

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 20, 2022
11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Meditation on “Peace Like a River” (2017)

Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”
The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 36 & Isaiah 2

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: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

Minister: Come, let us set out in the light of the Lord!

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. 33, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

THE PEACE & GREETING

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

OFFERTORY

The offering collected goes directly to fund the Memorial Church Grants Committee's recipient organizations and their important work in our local communities. Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Grants Committee." You may also donate online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>

Psalm 37:3–11, 40–41 *Noli aemulari*

Chant by John Joubert (1927–2019)

Sung by the choir

Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good;
dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thou in the Lord, and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.

Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him, and he shall bring it to pass.

He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light, and thy just dealing as the noon-day

Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him: but grieve not thyself at him
whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels.

Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure:

fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.

Wicked doers shall be rooted out; and they that patiently abide the Lord,
those shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone:

thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.

But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth,
and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.

But the salvation of the righteous cometh of the Lord;
who is also their strength in the time of trouble.

And the Lord shall stand by them, and save them: he shall deliver them from the ungodly,
and shall save them, because they put their trust in him.

DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

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

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Pew Bible, page 39 (OT)

ANTHEM

Song of Kabir (2014)

Elizabeth Alexander (b. 1962)

You are in us, and we are in You,
Each being distinct, yet ever united.
You are the tree, the seed, and the cell;
You are the flower, the fruit, and the shade;
You are the sun, the light, and the lighted;
You are the manifold form of infinite space;
You are the breath, the word, and the meaning;
You are the limit and the limitless.
You are the Immanent Mind in us;
You are the Supreme Soul within the soul.
Blessed are all who see You.

Kabir (ca. 1338/1440–1448/1518), adp. by the composer

SECOND LESSON

Luke 6:27-38

Pew Bible, page 56 (NT)

ANTHEM

My Eyes for Beauty Pine (2014) *Elizabeth Coxhead (b. 1987) and Thomas Coxhead (b. 1993)*

My eyes for beauty pine,
My soul for Goddès grace:
No other care nor hope is mine,
To heaven I turn my face.

One splendor thence is shed
From all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart,
That burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
Of that celestial fire.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

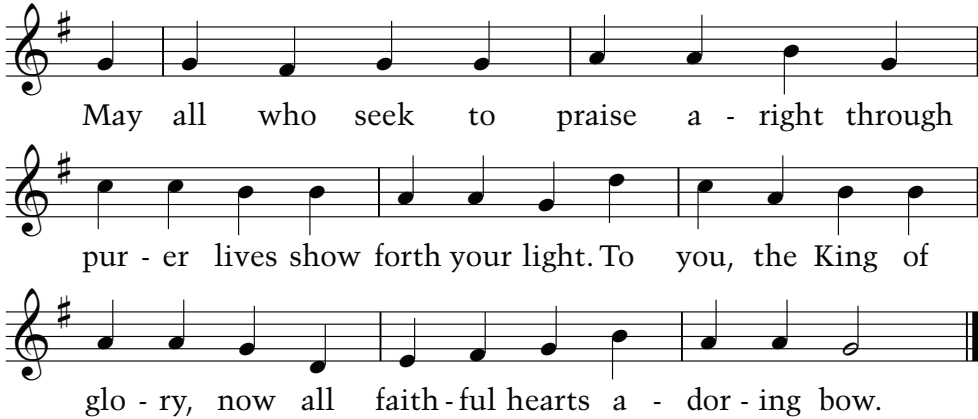
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

HYMN

No. 226, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lucis Creator (2002)

Dorothy Papadakos (b. 1960)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 20th, 2022

WELCOME

Today is the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is the Reverend Calvin Jones, Assistant Minister in the Memorial Church. The worship leaders are the Reverend Emmanuel K. Akyeampong, Ellen Gurney Professor of History, Professor of African and African American Studies, and Minister for Worship and Formation in the Memorial Church; Cheyenne Boon MDiv II; and Laurie Sedgwick MDiv III. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir under the direction of Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster and David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

MUSIC NOTES

American composer Elizabeth Alexander is a native of South Carolina and has lived for many years in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Educated at the College of Wooster and Cornell University, she has focused in recent decades particularly on writing choral music and has become one of the most widely performed composers in Unitarian Universalist congregations throughout the USA. *Song of Kabir* sets her own adaptation of words by the well-known Indian mystic poet.

My Eyes for Beauty Pine, a beautiful setting of a text by Robert Bridges, was co-written by sister and brother Elizabeth and Thomas Coxhead for a wedding of friends. Elizabeth Coxhead is Lizzie Ibrahim, a classical concert producer for BBC Radio 3 in London; Thomas Coxhead is Assistant Organist at Ripon Cathedral.

Brenda Portman serves as the Resident Organist at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. This morning's prelude, *Meditation on "Peace Like a River,"* is characterized by melodic syncopations and a pizzicato-like pedal line. Dorothy Papadakos was Organist and Director of Music at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City, and is famed as an improviser in a number of styles. The postlude is based on the plainsong hymn, "Lucis Creator optime" ("O blest creator of the light"): the chant is heard in the right hand, while the accompaniment is full of jazzy rhythms and colorful harmonies.

