

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Holy Communion
The First Sunday of Spring Term
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 2, 2014

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Master Tallis's Testament

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

HYMN

No. 1, verses 1 & 4, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Old Hundredth

The congregation standing

INVOCATION

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

GREETINGS

Children now join their teachers in the Church School.

THE PEACE

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

AT THE OFFERTORY

The Lamb

Sir John Tavener (1944–2013)

Little Lamb who made thee
Dost thou know who made thee
Gave thee life & bid thee feed.
By the stream & o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing woolly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice!
Little Lamb who made thee
Dost thou know who made thee

Little Lamb I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb I'll tell thee!
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek & he is mild,
He became a little child:
I a child & thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.
Little Lamb God bless thee.
Little Lamb God bless thee.

William Blake (1757–1827)

Here an offering is received for the work of the Church within and beyond the University. Ushers will begin the collection from the back of the Church forward.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Micah 6:1-8

Pew Bible, page 819 (OT)

GLORIA from *Office of Holy Communion, Collegium Regale*

Herbert Howells

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 5:1-12

Pew Bible, pages 3-4 (NT)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People: For we put our trust in you.

Minister: In you, Lord, is our hope;

People: And we shall never hope in vain.

Each time the minister says "Lord, in your mercy," the congregation will respond with "Hear our prayer."

HYMN

No. 67, verses 1-3, "Just As I Am"

Woodworth

The congregation standing

SERMON

Persecuted for a Purpose

Text: "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Matthew 5:11-12

HYMN

No. 67, verses 4–6, “Just As I Am”

Woodworth

The congregation standing

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to share in the Lord’s Supper without regard to denomination.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The minister continues:

It is truly right, good and joyful, to give you thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit, you replenish us and call us to the fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we lift our voices as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Organ	Congregation
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, -

7
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

12
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The congregation may be seated.

The minister continues with the Eucharistic prayer:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Albert H. Malotte (1895–1964)

Sung by the choir

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The minister says:

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Holy food for the journey of life.

AT THE COMMUNION

Communicants will proceed to the foot of the chancel steps at the direction of the ushers and will return to their seats by the side aisles. At the giving of the bread and the cup, the people respond with "Amen."

AGNUS DEI from *Office of Holy Communion, Collegium Regale*

Herbert Howells

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

ANTHEM

When to the Temple Mary Went

Johannes Eccard (1553–1611)

When to the temple Mary went,
And brought the Holy Child,
Him did the aged Simeon see,
As it had been revealed.
He took up Jesus in his arms
And blessing God he said:
In peace I now depart, my Saviour having seen,
The Hope of Israel, the Light of men.

Help now thy servants, gracious Lord,
That we may ever be
As once the faithful Simeon was,
Rejoicing but in Thee;
And when we must from earth departure take,
May gently fall asleep and with Thee wake.

HYMN

No. 65, "Let Us Break Bread Together"

The congregation standing

Let Us Break Bread

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro con spirito

Frank Bridge (1879–1941)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 2, 2014

WELCOME

Today is the First Sunday of Spring Term, Holy Communion, and the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church, Harvard University. The service is led by the Reverend Kerry Maloney, Director of Religious and Spiritual Life at Harvard Divinity School, Seminarians David Wayne Hysong MDiv II, Jordan Mikel Sharick MDiv II, and Adam Cory Vander Tuig MDiv II, and Ministry Fellow Alanna Copenhagen. The first lesson is read by Nzuekoh Nchinda '14, Kirkland House. The second lesson is read by Andrew Sudler '14, Kirkland House.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance. Following the service, the congregation is invited to a reception in the Memorial Room.

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: FEBRUARY 3 – FEBRUARY 8, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Tom Dingman; Tuesday: Gareth Doherty; Wednesday: Lura Steele; Thursday: Sharon Ghamari-Tabrizi; Friday: Alice Keeney; Saturday: Alanna Copenhagen

Following each service of Morning Prayers on Wednesdays, free coffee and snacks will be available at MemCafé from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. on the steps of the Memorial Church across from Widener Library. All are welcome!

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith & Life Forum seeks to deepen our devotional lives by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency concerning communities of faith. Held every Sunday morning during the Term before the 11:00 a.m. worship service, the presentations take place in the Pusey Room of the Memorial Church from 9:30–10:30 a.m., but you are invited to gather for coffee and conversation at 9:00 a.m. The next Faith & Life Forum, “Missions’ in the 21st Century,” will be held on Sunday, February 9. Diane D’Souza, Director of Continuing Education at Mission Institute at Episcopal Divinity School, will give the presentation.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children ages three through twelve. Classes are held in the Buttrick Room during Sunday services, and emphasize biblical themes and scripture. At the conclusion of the worship service, parents are asked to promptly pick their children up in the Buttrick Room. A committed staff of undergraduate teachers work closely with the Church School Coordinator, Brianna Goodlin. Contact Brianna at briannagoodlin@college.harvard.edu for more information.

AFRICAN AMERICAN RELIGIONS LECTURE SERIES

At 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, Duke Divinity School’s J. Kameron Carter will deliver “The Sovereignty Machine: Fugitive Thoughts on Race and Political Theology,” the first in a series of lectures about African American Religions this Term. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will be held in the Sperry Room of Andover Hall at the Harvard Divinity School.

COMPLINE

A service of Compline, which combines candlelight, plainsong, polyphony, prayer, scripture, and silence, will be held on Thursday evening, February 6, at 10:00 p.m. Music is provided by the Harvard University Choir. All are welcome.

MUSIC NOTES

Herbert Howells was born in Gloucestershire, England, and studied with Sir Charles Stanford and Charles Wood at the Royal College of Music in London. He was the most important English composer of the generation to succeed Elgar, Vaughan Williams, and Holst, and his contribution to the renaissance of English choral music in the twentieth century is unparalleled. In 1941 Howells was appointed Acting Organist of St. John's College, Cambridge, and in 1943 he composed his famous morning and evening Canticles for King's College, Cambridge (the *Collegium Regale* service). In 1956 Howells revisited the themes of this now-classic work in his Holy Communion service which once again displays the composer's natural aptitude for counterpoint, and his flair for sheer beauty of vocal harmony; this morning the Harvard University Choir presents the majestic *Gloria* and the haunting *Agnus Dei*.

The offertory is Sir John Tavener's beloved setting of William Blake's *The Lamb*, and the communion motet is Johannes Eccard's *When to the Temple Mary Went*: both works are fitting for today's celebration of Candlemas.

An outstanding organist, Herbert Howells had a natural gift for improvisation, and was a composer committed to illustrating the full range of coloristic possibilities of the twentieth century organ. The prelude is in homage to the world of the Elizabethan virginalists, reinterpreted through Howells's distinctive harmonic vocabulary.

Frank Bridge also studied composition with Stanford at the Royal College of Music, and is perhaps best remembered today as Benjamin Britten's teacher; he was, however, an extremely influential composer and conductor in his own right. Today's postlude is the energetic final movement of Bridge's well-known *Three Pieces for Organ* (1905).

SERMONS AND MORNING PRAYERS SERVICES ON HARVARD'S ITUNES U AND SOUNDCLOUD

Sunday sermons and weekly Morning Prayers services are available on Harvard's iTunes U and SoundCloud. Search for "Harvard Memorial Church" on Apple's iTunes software or on SoundCloud's website at <https://soundcloud.com>. Additionally, past Sunday sermons from the late Peter J. Gomes can now be heard on Harvard's iTunes U and SoundCloud; search for "Peter J. Gomes".

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher will be Diane D'Souza, Director of Continuing Education at Mission Institute at Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA.

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