

The Memorial Church



Order of Worship

Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020 11 am

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

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PRELUDE

"Le cygne" from Le carnaval des animaux (1886)

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921)

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. 171, "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

GREETING & THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

The offering collected goes directly to fund the Memorial Church Grants Committee's recipient organizations and their important work in our local communities. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Grants Committee." Give online at https:// memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate.

Laudibus in sanctis

Laudibus in sanctis Dominum celebrate supremum, Firmamenta sonent inclita facta Dei. Inclita facta Dei cantate, sacraque potentis Voce potestatem saepe sonate manus.

Magnificum Domini cantet tuba martia nomen, Pieria Domino concelebrate lira. Laude Dei, resonent resonantia tympana summi, Alta sacri resonent organa laude Dei.

Hunc arguta canant tenui psalteria corda, Hunc agili laudet laeta chorea pede. Concava divinas effundant cymbala laudes, Cymbala dulcisona laude repleta Dei, Omne quod aetheris in mundo vescitur auris, Halleluia canat, tempus in omne Deo.

William Byrd (ca. 1539–1623)

Celebrate the Lord most high in holy praises: Let the firmament echo the glorious deeds of God. Sing ye the glorious deeds of God, and with holy voice Sound forth oft the power of his mighty hand.

Let the warlike trumpet sing the great name of the Lord: Celebrate the Lord with Pierian lyre. Let resounding timbrels ring to the praise of the mosthigh God, Lofty organs peal to the praise of the holy God.

Him let melodious psalteries sing with fine string, Him let joyful dance praise with nimble foot. Let hollow cymbals pour forth divine praises, Sweet-sounding cymbals filled with the praise of God. Let everything in the world that feeds upon the air of heaven Sing Alleluia to God for evermore.

Paraphrase of Psalm 150

Lux eoi

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 Peter 1: 17–23

from the New Revised Standard Version (OT)

ANTHEM

I Beseech You Therefore, Brethren (2011)

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

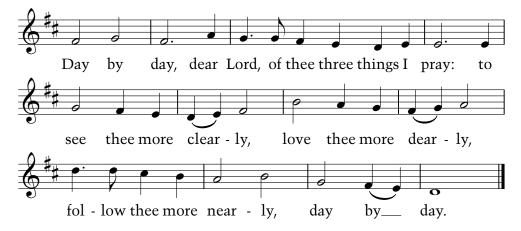
Romans 12:1-2

SECOND LESSON Luke 24:13–35

from the New Revised Standard Version (NT)

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

Now the Green Blade Riseth

French Carol, arr. Simon Lindley (b. 1948)

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain, Thinking that never he would wake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: *Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain; Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: *Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Thy touch can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: *Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

J. M. C. Crum (1872–1958)

SERMON Burning Hearts

HYMN

No. 174, "Thine Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son" See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Te Deum, Op. 11 (1957/58)

Jeanne Demessieux (1921–1968)

OUR MISSION

The Memorial Church of Harvard University is a space of grace in the center of the Yard, rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ. Affectionately known as "MemChurch," we pursue partnerships within and beyond Harvard, empowering community members to serve the world as well-informed, compassionate, moral citizens. Through worship and ministry outreach, MemChurch aims to promote justice and mercy by confronting life's challenges, differences, and our own imperfections with courage, empathy, and an ethic of love. By doing so, the Memorial Church seeks to educate minds, expand hearts, and enrich lives.

Maccabaeus

Announcements

Sunday, April 26, 2020

WELCOME

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter. The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Matthew Potts, Affiliated Minster in the Memorial Church, Associate Professor of Religion and Literature and of Ministry Studies, Harvard Divinity School. The service is led by Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School and the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. 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 Lauren Church '21, Student Deacon in the Memorial Church. The second lesson is read by Jeromel Lara '23, Student Deacon in the Memorial Church 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

William Byrd represents the pinnacle of artistic achievement in the Tudor period: a prolific and versatile composer in virtually all genres, his music could be heard in the great cathedrals, in private chapels, at court, and in domestic amateur music-making. Indeed, the quality of his output even transcended the bitter religious divisions of the time, and his music was admired and performed by Protestants and Roman Catholics alike. Byrd's *Cantiones Sacrae* (1591) opens with the ebullient "Laudibus in sanctis," a stylized paraphrase of Psalm 150. This work shows Byrd to be a complete master of the new late-sixteenth-century style: full of madrigalisms, it uses rhythmic syncopation, onomatopoeic word setting, and a spritely triple-time section in which the music breaks into dance.

Craig Phillips is Director of Music at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beverly Hills, California. "I Beseech You Therefore, Brethren" was originally commissioned by members of the Class of 1978 to celebrate the retirement of The Reverend Professor Peter J. Gomes; it has now become a memorial to his legacy. The text—a favorite of Professor Gomes—highlights the importance of charitable service and sacrifice, sentiments that are a fitting tribute to his lifelong work. The music is lilting and comforting, and builds to a rousing central peak, before dying away back to the mood of the opening.

Simon Lindley is Organist Emeritus of Leeds Minster, where he served for over forty years. A noted composer and arranger of works for choir and organ, his contemplative setting of the

Easter carol "Now the Green Blade Riseth" reflects a more tender and inward response to the Easter message.

Today's prelude, "The Swan" (Le cygne), is from *The Carnival of the Animals*, a fourteenmovement musical menagerie by French romantic composer Camille Saint-Saëns. Originally scored for two pianos and cello, this morning's prelude is a transcription for solo violin with organ accompaniment. The melody evokes imagery of a swan elegantly gliding over water amidst rippling sixteenth-note arpeggiations (indicative of the swan's feet, hidden from view beneath the water, propelling it along).

French organist-composer Jeanne Demessieux's brilliant concert career encompassed more than 700 concerts throughout Europe and the United States. After performing on the organ of St. John the Divine in New York City, Demessieux was inspired to compose a work that would make full use of the instrument. The resulting work, her *Te Deum*, is based on the traditional plainsong melody, an early Christian hymn of praise. This work is characterized by its stark chromaticism, virtuosic writing, scintillating registrations, and robust finish.

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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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. The preacher will be Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School.



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Christopher Wordsworth, 1872, alt.

LUX EOI 87 87 D Arthur Seymour Sullivan, 1874



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À toi la gloire, O Ressuscité! Edmond L. Budry, 1884 trans. Richard B. Hoyle, 1923 MACCABAEUS 10 11 11 11 with Refrain George Frideric Handel, 1747