MORNING PRAYERS

Our daily service of Morning Prayers takes place at 8:30 am. Monday: No Service (University Holiday); Tuesday: Alanna C. Sullivan; Wednesday: Gianluca Avanzato MDiv II; Thursday: Charles Donahue '62; Friday: Micahela Mobley

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The wellbeing of our visitors, students, and staff remains our top commitment at the Memorial Church. Harvard University continues to closely monitor the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and it is an ever-changing situation.

We are taking important steps to protect against COVID-19. We are grateful for your assistance helping us to take these precautionary measures to prevent the spread of infection and to prioritize the wellbeing of our community, especially the most vulnerable in our midst.

We ask that all visitors, students, and staff abide by the following:

- All individuals will be masked indoors.
- All individuals/households will attest to the state of their health upon arrival. Individuals will be asked to leave if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and/or exhibiting symptoms with COVID-19.
- All individuals will refrain from public consumption of food and beverage indoors.

Please review the latest guidance for on-campus activity before attending services or other events on campus. Seating with physical distancing is available.

Guidance may be subject to additions and changes based upon the distribution of the disease and local disease dynamics. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this time.

Things are a bit different. Some of the details of our worship life have been altered to accommodate pandemic restrictions. Some of our programming has been adjusted to keep everyone safe. But what we hope you find entirely familiar is the love and openness and welcome with which we hope to fill our church each day.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith & Life Forum of the Memorial Church explores matters of faith and public life. The Forum takes place in the Buttrick Room in the lower level of the Memorial Church from 9:30–10:30 am on Sundays. Each week we explore themes such as love, justice, suffering, and salvation in relation to the world in which we live. We learn from scholars and practitioners of religion, religious intellectuals, writers, activists, and artists whose work captures conceptions of the sacred and wrestles with the mysterious dimensions of life. In addition to masking, participants will need to register and attest to their health in order to participate in the weekly forum gatherings. All are welcome to join. Please visit our website to learn more.

CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of age three through sixteen. All classes are held during Sunday Services in the Fall and Spring Terms. To participate in the Church School program, parents or guardians need to register their children, and to attest to the state of their children's health weekly.

Please visit our website to learn more or email Assistant Minister, Calvin Jones (*calvon_jones@harvard.edu*), with any questions. The Rev. Jones and the Church School team are excited to announce the launch of our newly designed MemChurch School digital platform. Our children and families will have access to fun, exciting, and educational episodes, steeped in stories of love and humanity. Take a virtual journey to a digital place where the Bible comes to life. You can find episodes at: <https://bit.ly/3iUtEWV>

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a way to get more involved with the Memorial Church? Student Deacons might be the answer! Student Deacons is a volunteer, ecumenical Christian program involving both undergraduate and graduate students. Their service involves a ministry of hospitality and welcome during Sunday services and in the wider MemChurch community. If you're looking for a new opportunity for spiritual growth, please contact Student Program Coordinator, Anna Burnham (*anna_burnham@harvard.edu*), for more information!

AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK

Looking for a space to relax, connect with other students, and grab some good food towards the end of your week? Join Professor Potts, his family, and their dog Suki for weekly After-School Snack at Sparks House, 21 Kirkland St., Thursdays from 4-5:30 pm. Feel free to drop in and out as you need. Bring a friend!

STUDENT OASIS

The Student Oasis in the lower level of the Memorial Church is a tranquil and relaxing space for study, for meeting friends and fellow students, and even cooking a favorite meal in the full-service kitchen. Located in the heart of Harvard Yard, the Oasis is open daily to Harvard students during the academic term. For more information and the hours of operation, visit <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/studentoasis>

JOYS AND CONCERNS

The psalmist writes, "Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely." Prayer reminds us of our relationship to God and one another; it emphasizes our oneness as the Body of Christ. What weighs on your heart? How can we join you in prayer? We invite you to share your joys and concerns so that we may communally uplift them to God in the Prayers of the People during Sunday Services. Please send your prayer requests to the Rev. Alanna Sullivan (*alanna_sullivan@harvard.edu*).

PASTORAL CARE LINE

The clergy at the Memorial Church have established a pastoral care line if you would like spiritual or pastoral care during a difficult time. Please call or text 617-595-9044 and a clergyperson will follow up with you shortly.

LISTEN TO SUNDAY WORSHIP AND MORNING PRAYERS

Sunday services are broadcast on Harvard's radio station, WHRB 95.3 FM in term; a live stream of the service is available at *wbrb.org*. Recordings of Sunday Worship Services and Sunday Sermons are available on our website, *memorialchurch.harvard.edu*, during the week following the service. Sunday Sermons and Morning Prayers are also available on SoundCloud at <http://bit.ly/sundaysermons> and <http://bit.ly/morningprayers> respectively, and on iTunes—search “Harvard Memorial Church” from your iTunes app.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Sunday of the Transfiguration. The preacher is Rabbi Jonah C. Steinberg, Executive Director and Harvard Chaplain, Harvard Hillel.

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