

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

ARTS FIRST

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Baptism

Holy Communion

Sunday, May 1, 2016

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Idylle” from *Organ Sonata No. 14*, Op. 165 (1891)

Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

HYMN

No. 1, stanzas 1 & 4, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Old Hundredth

The congregation standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Minister: There is one body and one Spirit.

People: There is one hope in God’s call to us.

HYMN

No. 241, “Come Down, O Love Divine”

Down Ampney

THE BAPTISM

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Gracious God, by our Baptism, you welcome us into the household of faith and open the way to new life in this world and the next. Receive these persons who are baptized today, and strengthen us all to be your people in the world and a blessing to the Earth.

The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents: We present *Iris Elizabeth Adams* to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Parents: We present *Emma Jean Fater* to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Minister: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We will with God’s help.

Minister: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the life of God’s grace and love?

Parents: We will with God’s help.

Minister: Will you continue to honor your own spiritual journey, as a role model for the child you present?

Parents: We will with God’s help.

Minister: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?

Parents: We will with God’s help.

To the congregation:

Minister: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Minister: Let us pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Litanist: Open their hearts, O God, to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

BLESSING OF THE WATER

Minister: Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. By the same Holy Spirit save them who confess the name of Jesus Christ that sin may have no power over them. Create new life in all who are baptized that they may rise in Christ. Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was, and is, and shall always be, world without end.

People: Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Minister: I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

Minister: Let us pray.

People: Eternal and loving God, give to these persons receiving the Sacrament of Baptism an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Minister: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you, with joy, into the household of God, and into the priesthood of all believers.

THE PEACE

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

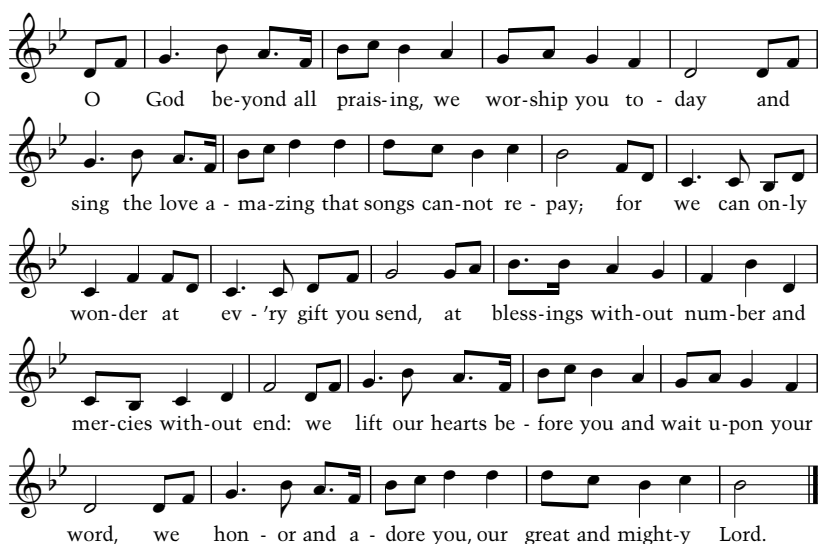
GREETINGS

Children now join their teachers in the Church School.

AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Kuumba Singers of Harvard College, directed by Sheldon K. X. Reid ('96, GSE '98)

Here an offering is received for the work of the Church within and beyond the University. Ushers will begin the collection from the back of the Church forward.



Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1921, alt.

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FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 15:34–16:13

Pew Bible, pages 240–241 (OT)

GLORIA from *Mass in C major*, Op. 169 (1891)

Josef Rheinberger

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,

Adoramus te, glorificamus te.

Gratias agimus tibi

Propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex cælestis,

Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,

Miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,

Suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,

Miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,

Tu solus Dominus,

Tu solus altissimus Iesu Christe,

Cum Sancto Spiritu:

In gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest

And peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

Almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks,

We praise you for your glory.

Lord God, Heavenly King,

God the Father Almighty.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world,

Receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

Have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

Pew Bible, page 146 (NT)

HYMN

No. 62, stanzas 1 & 2, "And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love"
The congregation standing

Unde et memores

SERMON

God Sees

HYMN

No. 62, stanzas 3 & 4, "And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love"
The congregation standing

Unde et memores

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper without regard to denomination.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The minister continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, all holy God, creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb, who was sacrificed for us and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS from *Mass in C Major*, Op. 169

Josef Rheinberger

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The congregation may be seated.

The minister continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Albert H. Malotte (1895–1964)

Sung by the choir

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The minister says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy food for the journey of life.

AT THE COMMUNION

Communicants will proceed to the foot of the chancel steps at the direction of the ushers and will return to their seats by the side aisles. Grape juice is in the outer cup and wine is in the inner cup. At the giving of the bread and the cup, the people respond with "Amen."

