

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023, 11 am

PRELUDE

Elegy (2019)

John Rutter (b. 1945)

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. 247, "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
The congregation stands and sings

Trentbam

THE PEACE & GREETING

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

OFFERTORY

Your offering supports the work of the Memorial Church, especially our ministries to students and to our neighbors in need through the Grants Committee. Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church. You may also donate online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>

Psalm 130 *De profundis*
Sung by the choir

Tone III.5

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

Ezekiel 37:1–14

Perw Bible, page 762 (OT)

ANTHEM

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me” from *Eternal Brightness* (2009)

Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)
after William Daman (ca. 1540–1591)

Lord Jesus, think on me,
and take away my sin;
from earthly trials set me free,
and bring your light within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
amid my daily strife,
in all my pain an mystery
restore my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me stray;
through darkness and calamity
point to the heav'nly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when my life is past,
I may eternal brightness see,
and share your joy at last.

Synesius of Cyrene (ca. 375–403)
trans. Allen W. Chatfield (1808–1896), adp. composer

SECOND LESSON

John 11:1-45

Pew Bible, page 91 (NT)

ANTHEM

Create in Me a Clean Heart (1980)

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners be converted unto thee.

Psalm 51:10-13

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 - bid.

SERMON

The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan

HYMN

No. 220, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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The congregation stands and sings

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Sinfonia” from *Sketchbook Four* (2004)

Daniel E. Gawthrop (b. 1949)

TODAY'S SERVICE

Additional information about today's service and music notes are available from our website at memorialchurch.harvard.edu/service-and-music-notes or by scanning the following QR code.



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