HARVARD

The Memorial Church



Order of Worship

The Sixth Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday

> April 10, 2022 11 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The congregation is gathered outdoors.

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

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Minister: Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our

salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through

Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

READING

Luke 19:28–40 *Pew Bible, page 72 (NT)*

BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION 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 God 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.

People: Amen.

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

People: Hosanna in the Highest.

Choir: 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! (sung in Latin)

Minister: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

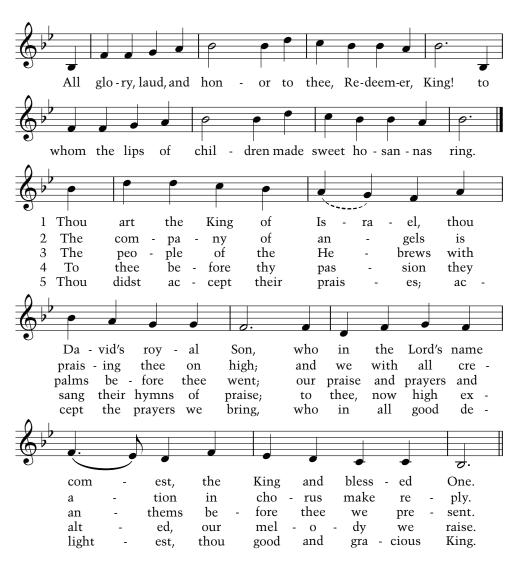
People: Thanks be to God.

Minister: Open in the name of the Lord!

HYMN IN PROCESSION

No. 148, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

St. Theodulph



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

HYMN

No. 147, "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" *The congregation stands*.

The King's Majesty

THE PEACE & GREETING

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

OFFERTORY

The offering collected goes directly to fund the Memorial Church Grants Committee's recipient organizations and their important work in our local communities. Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Grants Committee." You may also donate online at https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate

Psalm 24 Domini est terra

Chant by Joseph Barnby (1838–1896)

Sung by the choir

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is;

the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and stablished it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall rise up in his holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;

and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord,

and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him;

even of them that seek thy face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;

and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?

It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? Even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing. 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 50:4-9a

Pew Bible, page 640 (OT)

ANTHEM

Ride On, King Jesus (1998)

Ride on, King Jesus; No man can a-hinder me. Ride on, King Jesus, ride on; No man can a-hinder me.

He is king of kings, He is lord of lords, Jesus Christ, the first and last; No man a-works like him. African American Spiritual, arr. Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

King Jesus rides a milk-white horse; No man a-works like him. The river of Jordan he did cross; No man a-works like him.

King Jesus rides in the middle of the air; No man a-works like him. He calls the saints from everywhere; No man a-works like him.

SECOND LESSON Philippians 2:5–11

Pew Bible, page 174 (NT)

ANTHEM

Solus ad victimam (1968)

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord, Giving thyself to death whom thou hast slain. For us thy wretched folk is any word? Who know that for our sins this is thy pain? For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, our deeds, Why must thou suffer torture for our sin? Let our hearts suffer in thy passion, Lord, That very suffering may thy mercy win.

Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)

This is the night of tears, the three days' space, Sorrow abiding of the eventide, Until the day break with the risen Christ, And hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied. So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord, That they may sharers of thy glory be;

That they may sharers of thy glory be; Heavy with weeping may the three days pass, To win the laughter of thine Easter Day.

Peter Abelard (1079–1442), English translation Helen Waddell (1889–1965)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

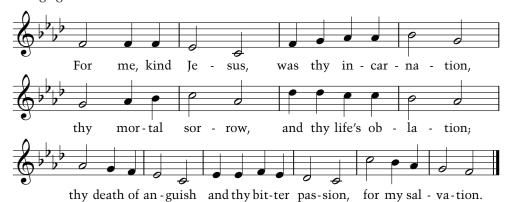
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

The congregation remains seated.



SERMON

HYMN

No. 221, "What Wondrous Love Is This, O Soul" *The congregation stands*.

