

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 16, 2023, 11 am

PRELUDE

Prelude on “Rhosymedre” (1920)

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

HYMN

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

Old Hundredth

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 36 & Lamentations 3

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.

Minister: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God’s mercies never come to an end;

People: They are new every morning;
great is God’s faithfulness.

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. 291, “Be Thou My Vision”
The congregation stands and sings

Slane

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>

“Pie Jesu” from *Requiem* (1887–90)

Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem; dona eis sempiternam requiem.

Blessed Lord Jesus, grant them rest; grant them everlasting rest.

from the Sequence of the Requiem mass

Sophia Lerebours '26, soprano

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

Isaiah 55:10–13

Pew Bible, page 645 (OT)

ANTHEM

“O Liberty” from *Judas Maccabaeus*, HWV 63 (1746)

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

O liberty, thou choicest treasure,

Seat of virtue, source of pleasure;

Life without thee knows no blessing,

No endearment worth caressing.

Thomas Morell (1703–1784)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:1–9

Pew Bible, page 12 (NT)

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



Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

SERMON

The Rev. Rita Powell

HYMN

No. 226, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hyfrydol

The congregation stands and sings

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Nun danket alle Gott: Marche triomphale, Op. 65, No. 59 (ca. 1908)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

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