

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Third Sunday in Lent  
March 3, 2024, 11 am

## PRELUDE

Little Melody  
Adoration

*Florence B. Price (1887–1953)*

## HYMN

No. 146, “Jesus, Who This Our Lententide”  
*The congregation stands and sings*

*Rockingham*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 130 & Isaiah 2*

*Minister:* Out of the depths we cry to you, O God. God, hear our voice!

*People:* Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications!

*Minister:* If you should mark iniquities, O God, who of us could stand?

*People:* But there is forgiveness with you; and plenteous redemption.

*Minister:* I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God’s word I hope.

*People:* My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.

## 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. 306, “There Is a Balm in Gilead”  
*The congregation stands and sings*

*Balm in Gilead*

## THE PEACE AND GREETINGS

*Minister:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

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

## FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

*Pew Bible, page 145 (NT)*

## PSALM

Psalm 19 *Coeli enarrant*  
*Sung by the choir*

*Tone VII.3*

## SECOND LESSON

John 2:13–22

*Pew Bible, page 81 (NT)*

## ANTHEM

Resignation

*Florence B. Price*

## SERMON

*The Reverend Matthew Ichihashi Potts*

## SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*Minister:* Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*People:* Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind and all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### OFFERTORY

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Oh, That Bleeding Lamb  
*Sung by the choir*

*African American spiritual, arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904–1989)*

### 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.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The congregation remains standing*

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts.

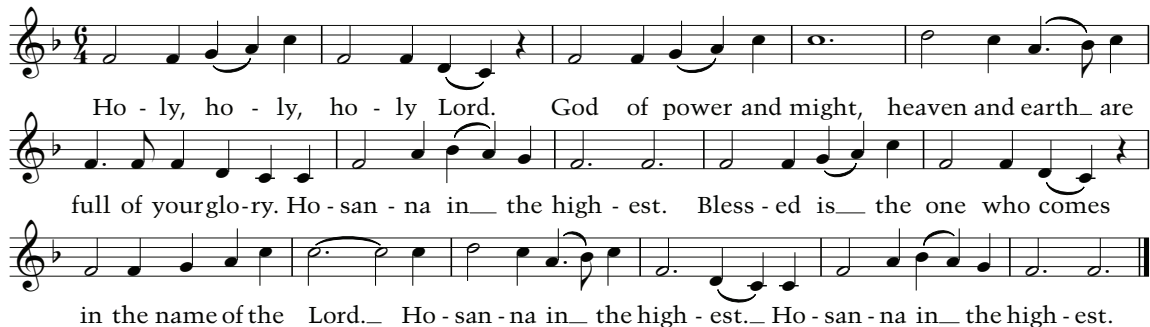
*People:* We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

*Minister:* ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever 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 remains standing*

*Minister:* ... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

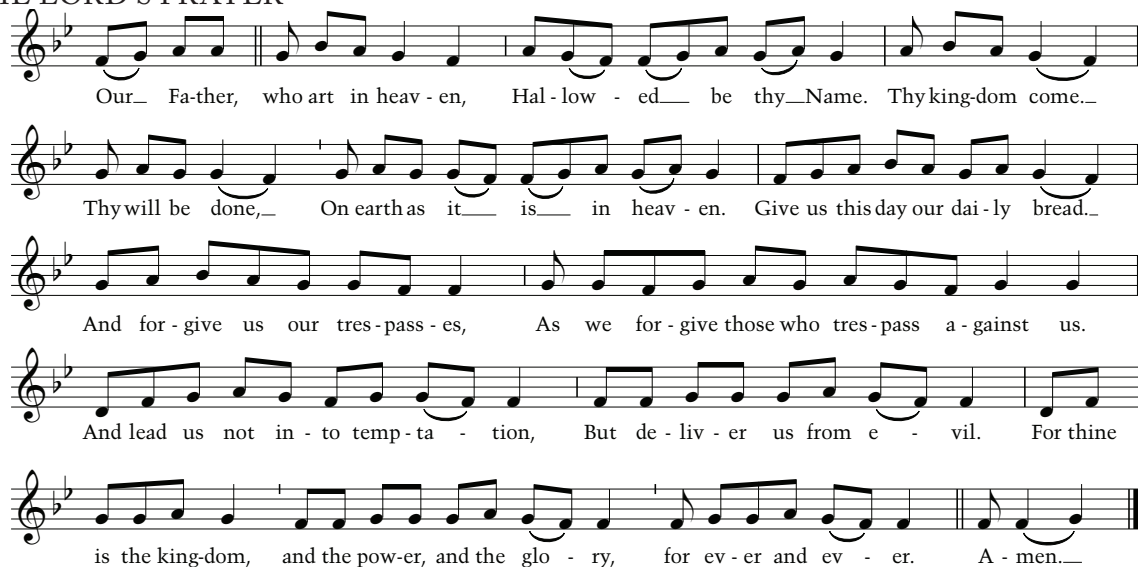
*People:* Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*The minister continues*

*Minister:* ... All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

*People:* AMEN.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav - en, Hal - low - ed be thy Name. Thy king - dom come.  
Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread.  
And for - give us our tres - pass - es, As we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.  
And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, But de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine  
is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Minister:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast.

*The congregation sits*

## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

### MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Ave verum corpus

*Sung by the choir*

*William Byrd (ca. 1540–1623)*

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*The congregation stands*

*Minister:* Let us pray.

*People:* Almighty and everliving God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### BLESSING

### HYMN

No. 341, “In Christ There is No East or West”

*The congregation stands and sings.*

*McKee*

### DISMISSAL

*Minister:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

Improvisation on “We Shall Overcome” (2011)

*Carl Haywood (b. 1949)*

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