

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 23, 2014

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

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PRELUDE

When Jesus Wept
Variations on *Wondrous Love*

Russell Schulz-Widmar (b. 1944)

HYMN

No. 146, "Jesus, Who This Our Lententide"
The congregation standing

Rockingham

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.

Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

People: We feast on the abundance of your house,

Minister: For with you is the fountain of life;

People: In your light we see light.

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

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.

HYMN

No. 35, "God of the Morning, at Whose Voice"
The congregation standing

Paris

GREETINGS

Children now join their teachers in the Church School.

THE PEACE

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

AT THE OFFERTORY

Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. Dale Wood (1934–2003)

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.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PSALTER

Psalms 95

Pew Bible, page 513 (OT)

To be read responsively; the congregation standing

GLORIA PATRI

See Hymn No. 371

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 17:1–7

Pew Bible, pages 59–60 (OT)

ANTHEM

Evening Hymn

Elisha West (1752–1808)

The day is past and gone
The evening shades appear
Oh, may we all remember well
The night of death draws near.

We'll lay our garments by
Upon our beds to rest
So death will soon disrobe us all
Of what we here possess.

Lord, keep us safe this night
Secure from all our fears
May angels guard us while we sleep
Till morning light appears.

And when our days are past
And we from time remove
Oh, may we in thy bosom rest
Thy bosom of thy love.

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Philippians 1:12–26

Pew Bible, pages 173–174 (NT)

ANTHEM

Detroit

William Bradshaw (1820)

Do not I love Thee, O my Lord?
Behold my heart and see,
And turn each cursed idol out,
That dares to rival thee.

Do not I love Thee from my soul?
Then let me nothing love;
Dead be my heart to every joy
When Jesus cannot move.

Thou know'st I love Thee, dearest Lord,
But O I long to soar
Far from the sphere of mortal joys,
And learn to love Thee more.

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 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. 155, "My Faith Looks up to Thee"

The congregation standing

Olivet

SERMON

Exit or Voice?

HYMN

No. 312, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

The congregation standing

Nettleton

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 23, 2014

WELCOME

Today is the Third Sunday in Lent. The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of Marsh Chapel, Chaplain to the University, Professor of New Testament and Pastoral Theology, Boston University. The service is led by the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church, and Seminarian Jordan Sharick. The first lesson is read by Chisom Okpala, Lowell House '15. The second lesson is read by Andrew Sudler, Kirkland House '14.

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.

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: MARCH 24 – MARCH 29, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Lucy Forster-Smith; Tuesday: Lisa Coleman; Wednesday: Matthew Potts; Thursday: Stephen Greenblatt; Friday: Adam Vander Tuig MDiv II; Saturday: Douglas Bond

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

TUESDAY ORGAN RECITAL SERIES: MARCH 25

The Tuesday Organ Recital Series continues this week, featuring James Hicks, a specialist in the performance of Scandinavian organ repertoire. The concert, on Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Church, is free and open to the public.

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME RECITAL SERIES: MARCH 27

The Thursday Lunchtime Organ Recital Series continues its spring term concerts this week on March 27 at 12:15 p.m. These free-admission 30-minute weekly concerts, traditionally held in Adolphus Busch Hall, are instead held this term at University Lutheran Church, 66 Winthrop Street. Please note the new venue.

READING THE BIBLE IN ITS WORLD FOR YOUR WORLD

Join Professor Jonathan L. Walton on Wednesday, March 27, from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Pusey Room of the Memorial Church for the fifth session of our year-long Bible study series. Professor Walton will lead a discussion aimed at teaching and facilitating a socio-historical reading of the Bible, using the same exegetical method he employs when preparing his Sunday morning sermons.

C.P.E. BACH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Friday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m., the Harvard University Choir, Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra, and Grand Harmonie present C.P.E. Bach's magnificent oratorio *Die Israeliten in der Wüste*, in celebration of the composer's 300th anniversary. The concert will be held in the sanctuary and is free and open to the public.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The next Faith & Life Forum will be held on Sunday, March 30 from 9:30–10:30 a.m. in the Pusey Room of the Memorial Church and will feature Martin Copenhaver, President-elect, Andover Newton Theological Seminary. The title of his talk is "This Odd and Wondrous Calling." Join us for coffee and conversation starting at 9:00 a.m.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FOR STUDENTS

Whether you've lost a loved one in the past, or you are in the midst of losing someone now, you are invited to attend a bereavement support group at the Memorial Church. The meetings will take place in the Buttrick Room on Tuesdays, April 1, 8, and 15, from 4:30–5:45 p.m. All students are welcome to share in this safe space of connection, contemplation, and conversation. Space is limited to 10 participants. To register, please contact the Reverend Dr. Lucy Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain and Senior Minister, at lucy_forster-smith@harvard.edu or 617-496-3217.

A RECITAL OF CHOIR MUSIC

The Chapel Choir of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, UK, will present A Recital of Choir Music, featuring works by J. S. Bach, Pärt, and Whitacre on Saturday, April 5, 8:00 p.m. in the Memorial Church Sanctuary. For more information about the Chapel Choir of Emmanuel College, please visit www.emma.cam.ac.uk/chapel/choir.

WILLIAM BELDEN NOBLE LECTURE: JOSHUA DUBOIS

Joshua DuBois, former Special Assistant to President Obama and Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and author of *The President's Devotional*, will deliver the 2014 William Belden Noble Lecture on Monday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Church Sanctuary. Additionally, on Sunday, April 6 from 9:30–10:15 a.m., please join us for a special Faith & Life Forum in the main sanctuary. Professor David Gergen, Director of the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard's Kennedy School, will interview Mr. DuBois. Both events are free and open to the public.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children 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 promptly pick their children up in the Buttrick Room. A committed staff of undergraduate teachers work closely with the Church School Coordinator, Brianna Goodlin. Contact Brianna at briannagoodlin@college.harvard.edu for more information.

MUSIC NOTES

This morning's music focuses on the early American sacred repertoire, in anthems taken from the famous *Sacred Harp* collection. Elisha West and William Bradshaw were important members of a group of self-taught composers active in New England during the period 1770–1820. They created an indigenous sacred repertoire readily accessible to all, which became instantly popular amid the explosion of religious fervor at that time; *Evening Hymn* and *Detroit* are two haunting examples of minor-key tunes that end on a bare open-fifth chord.

The prelude presents two arrangements by Russell Schulz-Widmar, an important figure in American liturgical music who chaired the music committee for the *Episcopal Hymnal 1982*; the postlude is a perky *Toccata* by Emma Lou Diemer, organist of the First Presbyterian Church in Santa Barbara, California.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday in Lent. The preacher will be Alanna Copenhaver, Ministry Fellow, The Memorial Church.

For more information on upcoming services and events:

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