

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Holy Baptism
Holy Communion
The Sixth Sunday in Easter

Sunday, May 6, 2018
11 a.m.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Antiphonies, Op. 88, No. 2 (1982)

William Mathias (1934–1992)

HYMN

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

Old Hundredth

The congregation standing

INVOCATION

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. 241, “Come Down, O Love Divine”

Down Ampney

The congregation standing

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 children 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 *Liam Lincoln Andersen* to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Parents: We present *Tenley McCall Foley* to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Minister: Will you, as the parents of these children, be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We will with God's help.

Minister: Will you by your prayers and witness help these children 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 journeys, as role models for the children 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 children in their lives in Christ?

People: We will.

Minister: Let us pray for these children 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: *Liam Lincoln Andersen*, 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.

Minister: *Tenley McCall Foley*, 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 children 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 singing of Hymn No. 27, stanza 1.

GREETING

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." Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church.

“Kyrie” from *Missa brevis* (2009)

Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

DOXOLOGY

Sung by the congregation, standing

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

1 John 5:1–6

Pew Bible, pages 213–214 (NT)

ANTHEM

“Gloria” from *Missa brevis*

Jonathan Dove

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 cœlestis,
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,
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

John 15:9–17

Pew Bible, page 96 (NT)

HYMN

No. 67, st. 1–2, “Just As I Am, without One Plea”

Woodworth

The congregation standing

SERMON

A Lens of Love

Text: “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

John 15:12

HYMN

No. 67, st. 3–4, “Just As I Am, without One Plea”

The congregation standing

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.

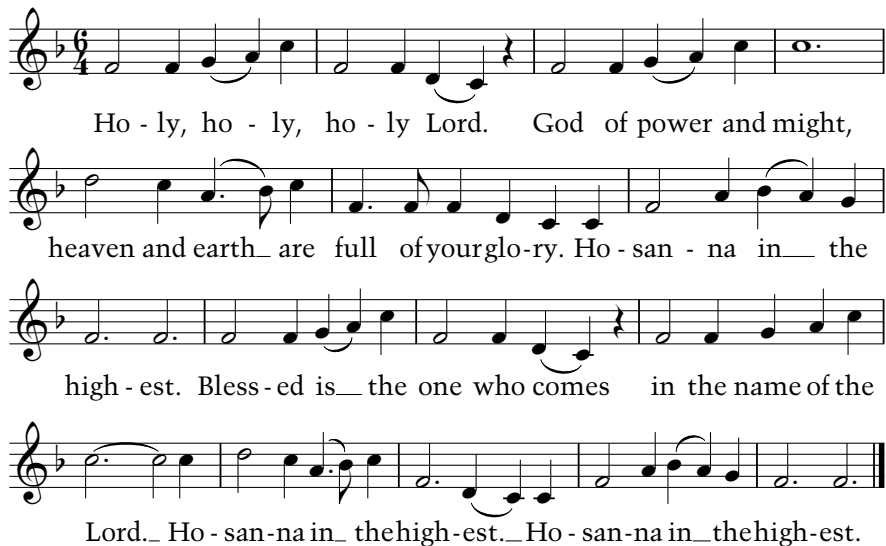
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

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. Come now, for all things are ready.

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. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. At the giving of the bread and the cup, the people respond with "Amen."

AGNUS DEI from *Missa brevis*

Jonathan Dove

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.

ANTHEM

Ave, verum corpus, K. 618 (1791)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

Ave, verum corpus natum

Hail the true body, born

De Maria Virgine:

Of the Virgin Mary:

Vere passum, immolatum

You who truly suffered and were sacrificed

In cruce pro homine:

On the cross for the sake of man.

Cuius latus perforatum

From whose pierced flank

Unda fluxit et sanguine:

Flowed water and blood:

Esto nobis prægustatum,

Be a foretaste for us

In mortis examine.

In the trial of death.

HYMN

No. 65, “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Let Us Break Bread

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Paeon (1966)

Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)

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 6, 2018

WELCOME

Today is the Sixth Sunday in Easter. The preacher is Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church. The service is led by the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church; the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church; Aric B. Flemming Jr. MDiv II and Michael Robinson MDiv III, Seminarians in the Memorial Church; and Karen-Alexandra Noguees '18. The first lesson is read by Karen-Alexandra Noguees '18. The second lesson is read by Christine Mungai. 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. We especially welcome the Andersen and Foley families, whose children receive the sacrament of Baptism today.

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.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance.

FAITH FORMATION

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of ages three through fifteen. New this year is our Teen Class. All classes are held during Sunday services in the Fall and Spring Terms. To register or learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website. All families are kindly asked to register their children. Church School will conclude for the Spring Term next Sunday, May 13.

Confirmation will be offered next year for students in seventh and eighth grades. This class will meet regularly on Sunday mornings in the 2018–19 academic year. To register or learn more, contact Wes Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu), Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church.

For adults in the MemChurch community, the Faith & Life Forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. These programs are held Sunday mornings during the Fall and Spring Terms in the Buttrick Room from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Speakers include scholars, pastors, and other public figures whose work enhances our awareness of the pivotal role religion plays across space and time. The Forum will conclude for the Spring Term next Sunday, May 13 with the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church, and the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church.

MUSIC NOTES

Jonathan Dove is a prolific English composer whose music spans the worlds of opera, theater, film, and the church; earlier this semester, the Harvard University Choir performed his church opera *Tobias and the Angel*. The *Missa brevis* was commissioned by the Cathedral Organists' Association and was premiered in Wells Cathedral in May 2009. The movements heard this morning show the many sides of Dove's compositional personality: the *Kyrie* is slow moving and evokes an archaic soundworld, the *Gloria* is rhythmic and dance-like, and the *Agnus Dei* is built over organ pedal points punctuated by short chordal phrases in the choir.

The prelude today comes from the pen of the Welsh composer William Mathias. His *Antiphonies*, written for the late organ virtuoso John Scott, is based on the French Renaissance song *L'homme armé* and the medieval Latin hymn *Vexilla regis*. It is an excellent example of Mathias's more adventurous harmonic language that is usually more emblematic of his symphonic output than his organ music.

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, including many organ works. *Paeon* is an energetic and dazzling work and highlights the composer's distinctive harmonic vocabulary.

CHORAL EVENSONG

This afternoon at 4 p.m., the Harvard University Choir will present a service of choral evensong in Appleton Chapel, featuring music of Fraser Weist '18, Anthony Piccolo, and Harold Friedell.

ORGAN RECITAL

There will be an organ recital on Tuesday, May 15, performed by Ross Wood, Associate Organist of the Parish of All Saints, Ashmont, Boston, featuring music of Marchand, Vierne, Whitlock, and Widor.

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.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Seventh Sunday in Easter and Mother's Day. The preacher will be the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church.

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