

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29, 2015

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 736

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

INTROIT

Hosanna Filio David

Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

Hosanna filio David
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini
O Rex Israel
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Hosanna to the son of David
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
O King of Israel
Hosanna in the highest.*

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him 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. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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

People: Hosanna in the highest.

HYMN

No. 148, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
The congregation standing

St. Theodulph

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERTORY

Hosanna to the Son of David

Thomas Weelkes (1576–1623)

Hosanna to the son of David.

Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord,

Thou that sittest in the highest heavens.

Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

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. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalms 118:1–2, 19–29

Pew Bible, pages 528–529(OT)

To be read responsively; the congregation standing

GLORIA PATRI

See Hymn No. 371

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Pew Bible, page 640 (OT)

ANTHEM

Ride On in Majesty

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry;
Thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed.
Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.
The angel armies of the sky look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the
approaching sacrifice.
Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne expects his own anointed Son.
Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God,
thy power and reign.

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 11:1–11

Pew Bible, page 41 (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 congregation standing

The King’s Majesty

SERMON

Living on Borrowed Grace

HYMN

No. 213, “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”
The congregation standing

Margaret

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 735

Johann Sebastian Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 29, 2015

WELCOME

Today is the Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday. The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Bill Leonard, James and Marilyn Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies and Professor of Church History at Wake Forest University School of Divinity in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The service is led by Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church; the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to Harvard University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church; and Seminarians David Hysong MDiv III and Omar Rouchon MDiv III. The first lesson is read by Adam Vander Tuig MDiv II. The second lesson is read by Lauren Seganos MDiv III.

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

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: MARCH 30 – APRIL 4, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Jeff Barneson; Tuesday: Barbara Morgan; Wednesday: Luther Zeigler; Thursday: Karin Case; Friday: Mark Murphy; Saturday: John Bach

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!

CHANGE TO SATURDAY CHURCH HOURS

Due to the growing number of events held at the Memorial Church on the weekends, the church will be unavailable after the Saturday Morning Prayers service ends at 9:00 a.m., effective April 1.

TODAY: LEADING LIVES OF JOY AND PURPOSE

Leading Lives of Joy and Purpose is a new weekly Sunday afternoon discussion series for Harvard College students. Students will explore how to lead lives infused with meaning and purpose. Inspired by a corollary to the Golden rule: do unto others the good that others have done unto you, discussions will focus on discovering and developing our individual gifts and talents so that we will ultimately emerge from our college experience prepared to use our gifts in service. The first meeting will be today at 4:00 p.m. in the Buttrick Room of the Memorial Church. For more information please contact Karen-Alexandra Nogue's '18, knogues@college.harvard.edu.

TODAY: SUNDAY STUDENT SERVICE

The Memorial Church will begin offering a student lead and coordinated worship service. There will be music, Scripture readings, and a homily (short inspirational message) delivered by Harvard students. The serviced is designed to help aspiring ministers and worship leaders fortify their craft. Attendees will have the opportunity to offer feedback on their worship service experience. The first service will be today at 4:00 p.m. in the Pusey Room. If you would like to give a sermon, lead worship, or help out in anyway please e-mail Julian Nunally '17, juliannunally@college.harvard.edu.

SELMA ANNIVERSARY

2015 marks the 50th anniversary of “Bloody Sunday” and the 1965 Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March. The Memorial Church has several events planned in the coming months to commemorate this important moment in the Civil Rights Movement. We hope that you can attend.

Stanley Nelson, Jr. Film Series & Lecture: We are excited to share the news that our 2015 Noble Lecturer is renowned documentary filmmaker, Stanley Nelson, Jr. In anticipation of the lecture on April 13, the Memorial Church will be hosting a film series of Nelson’s work. The second screening will be of *Freedom Riders* tonight at 7:00 p.m. and the third and final screening will be of *Freedom Summer* on Sunday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. Screenings will take place in Boylston Hall, 110 Fong Auditorium. The William Belden Noble Lecture will be held on Monday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Church Sanctuary. President Drew Faust will interview Stanley Nelson, Jr.; selected clips of his work will be shown and discussed.

