

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Baptism
Holy Communion

Sunday, March 3, 2019
11 a.m.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G major, Op. 37, No. 2 (1835–37) *Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

HYMN

No. 1, st. 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

HYMN

No. 3, “Let the Whole Creation Cry” *Llanfair*
The congregation standing

THE BAPTISM

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Let us pray. Gracious God, by our baptism, you welcome us into the household of faith and open the way to new life; in this world and the next; receive these who are baptized today and strengthen us all to be your people in the world, and a blessing to the Earth. Amen.

Minister: The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents: We present *William Isiah Elmore Cluff* to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Minister: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We will with God's help.

Minister: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child grow into the life of God's grace and love?

Parents: We will with God's help.

Minister: Will you continue to honor your own spiritual journeys, as role models for the child you present?

Parents: We will with God's help.

Minister: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?

Parents: We will with God's help.

Minister: *Kaz Kisaichi*, do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Minister: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, will you turn from the ways of sin and trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Candidate: I will with God's help.

Minister: Will you commit to being Christ's faithful disciple and showing God's love and grace?

Candidate: I will with God's help.

Minister: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?

Candidate: I will with God's help.

To the congregation:

Minister: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their lives in Christ?

People: We will.

Minister: Let us pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Litanist: Open their hearts, O God, to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

BLESSING OF THE WATER

Minister: Now sanctify this water, we pray you, O God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are baptized today be cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the power of God's love, compassion and mercy.

People: Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Minister: *William Isiah Elmore Cluff*, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

Minister: *Kaz Kisaichi*, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

Minister: Let us pray.

People: Eternal and loving God, give to these children receiving the Sacrament of Baptism an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Minister: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you, with joy, into the household of God, and into the priesthood of all believers.

THE PEACE

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

GREETING

OFFERTORY

The offering collected goes directly to fund the Memorial Church Grants Committee's recipient organizations and their important work in our local communities. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Grants Committee." Ushers will begin collection from the back of the church.

Psalm 99 *Dominus regnavit* *Anglican Chant by Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)*

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion,
but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness; incline thine ear unto me, and save me.
Be thou my stronghold, whereunto I may always resort:
thou hast promised to help me, for thou art my house of defense, and my castle.
Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly,
out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
For thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for:
thou art my hope, even from my youth.
Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born:
thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb: my praise shall be alway of thee.

DOXOLOGY

Sung by the congregation, standing

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 34:29–35

Pew Bible, page 76 (OT)

ANTHEM

Gloria from Communion Service in E (Collegium Regale) (1961) *Harold Darke (1888–1976)*

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| Glory be to God on high, | Thou that takest away the sins of the world, |
| And on earth peace, good will towards men. | Receive our prayer. |
| We praise thee, we bless thee, | Thou that sittest at the right hand of God |
| We worship thee, | the Father, |
| We glorify thee, | Have mercy upon us. |
| We give thanks to thee for thy great glory, | For thou only art holy; |
| O Lord God, heavenly King, | Thou only art the Lord; |
| God the Father Almighty. | Thou only, O Christ, |
| O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; | With the Holy Ghost, |
| O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, | Art most high |
| That takest away the sins of the world, | In the glory of God the Father. Amen. |
| Have mercy upon us. | |

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2

Pew Bible, pages 158–159 (NT)

HYMN

No. 139, st. 1–2, “Jesus, on the Mountain Peak”

Mowsley

The congregation standing

SERMON

Beyond the Veil

Text: “...but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off...”

Exodus 34:34

HYMN

No. 139, st. 3–4, “Jesus, on the Mountain Peak”

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, all holy God, creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est. 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. Come now, for all things are ready.

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. Grape juice is in the outer cup and wine is in the inner cup. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. At the giving of the bread and the cup, the people respond with "Amen."

AGNUS DEI from Communion Service in E (Collegium Regale)

Harold Darke

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

Ave, verum corpus, K. 618 (1791)

Ave, verum corpus natum
De Maria Virgine:
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine:
Cuius latus perforatum
Unda fluxit et sanguine:
Esto nobis prægustatum,
In mortis examine.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

*Hail the true body, born
Of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
On the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced flank
Flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us
In the trial of death.*

HYMN

No. 65, “Let Us Break Bread Together”

The congregation standing

Let Us Break Bread

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rejoice (1970)

Noël Goemanne (1926–2010)

OUR MISSION

The Memorial Church of Harvard University is a space of grace in the center of the Yard, rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ. Affectionately known as “MemChurch,” we pursue partnerships within and beyond Harvard, empowering community members to serve the world as well-informed, compassionate, moral citizens. Through worship and ministry outreach, MemChurch aims to promote justice and mercy by confronting life’s challenges, differences, and our own imperfections with courage, empathy, and an ethic of love. By doing so, the Memorial Church seeks to educate minds, expand hearts, and enrich lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 3, 2019

WELCOME

Today is the Last Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church. The worship leaders are the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church; the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church; Aric B. Flemming Jr. MDiv III and KMarie Tejada MDiv II, Seminarians in the Memorial Church; Minister Kevin P. Bryant. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir, under the direction of Edward E. Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster, and Thomas M. Sheehan, Associate University Organist and Choirmaster.

