

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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The Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 24, 2019  
11 a.m.

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

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## PRELUDE

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit, BWV 669  
Christe, aller Welt Trost, BWV 670

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

## HYMN

No. 146, “Jesus, Who This Our Lententide”  
*The congregation standing*

*Rockingham*

## 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. 221, “What Wondrous Love Is This, O My Soul”  
*The congregation standing*

*Wondrous Love*

## GREETING AND THE PEACE

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

## 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 63:1–9

*Deus, Deus meus*

*Tone II*

O God, thou art my God;  
early will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee,  
in a barren and dry land where no water is.

Thus have I looked for thee in the sanctuary,  
that I might behold thy power and glory.

For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself:  
my lips shall praise thee.

As long as I live will I magnify thee in this manner,  
and lift up my hands in thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness,  
when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.

Have I not remembered thee in my bed,  
and thought upon thee when I was waking?

Because thou hast been my helper;  
therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul hangeth upon thee;  
thy right hand hath upholden me.

## 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

Isaiah 55:1–9

*Pew Bible, page 645 (OT)*

## ANTHEM

Attende Domine

*Plainsong Tone V*

*Antiphon:* Hear us, O Lord, have mercy on us: for we have sinned against thee.

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory,  
Lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings;  
Listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father,  
Way of salvation, gate of life celestial:  
Cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated,  
Bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:  
Pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee,  
With true contrition now no more we veil them;  
Grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting,  
Falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,  
Save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

*Mozarabic, 10th century; English translation John Henry Arnold (1887–1956)*

## SECOND LESSON

Luke 13:1–9

*Pew Bible, page 66 (NT)*

## PRAYER HYMN

*Sung by the congregation, seated*

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to  
see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,  
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

## 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.

*Following the Lord's Prayer, the Prayer Hymn is repeated.*

### ANTHEM

Iam, Christe, sol iustitiæ

*Plainsong Tone VIII*

Now Christ, thou sun of righteousness,  
Let dawn our darkened spirits bless:  
The light of grace to us restore  
While day to earth returns once more.

Spare not, we pray, to send us here  
Some penance kindly but severe,  
So let thy gift of pardoning grace  
Our grievous sinfulness efface.

Thou who dost give the accepted time,  
Give, too, a heart that mourns for crime,  
Let those by mercy now be cured  
Whom loving-kindness long endured.

Soon will that day, thy day, appear  
And all things with its brightness cheer:  
We will rejoice in it, as we  
Return thereby to grace, and thee.

Let all the world from shore to shore  
Thee, gracious Trinity, adore;  
Right soon thy loving pardon grant,  
That we our new-made song may chant. Amen.

*10th century; English translation attr. John Dryden (1631–1701)*

### SERMON

It's Time

### HYMN

No. 307, "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

*Wer nur den lieben Gott*

*The congregation standing*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

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### 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 24, 2019

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## WELCOME

Today is the Third Sunday in Lent. The preacher is the Reverend Kirstin C. Boswell-Ford; Chaplain to the Institute and Director, Office of Religious, Spiritual, and Ethical Life, MIT. The worship leaders are the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church; KMarie Tejeda MDiv II, Seminarian in the Memorial Church; and Minister Kevin P. Bryant, Affiliated Minister in the Memorial Church. 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.

## 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 & Life Forum continues next Sunday, March 31 with Katherine Swenson.

Contact Ministry Fellow, Westley (Wes) Conn ([westley\\_conn@harvard.edu](mailto:westley_conn@harvard.edu)) for more information about faith formation at MemChurch.

## MORNING PRAYERS

Monday: Claudine Gay PhD '98; Tuesday: Eric Andersen

Wednesday: Moira Gallagher Weigel '07; Thursday: Geeta Pradhan

Friday: Robert Reid-Pharr

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:morgan_mcneill@harvard.edu)

## 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](http://whrb.org). Recordings of Sunday Worship Services and Sunday Sermons are available on our website, [memorialchurch.harvard.edu](http://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.

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## NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday in Lent. The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church.

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*For more information on upcoming services and events:*

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