

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8th, 2022

11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Brother James' Air
Psalm 23

arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)
arr. Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

HYMN IN PROCESSION

No. 1, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"
The congregation stands and sings.

Old Hundredth

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Alleluia! The Lord is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Minister: Christ being raised from the dead will never die again.

People: Death no longer has dominion over him.

Minister: The death Christ died, he died to sin, once for all.

People: The life Christ lives, he lives to God.

Minister: So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

People: Alleluia.

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. 196, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
The congregation stands and sings.

St. Columba

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 31:1–6, 17–18, 26–27 *In te, Domine, speravi* Chant by H. Walford Davies (1869–1941)
Sung by the choir

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion;
deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence, that thou mayest save me.

For thou art my strong rock, and my castle:

be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me; for thou art my strength.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit; for thou hast redeemed me,

O Lord, thou God of truth.

My times are in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of mine enemies,
and from them that persecute me.

Show thy servant the light of thy countenance, and save me for thy mercy's sake.

O love the Lord, all ye his saints; for the Lord preserveth them that are faithful,
and plenteously rewardeth the proud doer.

Be strong, and he shall establish your heart, all ye that put your trust in the Lord.

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 9:36-43

Pew Bible, page 112 (NT)

ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd (1994)

Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23 (KJV)

SECOND LESSON

John 10:22-30

Pew Bible, page 90 (NT)

ANTHEM

There Is a Land of Pure Delight

Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

There is a land of pure delight
Where saints immortal reign;
Infinite day excludes the night
And pleasures banish pain.

There everlasting spring abides
And never withering flowers;
Death like a narrow sea divides
That heavenly land from ours.

Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood
Stand dressed in living green;
So to the Jews old Canaan stood
While Jordan rolled between.

But timorous mortals start and shrink
To cross the narrow sea,
And linger shivering on the brink,
And fear to launch away.

O could we make our doubts remove,
Those gloomy doubts that rise,
And see the Canaan that we love
With unclouded eyes.

Could we but climb where Moses stood
And view the landscape o'er;
Not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood
Should fright us from the shore.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

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.



Lives a - gain our glo-rious King; where, O death, is now thy sting?



dy - ing once, he all doth save; where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

SERMON

LAYING ON OF HANDS

HYMN

No. 226, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

The congregation stands and sings.

Hyfrydol

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Sinfonia" from Cantata BWV 29

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 8th, 2022

WELCOME

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. The preacher is the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration in the Memorial Church. The worship leaders are the Reverend Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Faculty of Divinity; Laurie Sedgwick MDiv 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

Grayston Ives was the *Informator Choristarum* at Magdalen College, Oxford, from 1991 to 2009, and is a former member of the King's Singers. A setting of words by Isaac Watts, "There Is a Land of Pure Delight" is melodious to the core and was written in homage to the hymn-anthems of Stanford.

The English composer Howard Goodall was a chorister at New College, Oxford, and an undergraduate at Christ Church, Oxford. A versatile composer and presenter, he is best-known for composing the theme songs to a number of popular British TV comedies, including *Blackadder*, *Red Dwarf*, and *Mr. Bean*. His setting of Psalm 23 began as the theme song to *The Vicar of Dibley*, and has since become his most popular choral work.

The prelude offers two settings of Psalm 23: Emma Lou Diemer's is based on her 1943 vocal setting; Dale Wood's takes as its basis the setting by the Scottish mystic and healer, Brother James (James Leith Macbeth Bain).

Johann Sebastian Bach's Cantata No. 29, *Wir danken dir, Gott, wir danken dir* (We thank you, God, we thank you), was composed in Leipzig in 1731 for the annual inauguration of a new town council. One of Bach's cantatas that begins with an instrumental movement, the music is an arrangement of the prelude from his solo violin partita, BWV 1006. This toccata-like movement navigates through multiple sequences and keys, maintaining a sense of energy and brilliance throughout.

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. 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.

PURCELL DIDO AND AENEAS

This afternoon at 4pm, the Ferris Choral Fellows and members of the Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra will present a concert version of Henry Purcell's opera DIDO AND AENEAS. Admission is free.

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. The last day of the Faith & Life Forum for the term will be Sunday, May 15.

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.

Church School programming has ended for the 2021–22 academic year. To learn more about future offerings, please visit our website or email Assistant Minister, Calvin Jones (*calvon_jones@harvard.edu*), with any questions.

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 regular student programming has ended for the year. If you want to learn more about future offerings, 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.

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>

JOYS AND CONCERNS

“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 clergy person will follow up with you shortly.

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

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