

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 15, 2016

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prélude, Adagio et Choral varié
sur le thème du « Veni Creator », Op. 4 (1930)

Maurice Durufle (1902–1986)

HYMN

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

Old Hundredth

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

People: The Holy One is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble
And our hope and joy on the days of celebration.

Minister: Day after day, we seek God’s face and the assurance of holy love:

People: Do not turn from us or hide your face from us.
Be our guide and our light instead.

Minister: One thing we ask of our Creator:

People: That we may live in God’s dwelling place all the days of our life
And never cease to behold the beauty of God’s home.

Minister: Beloved ones, enter this worship in thanksgiving,

People: For the Eternal One is among and within us.
Thanks be to God!

inspired by Psalm 27

HYMN

No. 242, “Come, O Creator Spirit, Come”
The congregation standing

Veni Creator

INVOCATION

CONFESSION

In unison:

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE

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

GREETINGS

OFFERTORY

Thou Art My God (2016)

Fraser Weist '18 (b. 1995)

O God, thou art my God;
Early will I seek thee, my soul thirsteth for thee,
My flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land.
To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.
Thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.
Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. Amen.

Psalms 63:1-4 (KJV), alt.

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.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day and sing the love a - ma-zing that songs can-not re - pay; for we can on-ly won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait u-pon your word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord."

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1921, alt.

Text: Michael Perry; © by Jubilate Hymns, Ltd. (admin. by Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188).

PSALTER

Psalms 27

Pew Bible, pages 466-467 (OT)

To be read responsively; the congregation standing

GLORIA PATRI

See Hymn No. 371

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 16:9-12

Pew Bible, page 161 (OT)

ANTHEM

I Will Not Leave You Comfortless (publ. 1607)

William Byrd (ca. 1540-1623)

I will not leave you comfortless. Alleluia.

I go and come again to you. Alleluia.

And your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.

from John 14:18 & 16:22b

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:14–17

Pew Bible, page 103 (NT)

ANTHEM

O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit

Thomas Tallis (ca. 1505–1585)

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding, that we may dwell in the fear of thy name, all the days of our life, that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

from Lidley's Prayers, 1566

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.
Lord, show us your love and mercy.

People: For we put our trust in you.

Minister: In you, Lord, is our hope.

People: And we shall never hope in vain.

Each time the minister says "Lord, in your mercy," the congregation will respond with "Hear our prayer."

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE GRACE

In unison:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

HYMN

No. 15, "Praise Our Great and Gracious Lord"

Maoz Tsur

The congregation standing

SERMON

From Dreams of Gathering to Visions of a Reconciled Humanity

Text: "...and your youth shall see visions, and your elders shall dream dreams."

Acts 2:17

HYMN

No. 246, "Praise the Spirit in Creation"

The congregation standing

Julion

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasia super "Komm, Heiliger Geist", BWV 651
(composed before 1723, revised ca. 1740)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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 15, 2016

WELCOME

Today is the Day of Pentecost. The preacher is Rabbi David A. Mersky, D.D., Founder and Managing Director, Mersky, Jaffe & Associates; Faculty, Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program and Director of Education and Professional Development of the Institute for Jewish Philanthropy and Leadership, Brandeis University. The service is led by the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church; the Reverend Alanna Copenhaver, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church; and seminarians Katherine Blaisdell MDiv III, Patrick Jackson MDiv II and Adam Vander Tuig MDiv III. The first lesson is read by Tom Reid. The second lesson is read by David McKinney. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choral Fellows, 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 *Worship Offering* by Gord Waldie, worshipofferings.blogspot.ca; *Rev-o-lution* by Mindi Welton-Mitchell, rev-o-lution.org; *Worship Ways* by Elizabeth Dille, ucc.org/worship_worship-ways; *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom Shum, lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com; *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion* edited by Kimberly Long, Westminster John Knox Press, 2012; and *Abingdon Worship Annual 2009* edited by Mary J. Scifres and B. J. Beu, Abingdon Press, 2009.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance. Due to the Memorial Church staff moving offices, there will be no coffee hour in the Memorial Room following the service.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jeffrey Allen Hunker '77, DBA '81 (1957–2013) by Valerie Rose Taylor '79.

