

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 6, 2022
11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Salut d'amour, Op. 12 (1888)

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

Chanson de nuit, Op. 15, No. 1 (1889)

HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Old Hundredth

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

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. 251, "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Nicaea

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

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 138 *In te, Domine, speravi*

Chant by James Turle (1802–1882)

Sung by the choir

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart;
even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name,
because of thy loving-kindness and truth;
for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy word, above all things

When I called upon thee, thou heardest me; and enduedst my soul with much strength
All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord;
for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly;
as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me;
thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies,
and thy right hand shall save me.

The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me;
yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever;
despise not then the works of thine own hands.

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

Isaiah 6:1–8

Pew Bible, page 595 (OT)

ANTHEM

“The Spirit of the Lord”

Edward Elgar

from *The Apostles*, Op. 49 (1902–03)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor: He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind—to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called the trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden that causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:1–3, 11

SECOND LESSON

Luke 5:1–11

Pew Bible, page 54 (NT)

ANTHEM

Prayer of St. Francis (1999)

Kola Owolabi (b. 1977)

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, let me sow pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;
O divine master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
In pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

Attributed to Francis of Assisi (ca. 1181–1226)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

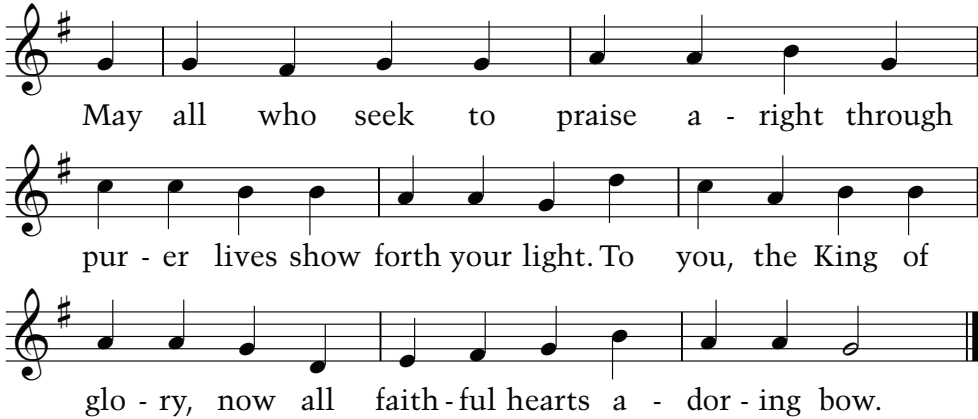
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.



May all who seek to praise a - right through
pur - er lives show forth your light. To you, the King of
glo - ry, now all faith - ful hearts a - dor - ing bow.

SERMON

HYMN

No. 312, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Nettleton

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Vesper Voluntary, Op. 14, No. 8 (1889)

Edward Elgar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 6th, 2022

WELCOME

Today is the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration in the Memorial Church. The worship leaders are the Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Faculty of Divinity; the Rev. Calvin Tijuan Jones, Assistant Minister in the Memorial Church; 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. The flowers are dedicated in the loving memory of Sally Hansen who passed away a year ago today. Sally was the wife of Ted Hansen and a beloved member of our community for thirty-seven years.

MUSIC NOTES

Born near Worcester in the west of England, Sir Edward Elgar first made a living as a freelance musician, teacher, and conductor. His breakthrough as a composer came with the *Imperial March* of 1897, and his reputation solidified with the *Enigma Variations* of 1899 and *The Dream of Gerontius* of 1900. Public recognition soon followed: he composed music for the coronation of King Edward VII in 1902; was awarded a knighthood in 1904; and a baronetcy in 1931. Much of the music for which Elgar is remembered today was written before the outbreak of the Great War: the war of 1914–18 deeply affected the composer and diminished his creative inspiration and energy. He would write little for the rest of his life, and few notable works, with the exception of the melancholic *Cello Concerto* of 1918–19. *The Apostles*, first performed in 1903, is the first of Elgar's two biblical oratorios and tells of the calling of the Apostles and their teachings: "The Spirit of the Lord" forms the oratorio's mystical prologue, setting a text from Isaiah.

Canadian organist Kola Owolabi is a graduate of McGill University, Yale University, and the Eastman School of Music. He is currently Professor of Organ at Notre Dame University, following previous professorships at Syracuse University and the University of Michigan. *Prayer of St. Francis*, a setting of the very familiar prayer attributed to Francis, was written for his brother's church choir in Ontario.

This morning's prelude presents two of Elgar's best-loved musical miniatures for violin and piano, *Salut d'amour* and *Chanson de nuit*, featuring the multi-talented David von Behren playing the violin. Elgar's set of *Vesper Voluntaries* was written at Oaklands, South London, where Elgar and his wife spent the winter following their marriage in May of 1889; this morning's postlude is the lilting final movement and elegiac coda of the complete work.

MORNING PRAYERS

Our daily service of Morning Prayers takes place at 8:30 am. Monday: Anna Burnham MDiv '20; Tuesday: Laurie Sedgwick MDiv III; Wednesday: Jeffrey Hamburger; Thursday: Na'Shantea Miller MPP HKS '21; Friday: Charles Stang ThD '08

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 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is the Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Faculty of Divinity, Harvard University.

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