

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Communion

Sunday, February 7, 2016

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rhapsody in D-flat, Op. 17, No. 1 (1915)

Herbert Howells (1893–1982)

HYMN

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

Old Hundredth

The congregation standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The Lord is king; let the people tremble.

All: The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

Minister: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God’s holy hill.

All: For the Lord, our God, is the Holy One.

Based on Psalm 99

HYMN

No. 3, “Let the Whole Creation Cry”

Llanfair

The congregation standing

CONFESSION

In unison:

Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE

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

GREETINGS

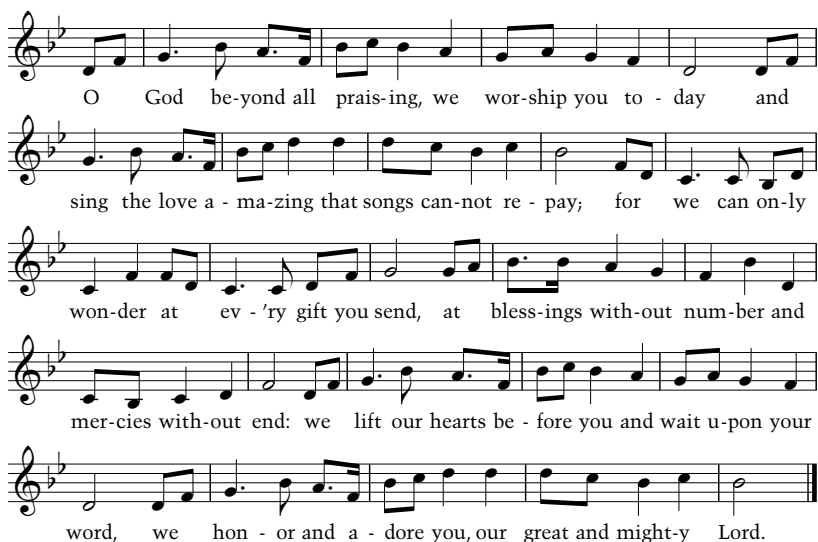
Children now join their teachers in the Church School.

AT THE OFFERTORY

“Meditation” from *Suite “Laudate Dominum”* (1961)

Peter Hurford (b. 1930)

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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FIRST LESSON

Exodus 34:29–35

Pew Bible, page 76 (OT)

GLORIA from *Office of Holy Communion* (“*Collegium Regale*”) (1956)

Herbert Howells

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 9:28–36

Pew Bible, page 60 (NT)

HYMN

No. 67, “Just As I Am, without One Plea” (st. 1–3)

Woodworth

The congregation standing

SERMON

It Is Good for Us to Be Here

Text: “They appeared in glory...”

Luke 9:31

HYMN

No. 67, “Just As I Am, without One Plea” (st. 4–6)

Woodworth

The congregation standing

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper without regard to denomination.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The minister continues:

It is truly right, good, and joyful to give you thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to the fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we lift our voices as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is labeled 'Organ' and the second and third are labeled 'Congregation'. The music is in 3/4 time and G major. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, - hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

The congregation may be seated.

The minister continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Albert H. Malotte (1895–1964)

Sung by the choir

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The minister says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy food for the journey of life.

AT THE COMMUNION

Communicants will proceed to the foot of the chancel steps at the direction of the ushers and will return to their seats by the side aisles. Grape juice is in the outer cup and wine is in the inner cup. At the giving of the bread and the cup, the people respond with "Amen."

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

ANTHEM

Ave verum corpus (1978)

Colin Mawby (b. 1936)

Ave verum corpus natum
De Maria Virgine:
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine:
Cujus latus perforatum
Fluxit aqua et sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum,
Mortis in examine.
O Jesu dulcis! O Jesu pie!
O Jesu, Fili Mariae.

