

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Sunday after the Ascension, the Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 21, 2023, 11 am

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### PRELUDE

“Prière du Christ montant vers son père” from *L’Ascension* (1933–34)

*Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)*

### 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. 181, “God Is Gone Up on High”  
*The congregation stands and sings*

*Darwall 148*

### 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 68:1–10 *Exurgat Deus*

*Chant by William Crotch (1775–1847)*

*Sung by the choir*

## 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

Ephesians 1:15–23

*Pew Bible, page 169 (NT)*

## ANTHEM

A Parting Blessing (2008)

*Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)*

Walk softly upon the earth.

May its beauty forever surround you,

Its wonders forever astound you,

May its wisdom delight you, its music invite you

To dance and to play and to sing.

May you love and be loved by all you meet.

May you know and practice compassion.

Rejoice in the earth and in all of creation.

Rejoice in life.

## SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:44–53

*Pew Bible, page 79 (NT)*

## ANTHEM

Let the Life I've Lived Speak for Me (2016)

*Traditional, arr. Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)*

Let the life I've lived speak for me.  
When I come to the end of the road,  
And I lay down my heavy load,  
Let the life I've lived speak for me.

Let the friends I've made speak for me.  
When I come to the end of the road,  
And I lay down my heavy load,  
Let the friends I've made speak for me.

Lay down your burden, and rest with the setting sun.  
All the beauty of your life will shine when your day is done.

Let the love I've shared speak for me.  
Let the love that I've tried to share,  
And the burdens I've struggled to bear,  
All this life of joy and care speak for me.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

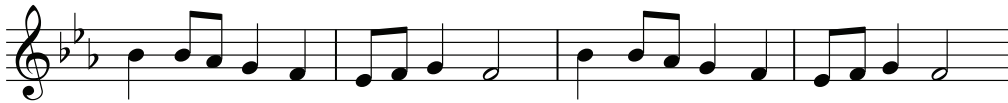
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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

*The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts*

## HYMN

No. 184, "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"  
*The congregation stands and sings*

*Orientis partibus*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Fantasia on "Fair Harvard", Op. 964 (2012)

*Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)*

## TODAY'S SERVICE

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