

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023, 9 am

PRELUDE

Rigaudon

Intrada (after a Sorbian Easter Melody), Op. 1195

André Camppra (1660–1744)

Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)

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

Jeremiah 31:1–6

Pew Bible, page 692 (OT)

ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

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

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain—but now is Christ arisen!*

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848–1934)

SECOND LESSON

John 20:1–18

Pew Bible, page 100 (NT)

ANTHEM

Set Me as a Seal

René Clausen (b. 1953)

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

Song of Songs 8:6a; 8:7a

SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts

HYMN

No. 169, "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

Truro

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. 176, “The Day of Resurrection”

Ellacombe

The congregation stands and sings

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

TODAY’S SERVICE

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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.*

Tharwat Abaskharoun

Phillis Ackerman

Maria Teresa Alarcón

William Temple Withers Ashbrook II

Carol Becker

Fred Becker

Kathe Becker

Carol von Behren

Erich von Behren

Nicki Bibbo

Howard Brandston

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Robert (Ted) Turano
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Bill Whitehurst
Frances Evans Wise
Wong Po Yan
Ng Lai Ying

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