AGNUS DEI from *Mass in C Major*, Op. 169

Josef Rheinberger

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

HYMN

No. 65, "Let Us Break Bread Together"
The congregation standing

Let Us Break Bread

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Introduction and Fugue" from *Organ Sonata No. 16*, Op. 175 (1893)

Josef Rheinberger

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 1, 2016

WELCOME

Today is the Sixth Sunday of Easter. The preacher is Dr. Todd B. Jones, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN. The service is led by the Reverend Alanna Copenhaver, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church; and seminarians Patrick Jackson MDiv II and Adam Vander Tuig MDiv III. The first lesson is read by Babita Kuruvilla. The second lesson is read by Michael Wingate '18. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir, under the direction of Edward E. Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster, and Thomas M. Sheehan, Associate University Organist and Choirmaster.

The liturgy is adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*, 1979; and *Book of Worship*, United Church of Christ.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance. Following the service, the congregation is invited to a reception in the Memorial Room.

WELCOME TABLE

Want to learn about the Memorial Church? Stop by the Welcome Table to learn more about our array of events, programs, and ministries. Questions are encouraged!

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

Prayer request cards are available in the pew card holders or in the church lobby. We are honored to pray for your specific needs. Please place prayer requests in the offering plate during worship services or drop in the prayer request box in the church lobby.

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: MAY 2 – 4, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Sara Asad '16 (Lowell House); Tuesday: Merilin Castillo '16 (Pforzheimer House); Wednesday: Joy Wang '16.

Wednesday, May 4 will be the last day of Morning Prayers for Spring Term 2016. Morning Prayers will resume in Fall 2016.

Senior Talks will occur each weekday from Monday, April 18th to Tuesday, May 3rd. Following each service of Morning Prayers this week, free coffee and snacks will be available at MemCafé on the steps of the Memorial Church across from Widener Library. All are welcome!

ARTS FIRST CHORAL EVENSONG

Harvard's ARTS FIRST festival concludes with a service of Choral Evensong this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in Appleton Chapel. The service will feature music of Stanford and Finzi. Admission is free.

THE OFFICE OF COMPLINE

A service of Compline, which combines candlelight, plainsong, polyphony, prayer, scripture, and silence, will be held this Thursday evening, May 5, at 10:00 p.m. to celebrate Ascension Day. Music is provided by the Harvard University Choir. All are welcome.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith & Life Forum seeks to deepen our devotional lives by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency concerning communities of faith. Held every Sunday morning during the Term, the presentations take place in the Pusey Room of the Memorial Church from 9:30–10:30 a.m., but all are invited to gather for coffee and conversation at 9:00 a.m. The next Faith & Life Forum will be held on Sunday, May 8; the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church will give the presentation.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of ages three through twelve. Classes are held in the Buttrick Room during Sunday services and emphasize biblical themes and scripture. At the conclusion of the worship service, parents are asked to pick up their children in the Buttrick Room promptly. Contact Church School Director, Westley (Wes) Conn, at westley_conn@harvard.edu for more information.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Church School will be offering confirmation for students in grades 7–8. The program begins at the start of Fall Term and is designed to guide students in the formation of their Christian identity and personal faith. Contact Westley Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) to learn more about the program and registration.

MUSIC NOTES

Today's music, both for the organ and the choir, was composed by one of the most famous Liechtensteiners of all time, Josef Rheinberger. A prodigy as a child, Rheinberger began composition lessons at age 10. After graduating from the Munich Conservatory, he taught piano and composition there until the dissolution of that institution. Most of his compositions were written while employed at his next post, court conductor to the King of Bavaria. As such, he was also responsible for providing music for the masses in the royal chapel. Also during this time, the Munich Conservatory was reformed, and Rheinberger was made professor of organ and composition; simultaneously he began a project to write organ sonatas in all 24 major and minor keys, a project which he never finished, leaving us with a still very impressive 20 of them completed.

A rather conservative composer, Rheinberger's music shows influences more from composers of previous generations than from his contemporaries. In particular one can hear stylistic reference to Mendelssohn, Schubert, and Bach. The counterpoint is exceptional, and, similarly to his contemporary, Brahms, he makes use of older formal structures such as fugue and sonata form, rather than the more freewheeling thematically linked forms of Wagner or Liszt.

SUNDAY SERMONS AND MORNING PRAYERS SERVICES ON HARVARD'S ITUNES U

Sunday sermons and weekly Morning Prayers services are available on Harvard's iTunes U in the "Religion & Spirituality" channel. From your iTunes software, search "Harvard Memorial Church" to listen on your iPod, iPhone, iPad, Mac, or PC.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is Mother's Day and the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The preacher will be the Reverend Dr. Sarah B. Drummond, Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs & Associate Professor of Ministerial Leadership, Andover Newton Theological School.

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