

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023, 11 am

PRELUDE

Soliloquy (1996)

David Conte (b. 1955)

HYMN

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

Old Hundredth

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God’s steadfast love endures for ever.

People: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Minister: O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed are those who take refuge in God.

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. 254, “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”
The congregation stands and sings

Hesperus (Québec)

THE PEACE

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

GREETINGS & OFFERTORY

Your offering supports the work of the Memorial Church, especially our ministries to students and to our neighbors in need through the Grants Committee. Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church. You may also donate online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>

Psalm 66:7–9, 12–18 *Jubilate Deo*
Sung by the choir

Chant by Walter Alcock (1861–1947)

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

from *The Revelations of Divine Love*, Chapter 86

Julian of Norwich (ca. 1342–1416)

ANTHEM

“Prayer” from *The Revelations of Divine Love* (2009)

Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)

God of your goodness, give yourself to me.
For you are enough for me:
Only in you do I have everything. Amen.

adapted from Julian of Norwich

SECOND LESSON

John 14:15–21

Pew Bible, page 95 (NT)

ANTHEM

“The Middle of the Heart” from *The Revelations of Divine Love* (2009)

Carson Cooman

And then our Lord opened my eyes and showed me my soul in the middle of the heart.
I saw the soul as large as if it were an endless world and a holy and blissful kingdom.

adapted from Julian of Norwich

SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts

HYMN

No. 247, “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Trentham

The congregation stands and sings

THE EXAMINATION

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The congregation standing.

Minister: Do you believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth?

People: I believe in God our creator.

Minister: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
who healed the sick, welcomed the outcast,
and preached good news to the poor;
who suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died, and was buried;
who descended to the dead;
and on the third day rose again?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son.

Minister: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the Church universal,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Minister: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,
and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Will you persevere in resisting all that draws you from God's love, and whenever
you fail, repent and make amends?

People: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

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

THE PRAYERS

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

HYMN

No. 226, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
The congregation stands and sings

Hyfrydol

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Variations on an Easter Theme (1983)

John Rutter (b. 1945)

TODAY'S SERVICE

Additional information about today's service and music notes are available from our website at memorialchurch.harvard.edu/service-and-music-notes or by scanning the following QR code.



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