lord Has Come* was written in 2010 and included in Oxford University Press's *Carols for Choirs 5*; a gentle, contemplative setting, it has become one of Todd's signature works.

The American composer Craig Phillips is well-known for his many choral and organ compositions that have become a regular part of the repertoire of American churches. He has had a long association with All Saints' Church, Beverly Hills, where he has served for many years, formerly as Music Associate and currently as Director of Music. Today's prelude is a work that falls into a long tradition of organ compositions inspired by verses from the psalms. In this case, the piece responds to the first verses of Psalm 40: "I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord." The postlude, by Composer in Residence Carson Cooman, is based on the familiar plainchant melody "Ubi caritas" ("Where charity and love are, there God is").

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children ages three through sixteen. All classes are held on Sundays in the Fall and Spring Terms from 10:00–10:45am. To register and learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website. The Church School will resume next Sunday, January 31.

The Faith and Life Forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. The Forum is held Sunday mornings during the Fall and Spring Terms from 9:30–10:30am. The Forum will resume next Sunday, January 31 with the Reverend Rita Powell, Chaplain for the Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard. To participate, please visit the Faith and Life Forum page on our website.

Contact Ministry Fellow, Rev. Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) to learn more about opportunities for faith formation.

WORSHIP

Sunday services are broadcast on Harvard's radio station, WHRB 95.3 FM in term; a live stream of the service is available at *whrb.org*. Recordings of Sunday Worship Services and Sunday Sermons are available on our website, *memorialchurch.harvard.edu*, during the week following the service. Sunday Sermons and Morning Prayers are also available on SoundCloud at *http://bit.ly/sundaysermons* and *http://bit.ly/morningprayers* respectively, and on iTunes—search "Harvard Memorial Church" from your iTunes app.

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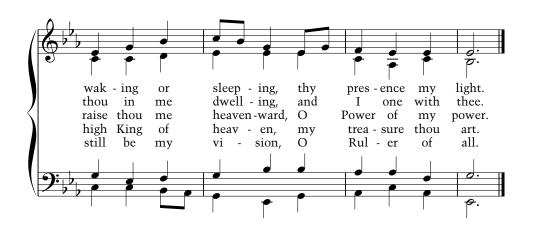
Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher will be the Reverend Rita Powell, Chaplain for the Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard.



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SLANE 10 10 9 10 Irish melody harm. Harvard University Hymn Book, 1964





Meine Hoffnung stehet feste Joachim Neander (1650–1680) trans. Robert Seymour Bridges, 1899, alt.

MICHAEL 87 87 337 Herbert Howells, c. 1930



