# **HARVARD**

The Memorial Church



# Order of Worship

Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020 11 am

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### PRELUDE

Toccata and Fugue in F major, BuxWV 157

Dieterich Buxtehude (ca. 1637–1707)

## **HYMN**

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

Old Hundredth

## CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 118

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: The Lord is God and has given us light.

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

*People:* This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Minister: Come, let us set out in the light of the Lord!

#### 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. 165, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Again"
See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

Llanfair

## **GREETING & THE PEACE**

## **OFFERTORY**

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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)

## 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

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

from the New Revised Standard Version (OT)

## **ANTHEM**

Light's Glittering Morn Bedecks the Sky (1894)

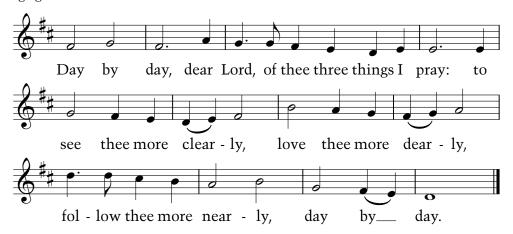
Horatio Parker (1863–1919)

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky; Heaven thunders forth its victor cry; The glad earth shouts her triumph high, And groaning hell makes wild reply, While he, the king, the mighty king Despoiling death of all its sting, And trampling down the powers of might, Brings forth his ransomed saints to light. That Eastertide with joy was bright, The sun shone out with fairer light, When to their longing eyes restored The apostles saw their risen Lord: He bade them see his hands, his side, Where yet the glorious wounds abide; These tokens true which made it plain Their Lord indeed was risen again. O Jesu, king of gentleness, Do thou thyself our hearts possess, That we may give thee all our days, The tribute of our grateful praise. O Lord of all with us abide, In this our joyful Eastertide, From every weapon death can wield, Thine own redeemed forever shield. The strife is o'er, the battle done, The victory of life is won, The song of triumph has begun: Alleluia. All praise be thine, O risen Lord, From death to endless life restored; All praise to God, the Father be, And Holy Ghost eternally. Alleluia, Amen.

> Fifth century Latin hymn, translated by John Mason Neale (1818–1866)

#### PRAYER HYMN

The congregation remains seated.



## 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.

Following the Lord's Prayer, the Prayer Hymn is repeated.

#### ANTHEM

Awake, Arise! (2001)

Awake, arise, lift up thy voice, which as a trumpet swell! Rejoice in Christ! Again rejoice, and on his praises dwell.

Let us not doubt, as doubted some, when first the Lord appeared; but full of faith and reverence come, what time his voice is heard.

And even John, who ran so well, confess upon our knees the Prince who locks up death and hell, and has himself the keys.

Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

And thus through gladness and surprise the saints their Savior treat; nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet:

those hands of liberal love indeed in infinite degree, those feet still free to move and bleed for millions and for me.

O Dead arise! O Friendless, stand by seraphim adored! O Solitude, again command thy host from heaven restored!

Christopher Smart (1722–1771)

## **SERMON**

To Rise From the Dead

## **HYMN**

No. 167, "Love's Redeeming Work Is Done" See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

Savannah

## BENEDICTION

#### **POSTLUDE**

"Final" from Symphony No. 1, Op. 14 (1895-98)

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

#### OUR MISSION

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## Announcements

Sunday, April 19, 2020

## WELCOME

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter. The preacher is the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. The service is led by the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church and Professor Emmanuel K. Akyeampong, Minister of Formation and Worship in the Memorial Church, Ellen Gurney Professor of History and Professor of African and African American Studies, Oppenheimer Faculty Director of the Harvard University Center for African Studies. You will also hear the voices of some of the family members and friends with whom we are sheltering and for whose help with the liturgy we are most grateful. The first lesson is read by Torrey Joyner, Church School Teacher. The second lesson is read by Kayla Manning '22, Church School Teacher. The music for this Sunday's service is provided by Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster. Today's choral offerings are taken from the Harvard University Choir's 2014 recording "Spring Bursts Today" (Edward Jones, director; Christian Lane, organ). The prelude and postlude are archival recordings by David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

## **MUSIC NOTES**

Charles Wood studied with Stanford at the Royal College of Music in London: he would himself become a Professor of Music there, where his pupils would include Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells. Wood only started composing music for the church in his later years, but it is for this repertoire that he is primarily remembered today; his popular harmonization of the Dutch tune *Hoe groot de vrugten zijn* (from *David's Psalmen*, Amsterdam, 1685) is usually sung to the text "This Joyful Eastertide" by the Anglican priest George Ratcliffe Woodward.

Born in Massachusetts, Horatio Parker was organist of Trinity Church, Boston, before becoming Professor of Music at Yale University, where his pupils included Charles Ives. His Easter anthem "Light's Glittering Morn Bedecks the Sky" opens with a series of triumphant fanfares followed by a lyrical bass solo; the Easter hymn "The Strife Is O'er" is heard in the background, which leads into the closing passage of victorious "Alleluias."

Howard Helvey serves as Director of Music at Cincinnati's historic Calvary Episcopal Church, and is noted particularly for his sacred choral music. His Eastertide anthem, "Awake, Arise!" is an energetic setting of words by the eighteenth-century English poet Christopher Smart, and incorporates the composer's own hymn tune *Hannaford Hall*.

Dietrich Buxtehude's *Toccata and Fugue in F major* is an exemplar of the North German organ school which was to find its zenith in the works of Johann Sebastian Bach; our postlude is the thrilling final movement of Louis Vierne's first organ symphony.

## 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 *whrh.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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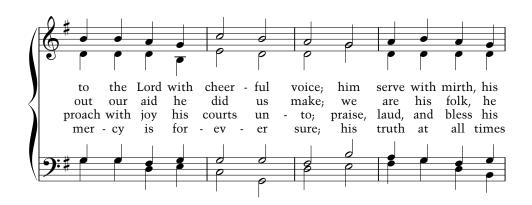
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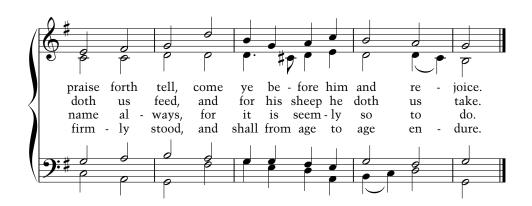
## NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Easter. The preacher will be the Reverend Dr. Matthew Potts, Associate Professor of Religion and Literature and of Ministry Studies, Harvard Divinity School; Veteran, United States Navy.

para. of Psalm 100 William Kethe, 1561, alt. OLD HUNDREDTH LM Genevan Psalter, 1551







Christus ist erstanden LLANFAIR 77 77 with Alleluias Michael Weisse, 1531 Robert Williams, 1817 harm. John Roberts, 1837 trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt. 1 Christ the Lord is risen a - gain, He who bore all pain and loss: Al le lu - ia! He who slum-bered in the grave: Christ hath bro-ken ev - ery chain, Com - fort -less up - on the cross, Al le lu ia! ex - alt - ed now to Is save; Hark. the shout for gels joy, Lives in glo - ry on high, now Αl le - lu-ia! Now through all the world it rings: unison Sing - ing ev - er - more on high: Pleads for us and hears our cry: Αl le - lu ia! That the Lamb is King of kings:

Charles Wesley, 1739

SAVANNAH 77 77 Moravian melody, c. 1730 harm. Foundery Collection, 1742