The Reverend Clark Olsen: Unitarian Universalist minister Clark Olsen will speak at the Faith & Life Forum at 9:30 a.m. and preach at Sunday service at 11:00 a.m. on April 12. Reverend Olsen was one of three white ministers brutally attacked on the sidewalks of Selma by white supremacists. Tragically, one of the ministers, James Reeb, died two days later. But like so many others courageous women and men, Reverend Olsen would let neither hatred nor attempts upon his life silence him.

LENTEN CONTEMPLATIVE SPACE

Lent is time for reflection and deepening our relationship with God. Step out of your hectic lives and set aside space and time for prayer, contemplation, and meditation. We invite you to use Appleton Chapel, which will be open every Wednesday during Lent from 3:00–5:00 p.m. You are welcome to take a brief moment or stay an extended time in the chapel to reflect upon your Lenten walk. Resources about Lenten practices will be available to help guide you through this sacred season.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Morning Prayers Ecumenical Reflections on Holy Week: Monday, March 30 – Saturday, April 4, 8:45–9:00 a.m., Appleton Chapel. Harvard Chaplains from a variety of Christian traditions will reflect upon Lent and Holy Week.

Holy Week Musical Meditation: Tuesday, March 31, 8:00 p.m., The Memorial Church Sanctuary. Heinrich Schütz’s *The Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ on the Cross* and Gabriel Fauré’s *Requiem*. Featuring the Harvard University Choir.

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 8:00 p.m., Appleton Chapel

Good Friday, April 3, 12:00 p.m., The Memorial Church Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 5. 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 the Memorial Church Sanctuary.

NO COMPLINE IN APRIL

Compline will not be held on Thursday, April 2 due to Holy Week Services. We invite you to attend our Maundy Thursday service on April 2 at 8:00 p.m. in Appleton Chapel.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

Please note that there will be no Faith & Life Forum next Sunday, April 5 due to Easter. The next Faith & Life Forum will be held on Sunday, April 12 from 9:30–10:30 a.m. in the Pusey Room; coffee and conversation starts at 9:00 a.m. The Reverend Clark Olsen will give the presentation.

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

The Memorial Church's biweekly organ recital series concludes on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. with performances by members of the Harvard Organ Society. The concert is free and all are invited.

MUSIC NOTES

Little is known about the life of the English composer Thomas Weelkes: appointed organist of Winchester College in 1598, he moved to Chichester Cathedral in 1601/2, but was later dismissed for being drunk at the organ and using foul language during divine service. A consummate master of the art of word-painting, Weelkes was renowned as a madrigalist, whose second volume (published in 1600) is one of the most important collections in the English madrigal tradition. *Hosanna to the Son of David* is a famous example of the English 'full' anthem — as opposed to the 'verse' anthem, which utilizes fewer forces. It opens with a majestic six-voice proclamation, and moves seamlessly between chordal outbursts and imitative passages, whose subjects can be either stepwise ("to the Son of David"), or angular ("that cometh in the name of the Lord.") Dramatic to the core, the work's power comes from its rich six-voice texture (unusually, there are two bass parts — in addition to the two soprano lines — which create a thick, sonorous lower register), and the several striking silences in the music. The text is a composite paraphrase of verses from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, detailing Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, which ends in the unusual hybrid exclamation, "Hosanna in excelsis Deo."

Craig Phillips is Director of Music at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beverly Hills, California, and a prolific composer of sacred music. "Ride on in Majesty" dates from 2000, and is a setting of words by poet Henry Hart Milman, which detail the dramatic events of Palm Sunday.

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*. This morning we hear two of the composer's organ elaborations on this melody: the prelude is based around fast-moving triplets; the postlude features sixteenth-note figurations in the manuals against the majestic chorale in the pedals.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is Easter Sunday or the Sunday of the Resurrection, Holy Communion, and Holy Baptism. The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Harvard University.

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