

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Palm Sunday

March 20, 2016

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 736 (before 1715)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

INTROIT

Hosanna filio David, D. 696, No. 1 (1820)

Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

Hosanna filio David:

Hosanna to the son of David:

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

O Rex Israel: Hosanna in excelsis.

O King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest.

from Matthew 21:9, John 12:13

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

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

Minister: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. We, along with the whole multitude of disciples, praise God joyfully in a loud voice for all of the deeds of power that they had seen, saying:

People: Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

All: Hosanna in the highest.

HYMN

No. 148, “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

St. Theodulph

The congregation standing

INVOCATION

CONFESSION

In unison:

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children now join their teachers in the Church School.


GREETINGS

OFFERTORY

Valet will ich dir geben, Op. 65, No. 11 (ca. 1906–08)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

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.



O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day and
sing the love a - ma-zing that songs can-not re - pay; for we can on-ly
won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and
mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait u-pon your
word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1921, alt.

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PSALTER

Psalms 8

Pew Bible, page 455(OT)

To be read responsively; the congregation standing

GLORIA PATRI

See Hymn No. 371

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9–12

Pew Bible, page 836 (OT)

ANTHEM

“Lift Up Your Heads” from *Messiah* (1741)

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;
And the King of Glory shall come in.
Who is this King of Glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;
And the King of Glory shall come in.
Who is this King of Glory?
The Lord of Hosts,
He is the King of Glory.

Psalms 24:7–10 (KJV)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 19:28–40

Pew Bible, page 72 (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.”

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE GRACE

The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

HYMN

No. 147, “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” *The King’s Majesty*
The congregation standing

SERMON

Out of the Mouths of Babes and Infants *Psalm 8:2*

HYMN

No. 101, “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” *Macht hoch die Tür*
The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Marche religieuse, Op. 15, No. 2 (1864) *Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)*

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 20, 2016

WELCOME

Today is Palm Sunday. The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Lucy Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church. The service is led by the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith; the Reverend Alanna Copenhagen, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church; and seminarians Danny Ballon MTS II, Patrick Jackson MDiv II, and Adam Vander Tuig MDiv III. The first lesson is read by Lizzy McGill. The second lesson is read by Johannes Weichlein. The liturgy is adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*, 1979.

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.

WELCOME TABLE

Want to learn about the Memorial Church? Stop by the Welcome Table to learn more about our array of events, programs, and ministries. Questions are encouraged!

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

Prayer request cards are available in the pew card holders or in the church lobby. We would be honored to pray for your specific needs. Please place prayer request cards in the offering plates during worship services or in the prayer request box in the church lobby.

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: MARCH 21 – 26, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Jeremy Mullen; Tuesday: Jonathan Fields MDiv '15; Wednesday: Pete Williamson MDiv '14; Thursday: Kathleen Reed; Friday: Debra Chang '12; Saturday: Ryan Simpson

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

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

Please note that there will be no Faith & Life Forum next Sunday, March 27, due to Easter. The next Faith & Life Forum will be held on Sunday, April 3, from 9:30–10:30 a.m. in the Pusey Room; coffee and conversation starts at 9:00 a.m. Michelle C. Sanchez will give the presentation.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of 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 pick up their children in the Buttrick Room promptly. A committed staff of undergraduate teachers works closely with Church School Director Westley (Wes) Conn. For more information, contact Wes at westley_conn@harvard.edu.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Morning Prayers Ecumenical Reflections on Holy Week: Monday, March 21–Saturday, March 26, 8:45–9:00 a.m., Appleton Chapel. Harvard Chaplains from a variety of Christian faiths will reflect upon Lent and Holy Week.

Holy Week Musical Meditation: Tuesday, March 22, 8:00 p.m., The Memorial Church Sanctuary. Featuring the Harvard University Choir performing *The Crucifixion* by John Stainer.

Organ Recital: Wednesday, March 23, 7:30 p.m. Thomas Sheehan, Associate University Organist and Choirmaster performs works by Bach, Ridout, and de Maleingreau.

Maundy Thursday: March 24, 8:00 p.m., Appleton Chapel. Service of Holy Communion featuring the Harvard University Choral Fellows.

Good Friday: March 25, 12:00–2:00 p.m., The Memorial Church Sanctuary. Meditations upon the Seven Words from the Cross

Easter Day: Sunday, March 27. 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Both Easter services will be the same; however, you may wish to consider attending the 8:00 a.m. service to more easily find seating and parking. Church School will also be available for both services.

On Easter Day the Church School will be hosting an Easter egg hunt at 9:30 a.m. between our two worship services in Tercentenary Lawn.

WILLIAM BELDEN NOBLE LECTURE

On Monday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m., American essayist and novelist Marilynne Robinson will deliver the 2016 Noble Lecture, with an introduction by Matthew Potts, Assistant Professor of Ministry Studies, Harvard Divinity School. The lecture will be held in the Memorial Church Sanctuary; a reception and book signing will immediately follow in the Memorial Room. The event is free and open to the public; doors will open at 6:15 p.m. This event is cosponsored by the Memorial Church and Harvard Book Store.

Additionally, join us for a special Faith & Life Forum on Sunday, April 3, at 9:30 a.m., with Michelle C. Sanchez, Assistant Professor of Theology, Harvard Divinity School, who will speak on the relationship of Marilynne Robinson's writing and John Calvin.

ORGAN RECITAL

The Memorial Church's spring 2016 organ recital series concludes on Tuesday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. Featuring Stephen Buzard, Acting Organist at Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, New York City, the concert is free, and all are invited.

SPRING CONCERT: WORKS OF JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

On Sunday, April 17 at 4:00 p.m., the Harvard University Choir and Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra will perform J. S. Bach's *Magnificat in D*, *Ascension Oratorio*, and other works. Admission is free and all are welcome.

MUSIC NOTES

Messiah is unquestionably George Frideric Handel's most famous work. Composed in London in 1741 and premiered in Dublin in 1742, Handel repeatedly revised the work, which reached its most familiar version in a performance to benefit the Foundling Hospital in 1754. "Lift Up Your Heads" features perky dotted rhythms and dialogue between the upper and lower voices; it is a suitable musical representation of the triumphant entry into Jerusalem that begins the journey of Holy Week.

The Lutheran chorale "Valet will ich dir geben" (which is sung on Palm Sunday to the text "All Glory, Laud, and Honor") was used many times by Johann Sebastian Bach, most famously in his *St. John Passion*; today's prelude features sixteenth-note figurations in the manuals against the majestic chorale in the pedals.

Alexandre Guilmant is a towering figure in the history of the organ playing in France at the turn of the twentieth century, and his influence was enormous as a performer, teacher, editor, and organ consultant. His *Marche religieuse (March on a Theme of Handel)* is one of his most popular works, and one that the composer frequently programmed in his own concerts. The work takes as its theme the opening bar of this morning's anthem; a slow opening march leads into a fugue—in which Bach's influence is strongly felt—before the grandiose restatement of the opening material closes the work.

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

Sunday sermons and weekly Morning Prayers services are available on Harvard's iTunes U in the "Religion & Spirituality" channel. From your iTunes software, search "Harvard Memorial Church" to listen on your iPod, iPhone, iPad, Mac, or PC.

STAY CONNECTED TO THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is Easter Day. The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Harvard University. The title of his sermon is "The Scars of Success."

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