HARVARD

The Memorial Church



Order of Worship

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 30, 2022 11 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

from Pastoral Suite (Seven Prayers) (2007)

Patricia Van Ness (b. 1951)

- 2. You lead me beside the still waters
- 5. As the morning dawns
- 6. Our life, our sweetness, and our hope

HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" *The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.*

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. 23, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" *The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.*

Hymn to Joy

THE PEACE & GREETING

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

OFFERTORY

The offering collected goes directly to fund the Memorial Church Grants Committee's recipient organizations and their important work in our local communities. Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Grants Committee." You may also donate online at https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate

Psalm 71:1–5, 14–16, 21–22 In te, Domine, speravi Chant by Ivor Atkins (1869–1953) Sung by the choir

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion, but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness; incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

Be thou my stronghold, whereunto I may alway resort: thou hast promised to help me, for thou art my house of defence and my castle.

Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

For thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for: thou art my hope, even from my youth.

Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born: thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb: my praise shall be alway of thee.

My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation; for I know no end thereof.

I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God, and will make mention of thy righteousness only.

Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now; therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.

Therefore will I praise thee, and thy faithfulness, O God, playing upon an instrument of music: unto thee will I sing upon the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

My lips will be glad when I sing unto thee; and so will my soul whom thou hast delivered.

DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing. 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

Jeremiah 1:4–10

Pew Bible, page 657 (OT)

ANTHEM

What Does the Lord Require of You? (2017)

Angela Kraft Cross (b. 1958)

What does the Lord require of you?

To seek justice and love mercy and walk humbly with your God.

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me in. I needed clothes, and you clothed me. I was sick, and you looked after me. I was in prison, and you came to visit me. Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Micah 6:8 and Matthew 25:35-40

SECOND LESSON

Luke 4:21-30

Pew Bible, page 53 (NT)

ANTHEM

Ubi caritas (2001)

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and he pleased in him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God,
And love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.

Attributed to Paulinus II of Aquileia (ca. 726–804)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

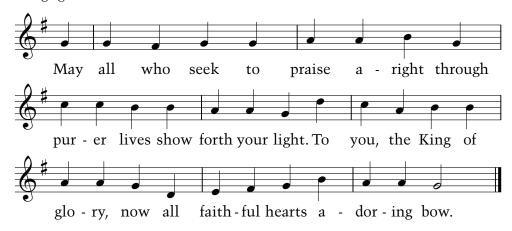
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.



SERMON

"Is there a calling on your life?"

HYMN

No. 333, "God of Grace and God of Glory"

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

Regent Square

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "We Shall Overcome" (2011)

Carl Haywood (b. 1949)

Announcements

Sunday, January 30th, 2022

WELCOME

Today is the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is the Rev. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong, Ellen Gurney Professor of History, Professor of African and African American Studies, and Minister for Worship and Formation in the Memorial Church. The worship leaders are the Reverend Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Pusey Minster in the Memorial Church and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Faculty of Divinity; the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration; the Reverend Calvon Tijuan Jones, Assistant Minister; and Cheyenne Boon MDiv II. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir under the direction of Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster and David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

MUSIC NOTES

Angela Kraft Cross has maintained a dual career as concert organist and eye surgeon. A lifelong resident of the Bay Area of California, she is Artist in Residence for the Congregational Church of San Mateo. She has performed more than 500 organ recitals worldwide and released a number of CDs. Kraft Cross is a specialist in French music, a subject she studied in France with Louis Robilliard and Marie-Louise Langlais. In the last decade, Kraft Cross has been increasingly active as a composer of organ and choral music. What Does the Lord Require of You? was written for the 10th anniversary of the senior pastor of her church.

The Norwegian composer and pianist Ola Gjeilo studied at the Juilliard School, NYC, and the Royal College of Music, London. He is particularly noted for his sonorous choral music which has garnered wide acclaim; his meditative *Ubi caritas* is influenced by the famous setting of Maurice Duruflé, which Gjeilo sang as a chorister.

