

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 17, 2015

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Prayer of Christ Ascending Towards His Father” from *Ascension* *Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)*

HYMN

No. 1, verses 1 & 4, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” *Old Hundredth*
The congregation standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 36:5–9

Minister: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
 Your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
 Your judgments are like the great deep;
 You save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
 All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: We feast on the abundance of your house,
 And you give us drink from the river of your delights.

Minister: For with you is the fountain of life;

People: In your light we see light.

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. 181, “God Is Gone Up on High” *Darwall*
The congregation standing

GREETINGS

Children now join their teachers in the Church School.

THE PEACE

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

AT THE OFFERTORY

Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt, SWV 380

Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)

Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt dass er seinen eingebornen Sohn gab, auf dass alle die an ihn glauben nicht verloren werden sondern das ewige Leben haben.

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Here an offering is received for the work of the Church within and beyond the University. Users will begin the collection from the back of the Church forward.

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

PSALTER

Psalms 1

Pew Bible, page 452 (OT)

To be read responsively; the congregation standing

GLORIA PATRI

See Hymn No. 371

FIRST LESSON

John 17:6–19

Pew Bible, pages 97–98 (NT)

ANTHEM

Magnificat

Tanmoy Laskar PhD '15 (b. 1986)

Magnificat anima mea Dominum,
et exsultavit spiritus meus in Deo salvatore meo,
quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae.
Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes,
quia fecit mihi magna,
qui potens est,
et sanctum nomen eius,
et misericordia eius in progenies et progenies
timentibus eum.
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo,
dispersit superbos mente cordis sui;
deposuit potentes de sede
et exaltavit humiles;
esurientes implevit bonis
et divites dimisit inanes.
Suscepit Israel puerum suum,
recordatus misericordiae,
sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,
Abraham et semini eius in saecula.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto,
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham
and his seed for ever.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 1:16–17

Pew Bible, page 591 (OT)

ANTHEM

Dennoch bleibe ich stets an dir

Johann Schein (1586–1630)

Dennoch bleibe ich stets an dir, denn du hältst mich bei meiner rechten Hand,
Du leitest mich nach deinem Rat und nimmest mich endlich mit Ehren an.

*Yet I am always with you; you hold my right hand.
You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me in honor.*

Psalm 73:23–24

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

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. 184, “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”
The congregation standing

Orientis Partibus

SERMON

Looking for Pentecost

HYMN

No. 183, “Christ, Above All Glory Seated”
The congregation standing

In Babilone

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in G Major

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665–1697)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 17, 2015

WELCOME

Today is the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The preacher this morning is the Reverend Dr. M. William Howard, Jr., Pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Newark, NJ. The service is led by the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to Harvard University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church, and Seminarians Omar Rouchon MDiv III, Laura Martin MDiv III, and Lauren Seganos MDiv II. The first lesson is read by David Hysong MDiv III. The second lesson is read by Adam Vander Tuig MDiv III.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance. Following the service, the congregation is invited to a reception in the Memorial Room.

MUSIC NOTES

This morning's music is sung by the Choral Fellows of the Harvard University Choir, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their wonderful singing and leadership throughout the year. Choral Fellow Tanmoy Laskar recently completed his PhD in the Department of Astrophysics, and will be awarded his degree later this month; next year he becomes a Postdoctoral Fellow at UC Berkeley. The eight-voice *Magnificat* was written for the Harvard University Choir, and receives its premiere performance this morning; it is written in the style of the late Renaissance period, and combines the rich madrigalist polyphony of the Italian school with the adventurous harmonic colors employed by the English masters.

Johann Hermann Schein was one of Bach's predecessors as cantor of St. Thomas's Church, Leipzig, and an important figure in the introduction of Italian Baroque practices into German Lutheran music. Unlike his more famous friend, Heinrich Schütz, Schein never left Germany, and studied the Italian style only through the works of Lodovico Viadana. His remarkable collection, *Israel's Brunnlein* (1623), explores the possibilities of Italian madrigalisms in the German motet; *Dennoch bleibe ich stets an dir* uses four distinct musical ideas to portray the text's four main verbs – remain, hold, lead, take me up.

The French organist and composer Olivier Messiaen was the organist of La Trinité, Paris, for more than sixty years. His unswerving Catholic faith is the foundation of all his compositions, and he was especially drawn to the more mystical feast days, including the Ascension. The prelude is the closing movement of his suite *L'Ascension*: the music is so slow-moving that it seems to transcend our traditional notion of time, thus creating the sense of wonder and awe appropriate for such an occasion.

Born into a musical family, Nicolaus Bruhns was a child prodigy who, at the age of sixteen, moved to Lübeck to study with the renowned Dieterich Buxtehude. In addition to being a famed organist, Bruhns was also a violin virtuoso, and the composer and theorist Johann Mattheson witnessed a fascinating scene of Bruhns seated at the organ: "[Bruhns] played the upper parts on the violin, while he accompanied himself by an appropriate pedal bass part with his feet." The G-major *Praeludium* is modeled after Buxtehude's five-section form, which alternates passages of virtuosic fantasia-style with stricter fugal sections.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith & Life Forum seeks to deepen our devotional lives by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency concerning communities of faith. The next Faith & Life Forum will be held on Sunday, May 24 from 9:30–10:30 a.m. in the Pusey Room; coffee and conversation starts at 9:00 a.m. Rodney L. Petersen, Adjunct Instructor and Visiting Researcher at the Center for the Study of Global Christianity and Mission, Boston University School of Theology, will give the presentation.

SUMMER TERM SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 25, will be the last Sunday Service and Faith & Life Forum of Spring Term. This summer, Sunday worship services will be offered at 10:00 a.m. and will run from Sunday, June 28 through Sunday, August 2. We look forward to welcoming all who remain in the area to worship with us this summer. Services begin an hour earlier during the Summer Term than in the Fall and Spring Terms, and WHRB, Harvard's student run radio station, will not broadcast. Visit the Memorial Church website for the full preaching schedule. Morning Prayers, Church School, and the Faith & Life Forum will not be held during the Summer Term; all will resume in the Fall.

SUNDAY SERMONS AND MORNING PRAYERS SERVICES ON HARVARD'S ITUNES U

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday, Senior Sunday, and the last Sunday of Spring Term. The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton. The title of his sermon is "There's Help For Your Hope."

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