

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 19, 2023, 11 am

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### PRELUDE

Variations on “Wondrous Love” (1980)

*Russell Schulz-Widmar (b. 1944)*

### 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

### HYMN

No. 208, “Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart”  
*The congregation stands and sings*

*Jacob*

### THE PEACE & GREETING

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

## OFFERTORY

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Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*  
*Sung by the choir*

*Tone VIII.1*

## 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.

## FIRST LESSON

John 9:1–21, 24–34

*Pew Bible, page 89 (NT)*

## ANTHEM

Broad Is the Road That Leads to Death (“Windham”) (publ. 1785)

*Daniel Read (1757–1836)*

Broad is the road that leads to death,  
And thousands walk together there;  
But wisdom shows a narrower path,  
With here and there a traveler.

“Deny thyself, and take thy cross,”  
Is the Redeemer’s great command;  
Nature must count her gold but dross,  
If she would gain this heav’nly land.

The fearful soul that tires and faints,  
And walks the ways of God no more,  
Is but esteemed almost a saint,  
And makes his own destruction sure.

Lord, let not all my hopes be vain  
Create my heart entirely new;  
Which hypocrites could ne’er attain,  
Which false apostates never knew.

*Isaac Watts (1674–1748)*

## SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:8–14

*Pew Bible, page 172 (NT)*

## ANTHEM

When Jesus Wept (publ. 1770)

*William Billings (1746–1800)*

When Jesus wept, the falling tear  
In mercy flowed beyond all bound;  
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear  
Seized all the guilty world around.

*Perez Morton (1751–1837)*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

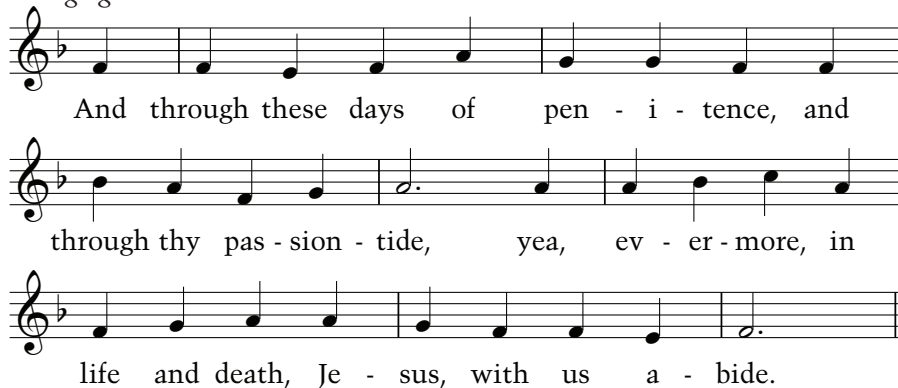
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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*



And through these days of pen - i - tence, and  
through thy pas - sion - tide, yea, ev - er - more, in  
life and death, Je - sus, with us a - bide.

## SERMON

*The Rev. Kelly Murphy Mason*

## HYMN

No. 299, "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"

*New Britain*

*The congregation stands and sings*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Siyahamba

*South African, arr. Mark A. Miller (b. 1967)*

TODAY'S SERVICE

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