

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023, 11 am

PRELUDE

Psalm Prelude (after Psalm 40:1–3) (2004)

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

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.

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

KYRIE

from *Communion Service in E (Collegium Regale)* (1961)
Sung by the choir

Harold Darke (1888–1976)

THE PEACE & GREETING

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

LESSON

Genesis 12:1–4

Pew Bible, page 9 (OT)

PSALM

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*
Sung by the choir

Tone V.1

THE GOSPEL

John 3:1–17

Pew Bible, page 81 (NT)

HYMN

No. 12, “The God of Abraham Praise”
The congregation stands and sings

Leoni

SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Ichibashi Potts

THE 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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“God So Loved the World” from *The Crucifixion* (1887)

John Stainer (1840–1901)

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: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant [...] And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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:

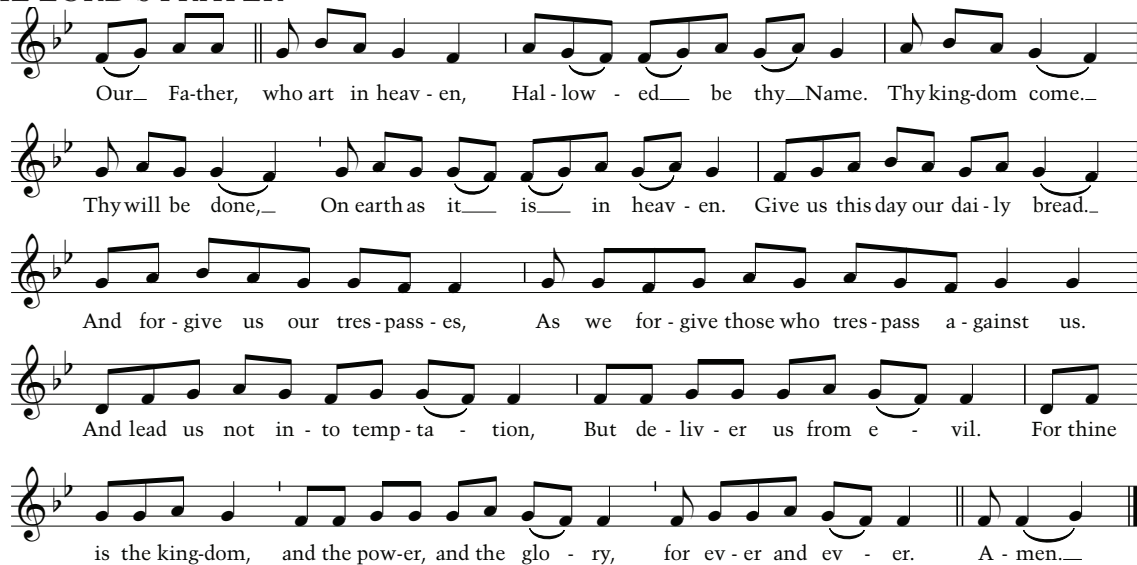
People: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The minister continues

Minister: All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom we offer you thanks and praise, forever and 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: When the centurion standing there saw how Jesus died, he said:

People: Truly, this is the Son of God.

The congregation sits

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI

from *Communion Service in E (Collegium Regale)* (1961)
Sung by the choir

Harold Darke

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The congregation stands

Minister: Let us pray.

People: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN

No. 62, "And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love"

Unde et memores

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D minor, Op. 105, No. 6 (1908)

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

TODAY'S SERVICE

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