

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 30, 2023, 11 am

PRELUDE

Inno di Gloria (1988–89)

Thomas Åberg (b. 1952)

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. 293, “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”
The congregation stands and sings

Coronation

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>

Adagio, op. 18, no. 4 (1993)

Olivia Margaret Ontko (b. 1947)

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

Romans 8:26–28

Pew Bible, page 138 (NT)

ANTHEM

Per un cantico nuovo (2018)

Carlotta Ferrari (b. 1975)

Lodato sia il mio Signore
per l'unità delle cose:
ogni oggetto involge la sua parola,
ogni forma è una sua epifania.
E la terra è il suo paese
e tutti i volti degli uomini
insieme fanno il suo unico volto.
Lodato sia il mio Signore
perché le cose sono buone,
per gli occhi che ci ha dato
a contemplare queste cose.
Lodato sia perché esistono
i fanciulli e le donne:
perché l'uomo è grande
e infinita come lui
è la sua inquietudine.
Lodato sia per le nostre case
e per queste macchine e città:
poiché nulla vi è di profano
nell'opera dell'uomo.
Lodato sia anche l'uomo
fratello di ogni creatura,
aiuto e amico del mio Signore.
Lodatello perché Egli è ancora più grande
eppure mi parla e mi ama,
perché si è fatto uomo.
Lodatelo perché esiste
e gioca nella creazione
e gode della stessa mia gioia.
Lodate il mio Signore
per ogni tristezza e dolore
per ogni goccia di gioia
nascosta nelle cose.
Amen.

*Praised be my God
For the unity of things:
Every object includes his word
Every form is his epiphany.
And the earth is his homeland
And all the faces of the humans
Together are his only face.
Praised be my God
Because things are good,
And for the eyes he gave us
To contemplate these things.
Praised be God for the existence
Of women and children:
For humans are great
And infinite like them
Is their restlessness.
Praised be God for our homes
And these cars and cities:
For nothing is unsanctified
In what humans do.
Praised be humans, too
Siblings to every creature,
God's friends and helpers.
Praised be God for he is even greater
Nevertheless he speaks to me and loves me,
For he became human.
Do praise God, for he exists
And plays inside creation
And enjoys my same happiness.
Do praise my God
For every misery and sorrow
For every drop of joy
Hidden inside things.
Amen.*

*David Maria Turollo (1916–1992)
English translation by Carlotta Ferrari*

Luis Pabón Rico G2, baritone

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:31–33, 44–46

Pew Bible, page 13 (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. Barbara Lemmel

HYMN

No. 28, "To God Be the Glory"
The congregation stands and sings

To God Be the Glory

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

As God Imagined (2022)

B.E. Boykin (b. 1989)

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