

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024, 11 am

PRELUDE

Marcia religiosa (ca. 1896)

Horatio Parker (1863–1919)

HYMN

No. 1, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”
The congregation stands and sings

Old Hundredth

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 118

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 forever.

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 133, 134 *Ecce, quam bonum!*

Gerre Hancock (1934–2012)

Sung by the choir

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

1 John 1:1–2:2

Pew Bible, page 211 (NT)

ANTHEM

Hymn to the New Age (1975)

Lee Hoiby (1926–2011)

SECOND LESSON

John 20:19–31

Pew Bible, page 101 (NT)

ANTHEM

Come, Renew Us (2011)

Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

SERMON

The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan

HYMN

No. 164, “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

St. Kevin

The congregation stands and sings

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 these children who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

THE PRAYERS

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

HYMN

No. 168, "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"
The congregation stands and sings

O filii et filiae

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alive!, Op. 401 (2002)

Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)

("For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." — I Corinthians 15:22)

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