

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



EVENSONG IN APPLETON CHAPEL

Sunday, February 9, 2020
6 pm

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES UPON ENTERING APPLETON CHAPEL.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Elegy (in memory of Horatio Parker) (1918)

George Whitefield Chadwick (1876–1931)

INTROIT

The Lamp of Charity, Op. 489 (2003)

Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)

This anthem was commissioned by the Rev. Professor Peter J. Gomes in honor of the ministry of Dr. Murray Forbes Somerville as Gund University Organist and Choirmaster (1990–2003).

Grant us, O Lord, the lamp of charity that never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy city, where dwells the true and never failing Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

OPENING SENTENCES

A GENERAL CONFESSION

In unison

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders; spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, restore thou them that are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES (1961)

Bernard Rose (1916–1996)

PSALTER

The congregation seated

Psalm 119:33–40, 47–48

Sung by the Harvard University Choir

Chant by George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)

FIRST READING

Genesis 25:19–34

Pew Bible, page 20 (OT)

MAGNIFICAT from *The New College Service* (1949)

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

The congregation seated

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SECOND READING

I Kings 8:1–7, 9–13

Pew Bible, page 288–289 (OT)

NUNC DIMITTIS from *The New College Service* (1949)

Herbert Howells

The congregation seated

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
According to thy word:
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
And to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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.
The congregation stands at the conclusion of the canticle.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE LESSER LITANY AND COLLECTS

The congregation is seated after the choir sings the third "Amen."

ANTHEM

Evening Hymn, Op. 125, No. 2 (1934)

Amy Beach (1867–1944)

The shadows of the evening hours fall from the darkening sky;
Upon the fragrance of the flowers the dews of evening lie;
Before thy throne, O Lord of Heaven, we kneel at close of day;
Look on thy children from on high, and hear us while we pray.

The sorrows of thy servants, Lord, O do not now despise,
But let the incense of our prayers before thy mercy rise.

The brightness of the coming night upon the darkness rolls;
With hopes of future glory, chase the shadows from our souls.

Slowly the rays of daylight fade, so fade within our heart

The hopes in earthly love and joy, that one by one depart.

Slowly the bright stars, one by one, within the heavens shine:

Give us, O Lord, fresh hopes in heaven, and trust in things divine.

Let peace, O Lord, thy peace, O God, upon our souls descend;

From midnight fears and perils, now our trembling hearts defend.

Give us a respite from our toil; calm and subdue our woes.

Through the long day we labor, Lord, O give us now repose.

Adelaide Procter (1825–1864)

THE CLOSING PRAYERS

HYMN

No. 55, “The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended”

St. Clement

The congregation standing

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“The People respond — Amen!” from *Rubrics* (1988)

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

The service is led by the Rev. Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir under the direction of Murray Forbes Somerville, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster (1990–2003) in the Memorial Church. The organist is David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster in the Memorial Church.