

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 12, 2023, 11 am

PRELUDE

Sonatina, Op. 382 (1983)

Alan Hovhaness (1911–2000)

Andante — Allegretto pastorale — Adagio con molto espressione

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. 345, “Morning Glory, Starlit Sky”

Memorial Church

The congregation stands and sings

THE PEACE & GREETING

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

OFFERTORY

Your offering supports the work of the Memorial Church, especially our ministries to students and to our neighbors in need through the Grants Committee. Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church. You may also donate online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>

Psalm 119:1–8, 15–16 *Beati immaculati*
Sung by the choir

Chant by Kellow Pye (1812–1901)

DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and sings.
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

Sirach 15:15–20

ANTHEM

At the Round Earth's Imagined Corners (1974)

Lee Hoiby (1926–2011)

At the round earth's imagined corners, blow
Your trumpets, Angels, and arise, arise
From death, you numberless infinities
Of souls, and to your scattered bodies go,
All whom the flood did, and fire shall o'erthrow,
All whom war, dearth, age, agues, tyrannies,
Despair, law, chance, hath slain, and you whose eyes,
Shall behold God, and never taste death's woe.
But let them sleep, Lord, and me mourn a space,
For, if above all these, my sins abound,
'Tis late to ask abundance of thy grace,
When we are there; here on this lowly ground,
Teach me how to repent; for that's as good
As if thou hadst seal'd my pardon, with thy blood.

John Donne (1572–1631)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:21–26, 33—37

Pew Bible, page 4 (NT)

ANTHEM

“Eternitie” from *The Revelations of Divine Love*, Op. 800 (2009)

Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)

O Yeares! And Age! Farewell:
Behold I go,
Where I do know
Infinitie to dwell.

And these mine eyes shall see
All times, how they
Are lost i'th'Sea
Of vast Eternitie.

Where never moon shall sway
The Starres; but she,
And night, shall be.

Drown'd in one endlesse Day.
Alleluia.

Robert Herrick (1591–1674)

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

The Rev. Matthew Ichibashi Potts

HYMN

No. 276, "Go Forth for God"

The congregation stands and sings

Magda

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata-Rondo, Op. 1076 (2014)

Carson Cooman

TODAY'S SERVICE

Additional information about today's service and music notes are available from our website at memorialchurch.harvard.edu/service-and-music-notes or by scanning the following QR code.



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