*Hail true body,
Born of the Virgin Mary;
Who truly suffered,
Offered for mankind upon the cross;
Whose side was pierced,
Whence flowed water and blood.
Be for us a foretaste
Of our own deaths.
O sweet Jesus! O merciful Jesus!
O Jesus, Son of Mary.*

HYMN

No. 65, "Let Us Break Bread Together"
The congregation standing

Let Us Break Bread

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Paean (1953)

Herbert Howells

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, February 7, 2016

WELCOME

Today is the Last Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Gail R. O'Day; Dean; Professor of New Testament and Preaching at Wake Forest University School of Divinity, Winston-Salem, NC. The service is led by the Reverend Alanna Copenhaver, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church; Katherine Blaisdell MDiv III, Worship Leader; Danny Ballon MTS II; Patrick Jackson MDiv II; and Adam Vander Tuig MDiv III. The first lesson is read by Krista Anderson '19. The second lesson is read by Kate Brady '19. The liturgy is adapted from *Worship Ways: The Indescribable Radiance of Love* by David Bahr, ucc.org; and *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion* edited by Kimberly Bracken Long, Westminster John Knox Press, 2012.

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.

WELCOME TABLE

Want to learn about the Memorial Church? Stop by the Welcome Table to learn more about our array of events, programs, and ministries. Questions are encouraged!

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

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

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: FEBRUARY 8 – 13, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Patrick Jackson MDiv II; Tuesday: Winford Kennadean Rice Jr. MDiv II; Wednesday: Homi K. Bhabha; Thursday: Vitaly Andreev; Friday: Naomi Darom NF '16; Saturday: Nabil Khan MTS II.

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!

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of 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 pick up their children in the Buttrick Room promptly. Contact Church School Director, Westley (Wes) Conn, at westley_conn@harvard.edu for more information.

In addition, all families of the Church School are invited to a Valentine's Card Making Party today at 12 p.m. in the Buttrick Room.

EVENSONG

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in Appleton Chapel, the Harvard University Choir will sing the service of Evensong under the direction of Dr. Barry Rose, formerly of Guildford Cathedral; St. Paul's Cathedral, London; and St. Alban's Cathedral.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

The staff of the Memorial Church will host a pancake supper in the Buttrick Room this Tuesday, February 9, beginning at 6:00 p.m. This event is free and all are welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

This Wednesday, February 10, Lent begins with the Liturgy of the Day and the Imposition of Ashes, from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. All are invited.

BOOK LAUNCH PARTY

Next Sunday, February 14, at 12:30 p.m., please join us to celebrate the release of the Reverend Dr. Lucy Forster-Smith's book *Crossing Thresholds: The Making and Remaking of a 21st-Century College Chaplain*. The event will be held in the Pusey Room. All are welcome!

LENTEN STUDY SERIES

Please join the Reverend Dr. Lucy Forster-Smith for a Lenten Study Series exploring Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*. The study series will be held on Tuesday evenings from February 16 through March 8 at 7 p.m. in the Pusey Room.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The next Faith & Life Forum will be held on Sunday, February 14; Patrick McLeod, Cru Boston Metro Director and Harvard Chaplain for Christian Impact and Athletes in Action, will give the presentation.

MUSIC NOTES

Herbert Howells was born in Gloucestershire, England and studied with Charles Stanford and Charles Wood at the Royal College of Music. He was the most important English composer of the generation to succeed Elgar, Vaughan Williams, and Holst, and his contribution to the renaissance of English choral music in the twentieth century is unparalleled. In 1941 Howells was appointed Acting Organist of St. John's College, Cambridge, and in 1943 he composed his famous Morning and Evening Canticles for King's College, Cambridge (the *Collegium Regale* service). In 1956 Howells revisited the themes of this now-classic work in his Holy Communion service which once again displays the composer's natural aptitude for counterpoint and his flair for sheer beauty of vocal harmony; this morning the Harvard University Choir presents the majestic *Gloria* and the haunting *Agnus Dei*.

Colin Mawby was a chorister at Westminster Cathedral, where he would later become Master of the Music; his setting of *Ave verum corpus* is for eight-part choir and utilizes a luscious harmonic language.

An outstanding organist, Howells had a natural gift for improvisation, and was a composer committed to illustrating the full range of coloristic possibilities of the twentieth-century organ. This morning's prelude combines a sense of lyricism and mysticism; the postlude is a stirring hymn of praise.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the First Sunday in Lent. The preacher will be the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church.

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