

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Last Sunday of Winter Recess
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 25, 2015

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Kyrie” from *Mass for the Convents* (1690)

François Couperin (1668–1733)

HYMN

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

Old Hundredth

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 36:5–9

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;
You save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: We feast on the abundance of your house,
And you give us drink from the river of your delights.

Minister: For with you is the fountain of life;

People: In your light we see light.

INVOCATION

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. 140, “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”
The congregation standing

Salzburg

GREETINGS

THE PEACE

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

AT THE OFFERTORY

"Elevation" from *Mass for the Convents* (1690)

François Couperin

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.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalms 62:5–11

Pew Bible, page 489 (OT)

To be read responsively; the congregation standing

GLORIA PATRI

See Hymn No. 371

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Jonah 3:1–5

Pew Bible, page 814 (OT)

ANTHEM

Jubilate Deo

Matthew Martin (b. 1976)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 1:14–20

Pew Bible, page 30 (NT)

ANTHEM

O Radiant Dawn

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

O Radiant Dawn, Splendor of eternal Light, Sun of Justice:
Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.
Isaiah had prophesied, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." Amen.

Antiphon for December 21

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. 249, "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"
The congregation standing

Song 13

SERMON

Changing Minds

Text: "And immediately they left their nets and followed him."

Mark 1:18

HYMN

No. 222, "We Have a Gospel to Proclaim"
The congregation standing

Gardiner

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Litanies

Jehan Alain (1911–1940)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 25, 2015

WELCOME

Today is the Last Sunday of Winter Recess and the Third Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church, Harvard University. The service is led by the Reverend Alanna Copenhaver, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church and Seminarians Lauren Seganos MDiv II, Omar Rouchon MDiv III, and David Hysong MDiv III. The first lesson is read by Sam Murphy '17. The second lesson is read by Meredith Arra '15.

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.

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: JANUARY 26 – JANUARY 31, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Lucy Forster-Smith; Tuesday: Jonathan C. Page; Wednesday: Jonathan L. Walton; Thursday: Jeffrey S. Flier; Friday: Danny Ballon MDiv I; Saturday: Alanna Copenhaver

Following each service of Morning Prayers on Wednesdays, free coffee and snacks will be available at MemCafé from 9:00–10:15 a.m. on the steps of the church across from Widener Library. All are welcome!

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

The Memorial Church's biweekly Tuesday organ recital series kicks off on January 27 at 7:30 p.m. Featuring Michael Kraft, Director of Music, The Dover Church, Dover, Massachusetts; Executive Vice President, Director of Maintenance and Special Projects, and Senior Reed Voicer, C. B. Fisk, Inc., the concert is free, and all are invited.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith & Life Forum seeks to deepen our devotional lives by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency concerning communities of faith. The next Faith & Life Forum will be held on Sunday, February 1 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Pusey Room; coffee and conversation starts at 9:00 a.m. Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, will give the presentation.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children ages three through twelve. Classes are held in the Buttrick Room during Sunday services, and emphasize biblical themes and scripture. At the conclusion of the worship service, parents are asked to promptly pick their children up in the Buttrick Room. A committed staff of undergraduate teachers work closely with Church School Director Westley Conn. Contact Wes at wpc3@bu.edu for more information. The Church School for Children will resume next Sunday, February 1.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FOR STUDENTS

Whether you've lost a loved one in the past, or you are in the midst of losing someone now, Harvard students are invited to attend a bereavement support group at the Memorial Church. The meetings will take place in the Robing Room on Tuesdays, February 3, 10, and 17, from 4:30–6:00 p.m. All students are welcome to share in this safe space of connection, contemplation, and conversation. To register, please contact the Reverend Dr. Lucy Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain and Senior Minister, at lucy_forster-smith@harvard.edu or 617-496-3217.

COMPLINE

A service of Compline, which combines candlelight, plainsong, polyphony, prayer, scripture, and silence, will be held on Thursday evening, February 5, at 10:00 p.m. Music is provided by the Harvard University Choir. All are welcome.

BODY & SOUL: HARVARD RELIGION & SEXUALITY FORUM

Harvard Students are invited to attend Body & Soul, a forum to explore questions of how spirituality and religion play into our thinking about sex, sexuality, and gender. The Spring Term will explore the theme “Sex Matters.” The forum will meet bi-weekly throughout Spring Term on Mondays, February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23, and April 6 & 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Buttrick Room.

READING THE BIBLE IN ITS WORLD FOR YOUR WORLD

Please join us on Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pusey Room of the Memorial Church for the first of Professor Walton’s Spring Term evening discussion sessions aimed at teaching and facilitating a socio-historical reading of the Bible, using the same exegetical method he employs when preparing his Sunday morning sermons. All welcome.

MUSIC NOTES

Matthew Martin is organist of the London Oratory, and studied at Magdalen College, Oxford, and the Royal Academy of Music. One of the UK’s leading choral composers, he has been commissioned to write works for a number of prestigious ensembles, including the BBC Singers and the choirs of St. Paul’s Cathedral, and Westminster Abbey. *Jubilate Deo* (“O Be Joyful in the Lord”) was written for the 2014 American Guild of Organists National Convention, held in Boston, and features a declamatory organ part and celebratory choral writing.

The Scottish composer and conductor James MacMillan is one of the pre-eminent figures of contemporary Classical music. He studied at Edinburgh and Durham universities, and has written prolifically in all genres; he is, however, most well-known for his vocal music, and his large body of choral works includes the *Strathclyde Motets*, from which “O Radiant Dawn” is taken.

François Couperin’s two organ masses — one for larger Parish churches and one for smaller Abbey (or “Convent”) churches — form an important and influential contribution to the organ music of the French Baroque. The *Kyrie* heard as this morning’s prelude is broken into five sections: the first two for the opening *Kyrie eleison*; the third for the *Christe eleison*; and the final two for the traditional return of the *Kyrie* text.

Jehan Alain was at the center of a circle of French organists that included Langlais and Duruflé, and he was already an esteemed player and composer when he was killed in action in World War II, at the age of 29. Influenced by the musical language of both Claude Debussy and Olivier Messiaen, today’s prelude also shows the composer’s fascination with the music of the far east (in the *Deuxième fantaisie*), and with renaissance and baroque music (in the *Variations*). The postlude is Alain’s most famous work, *Litanies*: written to commemorate the death of his younger sister, the composer prefaces the score with these words: “*When, in its distress, the Christian soul can find no more words to implore the mercy of God, it repeats, endlessly, the same prayer with vehement faith. Reason reaches its limits, and only belief can chase its flight.*”

NEXT SUNDAY’S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Spring Term, Holy Communion, and the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church.

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