

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Senior Sunday  
The Last Sunday of Spring Term  
The Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 24, 2015

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

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## PRELUDE

Prélude, Adagio et Choral varié sur le thème du “Veni Creator,” Op. 4      *Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)*

## 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. 23, “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”      *Hymn to Joy*  
*The congregation standing*

## GREETINGS

## THE PEACE

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

## AT THE OFFERTORY

“Gratias agimus tibi” from *Mass in B-Minor*, BWV 232      *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.      *We give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

*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.*

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 104:24–34, 35b  
*To be read responsively; the congregation standing*

*Pew Bible, pages 518–519 (OT)*

## GLORIA PATRI

*See Hymn No. 371*

## FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1–21

*Pew Bible, pages 103–104 (NT)*

## ANTHEM

O How Amiable

*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!  
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:  
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.  
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,  
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:  
Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:  
They will be always praising thee.

The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:  
Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.  
O prosper thou our handy work.  
O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for yours to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

## SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:22–27

*Pew Bible, page 138 (NT)*

## ANTHEM

“Achieved Is the Glorious Work” from *The Creation*

*Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)*

Achieved is the glorious work;  
The Lord beholds it, and is well pleased.  
In lofty strains let us rejoice;  
Our song let be the praise of God.

## 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. 249, "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

*Song 13*

*The congregation standing*

## SERMON

There's Help For Your Hope

Text: "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." *Romans 8:26*

## HYMN

No. 276, "Go Forth for God"

*Magda*

*The congregation standing*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

"Fugue" from *Duet for Organ*

*Samuel Wesley (1766–1837)*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 24, 2015

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## WELCOME

Today is Senior Sunday, the Last Sunday of Spring Term, and the Day of Pentecost. The preacher is Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church. The service is led by the Reverend Alanna Copenhaver, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church and Seminarian Jorden Sharick MDiv III. The first lesson is read by Meredith Arra '15. The second lesson is read by Ye Dam Lee '15.

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.

## WITH GRATEFUL THANKS

As the Spring Term comes to a close, we take this opportunity to acknowledge gratefully all those who have contributed to the work of the Memorial Church over the past year. We would like to thank our seminarians Adam Vander Tuig MDiv III, David Hysong MDiv III, Jorden Sharick MDiv III, Laura Martin MDiv III, Lauren Seganos MDiv II, and Omar Rouchon MDiv III; Grants Committee Co-Chair Meighan Parker MTS '15, and Multifaith Engagement Intern Usra Ghazi MTS '15 for all their hard work in planning and assisting with our ministries; our Church School Director Wes Conn and his talented and dedicated staff of teachers who have inspired and educated the wonderful children who attend our Sunday school; our faithful ushers who come each Sunday and participate in service; and our student assistant Joseph Lanzillo '16 who printed our Sunday bulletins each week and helped with MemCafé.

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

On Monday, May 25, the Harvard Veterans Alumni Organization will conduct its annual Memorial Day Service of Remembrance at 12:00 p.m. We invite all members of the Harvard Community to attend to remember and honor Harvard's War Dead. The officiant will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton.

## SUNDAY SERVICES DURING THE SUMMER TERM

Today is 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

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.

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## MUSIC NOTES

This morning I would like to thank Thomas Sheehan, Carson Cooman, and the members of the Harvard University Choir for a wonderful year of music-making in the Memorial Church. It is with sadness that we say farewell to those who are graduating, and we wish them every success in their future endeavors.

Johann Sebastian Bach's epic *Mass in B Minor* was assembled just before the end of the composer's life, and reuses material from his earlier works: "Gratias agimus tibi" is taken from the large-scale *Gloria*, and is a reworking of the second movement of Cantata No. 29, *Wir danken dir, Gott*.

Ralph Vaughan Williams's anthem "O How Amiable" was originally written for an outdoor pageant where it was accompanied by military band. It draws on verses from psalms 84 and 90, and ends with a grand statement of the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past."

During Franz Joseph Haydn's sojourn in London in 1791, two things happened to the composer that would provide the inspiration for his most beloved masterpiece, *The Creation*. The first was attending concerts of Handel's oratorios, performed by massed choral forces, in Westminster Abbey; the second was a visit to the court astronomer — and accomplished musician — William Herschel. Haydn is said to have peered through the astronomer's pioneering telescope, and was enchanted by the view. "Achieved Is the Glorious Work" celebrates the completion of the sixth day of creation, and seems particularly appropriate for Senior Sunday.

The prelude is by the renowned French organist Maurice Duruflé: appointed organist of St. Etienne-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*. The postlude is the joyous final movement of Samuel Wesley's *Duet for Organ*, in which the fugue subject is passed across the entire range of the instrument, and between the hands and feet of the two organists.

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