

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
February 19, 2023, 11 am

PRELUDE

The Gift (1989/96)
Hope (1989/2003)

Judith Bingham (b. 1952)

HYMN

No. 1, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”
The congregation stands and sings

Old Hundredth

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. 3, “Let the Whole Creation Cry”
The congregation stands and sings

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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 119:33–40, 47–48 *Legem pone*
Sung by the choir

Chant by George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)

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

Exodus 24:12–18

Pew Bible, page 65 (OT)

ANTHEM

All Wisdom Cometh from the Lord (1980, rev. 1985)

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

All wisdom cometh from the Lord, and is with him forever. Who can number the sand of the sea and the drops of rain and the days of eternity? Who can find out the height of heav'n, and the breadth of the earth and the deep and wisdom. Wisdom hath been created before all things and the understanding of prudence from everlasting. The word of God most high is the fountain of wisdom, and her ways are everlasting commandments.

To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed? Or who hath known her wise counsels? There is one wise and greatly to be feared, the Lord sitting upon his throne. He created her, and saw her and number'd her, and poured her out upon all his works. She is with all flesh according to his gifts, and he hath given her to them that love him.

The fear of the Lord is honor and glory and gladness, and a crown of rejoicing. The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart and bringeth joy and gladness and a long life.

Teach me O Lord the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law; yea I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me go in the way of thy commandments: for therein is my desire. O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee. Behold my delight is in they commandments. O quicken me in thy righteousness.

Ecclesiasticus 1:1–6, 8–12 and Psalm 119:33–35, 38–40

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 17:1–9

Pew Bible, page 16 (NT)

ANTHEM

By Wisdom (2022)

Judith Weir (b. 1954)

Happy is the one who finds Wisdom; the one who gains understanding.

Her price is greater than silver; her profit is better than gold.

She is more precious than jewels; all that you desire cannot compare with her.

Long life is in her right hand; in her left are riches and honor.

Her ways are the ways of pleasantness; and all her paths are peace.

She is a tree of life to those who grasp her; and those who hold her fast are blessed.

By Wisdom, the Lord laid the foundations of the earth; he established the heavens by understanding.

Proverbs 3:13–19

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

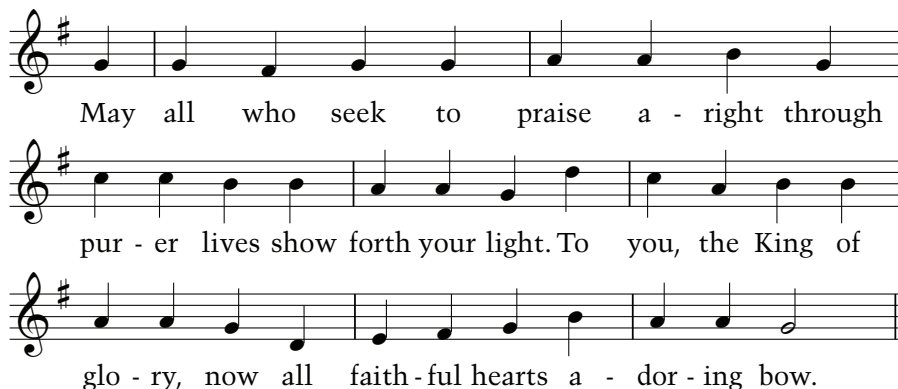
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Ichihashi Potts

HYMN

No. 139, “Jesus, on the Mountain Peak”
The congregation stands and sings

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alleluyas (1964)

Simon Preston (1938–2022)

TODAY’S SERVICE

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