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 would be honored to pray for your specific needs. Please place prayer request cards in the offering plates during worship services or in the prayer request box in the church lobby.

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. Today's Faith & Life Forum is the final forum of the Spring 2016 Term.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

We are extremely grateful to Westley (Wes) Conn, Church School Director, and to the excellent church school staff for their excellent leadership during the academic year 2015–2016.

Church School has finished for the Spring 2016 Term and will resume in the fall.

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.

MEMORIAL CHURCH RENOVATIONS

We are excited to announce that the Memorial Church will undergo much needed renovations in the coming months. Beginning at the end of May after Commencement, the project is anticipated to extend through the end of the calendar year and the Church building will be closed for the duration of the renovation. The Memorial Church staff has relocated temporarily to the third floor of 44R Brattle Street during construction. Starting in the Fall Term*, Sunday Worship will be held in the Knafel Center (Radcliffe Gym) in Radcliffe Yard and Morning Prayers will be held in Holden Chapel in Harvard Yard. If you have any questions about the project, please contact Harvard's Construction Mitigation Hotline at 617-496-0857, email mitigation@csl-consulting.com, or visit construction.harvard.edu/memorial-church. You can also subscribe to weekly email project updates at construction.harvard.edu/subscribe-weekly-updates.

***Please note that due to construction, worship services will not be held this summer.**

CHORAL FELLOWS ON TOUR

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m., the Choral Fellows will present a recital in St. John's Episcopal Church, Beverly Farms, MA 01915. Admission is free and the repertoire includes J. S. Bach's *Jesu, meine Freude*, BWV 227.

MUSIC NOTES

This morning's choral music—celebrating the Day of Pentecost—is sung by the Choral Fellows of the Harvard University Choir, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank these gifted students for their musical leadership throughout the past academic year.

Fraser Weist '18 is a member of the Harvard University Choir and the current Music Director of the Harvard Krokodilos. Commissioned by Secret Santa for the Choral Fellows, this morning's offertory, *Thou Art My God*, receives its world premiere today.

William Byrd is usually thought to represent the pinnacle of artistic achievement in the Tudor period: indeed, this opinion was shared by Byrd's contemporaries, who regarded the composer as their most valued musical possession. "I Will Not Leave You Comfortless" comes from the *Gradualia* of 1607; the simple, flowing texture conceals intricately woven counterpoint.

Byrd's teacher and business partner (the two had been granted one of the first Royal patents, by Queen Elizabeth I, for the printing and marketing of part-music and lined music paper), Thomas Tallis was born in the first decade of the sixteenth century and played an active role in the composition of church music under four monarchs: Henry VIII, Edward VI, Queen Mary, and Queen Elizabeth I. *O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit* dates from the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, and is a simple but poignant setting of a prayer published in 1566.

The prelude is by the renowned French organist Maurice Duruflé; appointed organist of Saint-Étienne-du-Mont, Paris in 1930, he would occupy the post until 1975, when a serious car accident ended his professional career. Duruflé won the composition prize of the *Amis de l'Orgue* for his *Prélude, Adagio et Choral varié sur le thème du « Veni Creator »*, which takes as its basis the Pentecost hymn "Veni Creator Spiritus." Similarly, Martin Luther's hymn "Komm, Heiliger Geist" (based on the plainchant antiphon "Veni sancte spiritus, reple tuorum corda fidelium") forms the basis of today's postlude—a majestic, continuous musical fantasia that evokes the "mighty, rushing wind" of Pentecost through its incessant sixteenth notes.

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.

STAY CONNECTED TO THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

E-mail List: Join our e-mail list and stay up-to-date with all the happenings in the Memorial Church. To sign up, visit our website at *memorialchurch.harvard.edu*

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is Senior Sunday, the Last Sunday of Spring Term, and the First Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be the Reverend Dr. Lucy Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister, The Memorial Church.

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