Wondrous Love

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Hosanna: Blessed Is the King of Israel" from St. John's Suite (2007)

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

Announcements

Sunday, April 10th, 2022

WELCOME

Today is the Sixth Sunday in Lent. The preacher is the Rev. Calvon T. Jones, Assistant Minister in the Memorial Church. The worship leaders are the Rev. Alanna Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration in the Memorial Church; Laurie Sedgwick III; and Cheyenne Boon MDiv II. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir under the direction of Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster and David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

MUSIC NOTES

American composer Howard Helvey is Organist and Choirmaster of Calvary Episcopal Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, and wrote The Advent of Our King for the 107th Annual Christmas Carol Services at Harvard. His arrangement of the African-American Spiritual, *Ride On, King Jesus*, is full of dynamic and textural contrasts, and a creative use of syncopation.

The English composer Kenneth Leighton held university appointments at Leeds and Oxford before becoming Reid Professor of Music at Edinburgh in 1970. He is primarily remembered for his significant contribution to church music, utilizing distinctive harmonies and colorful word-painting. The laborious, even monotonous, quarter note pulse of Leighton's *Solus ad victimam* effectively portrays the arduous journey to the cross, and builds to a rousing conclusion with the graphic depiction of the word "laughter."

Dan Locklair is Professor of Music and Composer in Residence at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. *St. John's Suite* was composed during the summer of 2007 on commission from St. John's Baptist Church (Charlotte, NC). He writes: "The beloved Palm Sunday hymn tune, *St. Theodulph*, is most often associated with the hymn text 'All Glory, Laud and Honor.' This movement seeks to capture Christ's solemn procession into Jerusalem as described in John 12:12–15. Both the minor mode and dotted rhythms help convey the dark, but stately, mood, which culminates in the glory of the triumphant full organ. At the climax, a statement of the hymn tune appears in a bold, double-pedal statement. Near the ending of the piece, the quiet of a reed stop—accompanied by the warm strings of the organ—emerges as a reminder that this triumphal march is only temporary and soon gives way to the dark and sad days of Holy Week."

MORNING PRAYERS

Our daily service of Morning Prayers takes place at 8:30 am in Appleton Chapel. Monday: Dan Smith; Tuesday: Kevin P. Bryant; Wednesday: Matthew Ichihashi Potts; Thursday: Alanna Sullivan; Friday: Francis X. Clooney, S.J.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Harvard University Choir Holy Week Musical Meditation: Tuesday, April 12 at 7 pm; Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 14 at 7 pm; Good Friday Service: Friday, April 15 at 12 pm (followed by Meditations on the Seven Last Words at 1 pm); Easter Sunday Services: Sunday, April 17 at 9 am and 11 am. Please visit our website for further information.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Indoor masking is optional for worship at the Memorial Church. You are most welcome to continue wearing a mask for your own protection or to protect individuals close to you. Please note that masking will be required for Easter Sunday services on April 17.

The University continues to closely monitor the public health conditions in the area regarding COVID-19. Thank you for your cooperation and support of the ministries of the Memorial Church.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith & Life Forum of the Memorial Church explores matters of faith and public life. The Forum takes place in the Buttrick Room in the lower level of the Memorial Church from 9:30–10:30 am on Sundays. Each week we explore themes such as love, justice, suffering, and salvation in relation to the world in which we live. We learn from scholars and practitioners of religion, religious intellectuals, writers, activists, and artists whose work captures conceptions of the sacred and wrestles with the mysterious dimensions of life. All are welcome to join. Please visit our website to learn more.

CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of age three through sixteen. All classes are held during Sunday Services in the Fall and Spring Terms. To participate in the Church School program, parents or guardians need to register their children, and to attest to the state of their children's health weekly.

