

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday  
March 31, 2024, 9 am

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### PRELUDE

Fantasy on "Victimae paschali laudes", Op. 1186 (2017)  
Évocation II (2017)

*Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)*  
*George Baker (b. 1951)*

### HYMN

No. 165, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Again"  
*The congregation stands and sings*

*Llanfair*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Minister:* Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

*People:* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Minister:* The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

*People:* This is the Lord's doing; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

*Minister:* Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's steadfast love endures for ever.

*People:* This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Minister:* O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed are those who take refuge in God.

### 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

### THE PEACE & GREETING

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

## OFFERTORY

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Psalm 118:14–24 *Confitemini Domino*  
*Sung by the choir*

*Edward Elwyn Jones (b. 1977) after O filii et filiae*

## 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

Isaiah 25:6–9

*Pew Bible, page 612 (OT)*

## ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

*Dutch carol, arr. Charles Wood (1866–1926)*

## SECOND LESSON

Mark 16:1–8

*Pew Bible, page 47 (NT)*

## ANTHEM

Now the Green Blade Riseth

*French melody, arr. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875–1958)*

## SERMON

*The Rev. Matthew Ichibashi Potts*

## HYMN

No. 169, “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”  
*The congregation stands and sings*

*Truro*

## THE EXAMINATION

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*The congregation standing.*

*Minister:* Do you believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth?

*People:* I believe in God our creator.

*Minister:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God,  
who healed the sick, welcomed the outcast,  
and preached good news to the poor;  
who suffered under Pontius Pilate  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
who descended to the dead;  
and on the third day rose again?

*People:* I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son.

*Minister:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
the Church universal,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting?

*People:* I believe in the Holy Spirit.

*Minister:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,  
and in the prayers?

*People:* I will, with God's help.

*Minister:* Will you persevere in resisting all that draws you from God's love, and whenever  
you fail, repent and make amends?

*People:* I will, with God's help.

*Minister:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People:* I will, with God's help.

*Minister:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People:* I will, with God's help.

*Minister:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of  
every human being?

*People:* I will, with God's help.

*Minister:* Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

## THE PRAYERS

## THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

## THE BAPTISM

## HYMN

No. 176, “The Day of Resurrection”  
*The congregation stands and sings*

*Ellacombe*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

“Toccata” from Symphony No. 5, Op. 42, No. 1 (1879)

*Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)*

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*The Easter flowers are placed to the Glory of God,  
in loving memory of the faithful departed,  
and in honor of family and friends,  
here remembered by name and in prayer.*

William Temple Withers Ashbrook II  
Margareta Carroll Bisson  
John Nyren Buchanan  
Robert and Dale Bryant  
Rodney Gilbert Carter  
Anthony Caruso  
Alfred Chandler  
Fay Chandler  
Ling Hua Chen  
Lena M. Chen  
Mei R. Chen  
Kevin Conroy  
Maureen Connerty  
Adolphus Coplin, Sr.  
William Crout  
Nhu Dan  
Michael Downing  
Frederick D. Foote, Jr.  
Nicholas Gaglio  
Joan Klink Gallo  
Robert Gallo  
Judy George

Peter J. Gomes  
Jaclyn Greeley  
Grace and Paul Hailer  
Anne Ingram Halsey  
Macdonald Halsey  
Macdonald Brooke Halsey  
Todd Hamilton  
Isabelle Hamner  
Sally Hansen  
Robert R. Howard  
John Hurwitch  
Matteo Irving  
Helen Jackson  
Baboo Jayaseelan  
Trevor Llewelyn Jones  
Leslie Jordan  
Mekala Kanirajan  
Mary P. Keating  
George A. Kent  
Naomi Kuziemski  
Walter Kuziemski  
Sandy Lacroix  
Lois Leath  
Roland Leath  
Larry Lepionka  
Lisa Lepionka

Richard Adriance Low  
Peter McElroy  
Gertrude and Ralph McKee  
David Gordon Mitten  
Olga Morales de Rico  
Mark Müller-Kahle  
Roselín Pabón  
Antonia Pérez de Pabón  
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Charles Chesters Rubey  
Grace Hopkins Ruml  
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Janice Evans Simpson  
Robert Markell Simpson  
Theodore R. Sizer  
Ildiko Szabo  
Florence and Alexander Thom

Robert (Ted) Turano  
Pierre Lioni Ullman  
Hong Van Vu  
Carol von Behren  
Erich von Behren  
Dorothy Pierce Wallace  
Margie Wright  
Ju Sheng Zou

*...The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God...  
(The Wisdom of Solomon 3:1)*