Patricia Van Ness is Staff Composer at First Church in Cambridge. Her musical style is influenced by the sounds and spirit of Medieval and Renaissance music, and she has received many awards and recognitions for her compositions. This morning's prelude features three movements from the *Pastoral Suite (Seven Prayers)*, written in honor of First Church's longtime music director, Peter Sykes. Carl Haywood is Director of Choral Activities and Professor at Norfolk State University. He has been very active as a conductor and clinician, and he has published numerous arrangements and compositions. Haywood was the service music editor for and major contributor to the Episcopal Church's *Lift Every Voice and Sing II: An African–American Hymnal*.

MORNING PRAYERS

Our daily service of Morning Prayers takes place at 8:30 am. Monday: Dwight Fee; Tuesday: Kristen Maples MDiv I; Wednesday: Matthew Ichihashi Potts; Thursday: Ryan Jenkins MDiv III; Friday: Cheyenne Boon MDiv II

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The wellbeing of our visitors, students, and staff remains our top commitment at the Memorial Church. Harvard University continues to closely monitor the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and it is an ever-changing situation.

We are taking important steps to protect against COVID-19. We grateful for your assistance helping us to take these precautionary measures to prevent the spread of infection and to prioritize the wellbeing of our community, especially the most vulnerable in our midst.

We ask that all visitors, students, and staff abide by the following:

- All individuals will be masked indoors.
- All individuals/households will attest to the state of their health upon arrival. Individuals will be asked to leave if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and/or exhibiting symptoms with COVID-19.
- All individuals will refrain from public consumption of food and beverage indoors.

Please review the latest guidance for on-campus activity before attending services or other events on campus. Seating with physical distancing is available.

Guidance may be subject to additions and changes based upon the distribution of the disease and local disease dynamics. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this time.

Things are a bit different. Some of the details of our worship life have been altered to accommodate pandemic restrictions. Some of our programming has been adjusted to keep everyone safe. But what we hope you find entirely familiar is the love and openness and welcome with which we hope to fill our church each day.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith & Life Forum of the Memorial Church explores matters of faith and public life. The Forum takes place in the Buttrick Room in the lower level of the Memorial Church from 9:30–10:30 am on Sundays. Each week we explore themes such as love, justice, suffering, and salvation in relation to the world in which we live. We learn from scholars and practitioners of religion, religious intellectuals, writers, activists, and artists whose work captures conceptions of the sacred and wrestles with the mysterious dimensions of life. In addition to masking, participants will need to register and attest to their health in order to participate in the weekly forum gatherings. All are welcome to join. Please visit our website to learn more.

CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of age three through sixteen. All classes are held during Sunday Services in the Fall and Spring Terms. To participate in the Church School program, parents or guardians need to register their children, and to attest to the state of their children's health weekly.

Please visit our website to learn more or email Assistant Minister, Calvon Jones (calvon_jones@ harvard.edu), with any questions. The Rev. Jones and the Church School team are excited to announce the launch of our newly designed MemChurch School digital platform. Our children and families will have access to fun, exciting, and educational episodes, steeped in stories of love and humanity. Take a virtual journey to a digital place where the Bible comes to life. You can find episodes at: https://bit.ly/3iUtEWV

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a way to get more involved with the Memorial Church? Student Deacons might be the answer! Student Deacons is a volunteer, ecumenical Christian program involving both undergraduate and graduate students. Their service involves a ministry of hospitality and welcome during Sunday services and in the wider MemChurch community. If you're looking for a new opportunity for spiritual growth, please contact Student Program Coordinator, Anna Burnham (anna_burnham@harvard.edu), for more information!

STUDENT OASIS

The Student Oasis in the lower level of the Memorial Church is a tranquil and relaxing space for study, for meeting friends and fellow students, even cooking a favorite meal in the full-service kitchen. Located in the heart of Harvard Yard, the Oasis is open daily to Harvard students during the academic term. For more information and the hours of operation, visit https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/studentoasis

LISTEN TO SUNDAY WORSHIP AND MORNING PRAYERS

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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PASTORAL CARE LINE

The clergy at the Memorial Church have established a pastoral care line if you would like spiritual or pastoral care during a difficult time. Please call or text 617-595-9044 and a clergyperson will follow up with you shortly.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is the Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration in the Memorial Church.

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