Please visit our website to learn more or email Assistant Minister, Calvon Jones (calvon_jones@ harvard.edu), with any questions. The Rev. Jones and the Church School team are excited to announce the launch of our newly designed MemChurch School digital platform. Our children and families will have access to fun, exciting, and educational episodes, steeped in stories of love and humanity. Take a virtual journey to a digital place where the Bible comes to life. You can find episodes at: https://bit.ly/3iUtEWV

BABY OASIS

During Sunday services, our Baby Oasis is available for young children and infants in the lower level of the church. Parents and their children are welcome to use this respite space during worship, complete with an audio broadcast of the service.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Our weekly student programming opportunities are in full swing! Join us on Tuesdays from 5–6 pm for our Queer-Affirming Bible study for students downstairs in the Oasis. Whether you are brand new to the Bible or looking to experience it in a new way, you are welcome! On Wednesday evenings at 8 pm, we gather for a candlelit communion service for students (colloquially known as "Milkshake Mass"), followed by milkshakes down in the kitchen. If you want to learn more, feel free to reach out to our Student Program Coordinator, Anna Burnham, at *anna_burnham@harvard.edu*, or find her in the narthex after service.

AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK

Looking for a space to relax, connect with other students, and grab some good food towards the end of your week? Join Professor Potts, his family, and their dog Suki for weekly After-School Snack at Sparks House, 21 Kirkland St., Thursdays from 4–5:30 pm. Feel free to drop in and out as you need. Bring a friend!

STUDENT OASIS

The Student Oasis in the lower level of the Memorial Church is a tranquil and relaxing space for study, for meeting friends and fellow students, and even cooking a favorite meal in the full-service kitchen. Located in the heart of Harvard Yard, the Oasis is open daily to Harvard students during the academic term. For more information and the hours of operation, visit https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/studentoasis

LOVE UNITED BLACK FELLOWSHIP

The LUBF is hosting a Fire Revival on Saturday, April 30 at 7 pm, in the Sanctuary of the Memorial Church. Come and experience powerful music from the African tradition, a dynamic word, fellowship, and food. All are welcome! For more information, please email Assistant Minister, the Rev. Calvon T. Jones at *calvon_jones@harvard.edu*

BAPTISM

We are blessed to announce that the Sacrament of Holy Baptism will take place on Children's Sunday, May 1. If you would like to have your child baptized or are interested in learning more about baptisms in general please email the Rev. Calvon Jones (calvon_jones@harvard.edu).

JOYS AND CONCERNS

The psalmist writes, "Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely." Prayer reminds us of our relationship to God and one another; it emphasizes our oneness as the Body of Christ. What weighs on your heart? How can we join you in prayer? We invite you to share your joys and concerns so that we may communally uplift them to God in the Prayers of the People during Sunday Services. Please send your prayer requests to the Rev. Alanna Sullivan (alanna_sullivan@harvard.edu).

PASTORAL CARE LINE

The clergy at the Memorial Church have established a pastoral care line if you would like spiritual or pastoral care during a difficult time. Please call or text 617-595-9044 and a clergyperson will follow up with you shortly.

EASTER FLOWERS REMEMBRANCES

It is an ancient custom to remember the faithful departed by memorials of flowers at Easter. The names of those to be remembered in prayer will be listed with the Announcements of the Sunday Service program on Easter Day.

We are delighted to help you recognize your loved one(s) this special way. At the Memorial Church we believe there should not be a price on the ability to honor your loved one(s) in this way. Anyone at the Memorial Church may dedicate flowers without charge. Please go to our website to submit a name. All requests must be received no later than Sunday, April 10 at 5 pm.

LISTEN TO SUNDAY WORSHIP AND MORNING PRAYERS

Sunday services are broadcast on Harvard's radio station, WHRB 95.3 FM in term; a live stream of the service is available at *whrb.org*. Recordings of Sunday Worship Services and Sunday Sermons are available on our website, *memorialchurch.harvard.edu*, during the week following the service. Sunday Sermons and Morning Prayers are also available on SoundCloud at *http://bit.ly/sundaysermons* and *http://bit.ly/morningprayers* respectively, and on iTunes—search "Harvard Memorial Church" from your iTunes app.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is Easter Sunday. The preacher is the Reverend Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Pusey Minster in the Memorial Church and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Faculty of Divinity.

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