A “Baby Oasis” is available for young children and infants in the lower level of the church. Parents and their children are welcome to use this respite space during worship.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance.

MORNING PRAYERS

Monday: Meagan Manas; Tuesday: Amber Gomes; Wednesday: Joel Cohen AM '65
Thursday: TBA; Friday: Francis Oda

FAITH FORMATION

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 register and learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website.

For adults in the MemChurch community, the Faith & Life Forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. This program is held Sunday mornings during the Fall and Spring Terms in the Buttrick Room from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. To learn about upcoming speakers, please visit the Faith & Life Forum page on our website. Faith and Life Forum continues next Sunday, March 10 with Howard K. Koh, Harvey V. Fineberg Professor of the Practice of Public Health Leadership at the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health and the Harvard Kennedy School.

Contact Ministry Fellow, Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) for more information about faith formation at MemChurch.

UNIVERSITY CHOIR CONCERT

This afternoon at 4 p.m., the Harvard University Choir will perform Composer in Residence Carson Cooman's oratorio *The Acts of the Apostles* in the Memorial Church Sanctuary, featuring bass-baritone Christopher Talbot. Admission is free.

VIOLIN AND PIANO RECITAL

Tomorrow at 12:15 p.m., there will be a recital of music by J. S. Bach and Francis Poulenc performed by Wolfgang David, violin, and David Gompper, piano, in the Memorial Church sanctuary. Admission is free.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

On the evening of Tuesday, March 5, we will mark the last evening before Lent begins with a free festive pancake supper at 6 p.m. downstairs in the Student Oasis.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

This Wednesday, March 6, is the First Day of Lent. There will be a short service at 12:10 p.m. which will include the imposition of ashes.

HELP THE CHILDREN BENEFIT CONCERT

Please join us on Saturday, March 9 at 3 p.m. for *Help the Children: Boston Musicians Perform to Benefit Refugees at the U.S.-Mexican Border*. The concert will feature music of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, Choral Song, Traditional Music of South America and the Middle East, and American Spirituals. Performers include cast members of Black Nativity, Blue Heron, The Boston Camerata, Dünya, and The Choral Fellows of Harvard University, among others. All proceeds will go to the Cambridge Legal Defense Fund for Immigrants and the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES). Free admission. Free will donations requested. Presented by Camerata Mediterranea & The Memorial Church of Harvard University.

OPPORTUNITIES AT MEMORIAL CHURCH

We are looking for volunteer student ushers to welcome people to worship on Sunday mornings. If you would like to volunteer or learn more, please contact the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister, at alanna_sullivan@harvard.edu

We're also looking for a Federal Work Study eligible student seeking employment. If interested, apply for our Front Desk Attendant (FDA) position for Saturday afternoons. The FDA, reporting to the Student Program Assistant, will be responsible for providing support to the Memorial Church's Student Oasis and Church Offices. For more information about this position please email our Student Program Assistant, Morgan A. McNeill, at morgan_mcneill@harvard.edu

THE OFFICE OF COMPLINE

This Thursday, compline, a twenty-minute candlelit evening service, will be sung by the Harvard University Choir, based upon the traditional evening liturgy of scripture, music, prayers, and silence. The service will be held in Appleton Chapel at 9 p.m.

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 whrb.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.

MUSIC NOTES

Harold Darke studied at the Royal College of music under Stanford and served in the Royal Air Force. He held the post of organist and choirmaster of St. Michael's, Cornhill (City of London) continuously from 1916 to 1969 with the exception of the years 1941 to 1945 when he stood in at King's College, Cambridge, for Boris Ord, who was enlisted to serve in the second world war. The Communion Service in E was written for the choir of King's College and is a simple, elegant, and very singable setting of the Mass ordinary.

One of Mozart's final compositions, the sublime "Ave, verum corpus" was written in June 1791 for a choir in the spa town of Baden, where the composer's wife was recuperating at the time.

Felix Mendelssohn's works for organ set a new, forward-looking standard for organ composition in the nineteenth century, while simultaneously harking back to the traditions and spirit of the German Baroque—and specifically to the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. This morning's prelude features a lilting opening movement followed by a more angular, chromatic fugue. *Rejoice* was written by Noël Goemanne, a Belgian-American composer who made most of his career as organist and choirmaster of Christ the King Catholic Church in Dallas, TX. This piece was written to be performed at the Salt Lake Tabernacle by its organist of many years, Alexander Schreiner.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the First Sunday in Lent. The preacher will be Dr. Howard K. Koh, Harvey V. Fineberg Professor of the Practice of Public Health Leadership at the Harvard School of Public Health and the Harvard Kennedy School.

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