

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Last Sunday after Epiphany  
February 11, 2024, 11 am

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### PRELUDE

Church Sonata II (1995)

*James Woodman (b. 1957)*

*(Allegro moderato; Andante tranquillo; Very free—driving)*

### HYMN

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

*Old Hundredth*

*The congregation stands and sings*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 36 & Lamentations 3*

*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:* The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
God’s mercies never come to an end;

*People:* They are new every morning;  
great is God’s faithfulness.

### 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. 31, “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

*The congregation stands and sings*

## THE PEACE AND GREETINGS

*Minister:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

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

## OFFERTORY

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Psalm 30:1–6, 12–13 *Exaltabo te, Domine*

*Thomas Sheehan (b. 1988)*

*Sung by the choir*

## DOXOLOGY

*The congregation stands and sings.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

## FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2:1–12

*Pew Bible, page 308 (OT)*

## ANTHEM

The First Song of Isaiah (*Ecce, Deus*) (2007–08)

*James Woodman*

Surely, it is God who saves me;

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,

For the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

*Isaiah 12:2–6*

## SECOND LESSON

Mark 9:2–9

*Pew Bible, page 31 (NT)*

## ANTHEM

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal (arr. 1967)

*Traditional American folk hymn  
arr. Alice Parker (1925–2023)*

Hark, I hear the harps eternal  
Ringing on the farther shore,  
As I near those swollen waters,  
With their deep and solemn roar.

*Hallelujah, praise the Lamb.*

*Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.*

And my soul though stained with sorrow,  
Fading at the light of day,  
Passes swiftly o'er those waters  
To the city far away.

*Hallelujah, praise the Lamb.*

*Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.*

Souls have crossed before me, saintly,  
To that land of perfect rest,  
And I hear them singing faintly  
In the mansions of the blest.

*Hallelujah, praise the Lamb.*

*Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

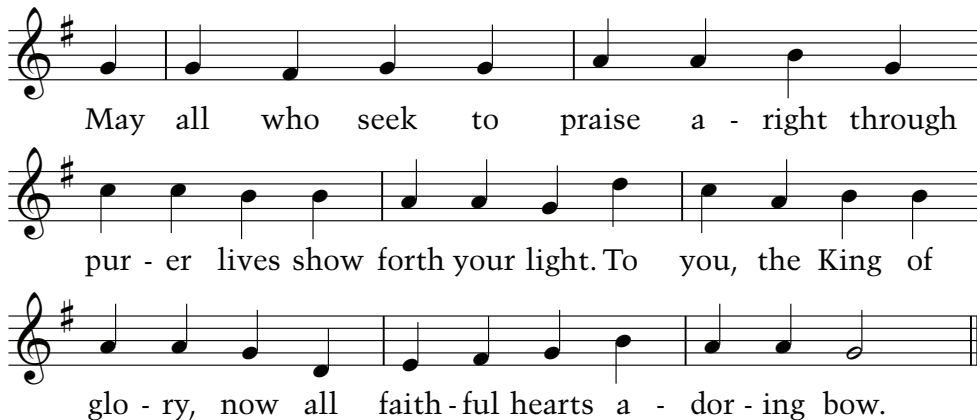
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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

*Donyelle C. McCray*

## HYMN

No. 139, "Jesus, on the Mountain Peak"

*Mowsley*

*The congregation stands and sings*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

"Allegro" from *Church Sonata I* (1992)

*James Woodman*

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