

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 19, 2015

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

II. "Lebhaft" from *Sonata II*

Paul Hindemith (1895–1963)

HYMN

No. 1, verses 1 & 4, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Old Hundredth

The congregation standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Come into the presence of the Most High God with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.

People: For our Savior frees and heals us; our Savior is our peace.

Minister: You are a holy temple in the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Come; let us worship God.

INVOCATION

CONFESSION

In unison:

Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that we act as if we are in control as if you will bless whatever we do. If we think of others at all, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us. If we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us. We have failed to show your love or to do justice in obedience to you. We have no right to be called your children. Have mercy on us, God of grace. Forgive our sins, we humbly pray. Put the mind of Christ within us. Use us to break down walls of hostility. Equip us to do your will, giving you glory, honor, and praise together with the Son and Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN

No. 291, "Be Thou My Vision"

Slane

The congregation standing

GREETINGS

THE PEACE

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

AT THE OFFERTORY

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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.

PSALTER

Psalms 23

Pew Bible, page 464 (OT)

To be read responsively; the congregation standing

GLORIA PATRI

See Hymn No. 371

FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 7:1–15

Pew Bible, page 261 (OT)

ANTHEM

“Vergib, o Vater” from *Bisher habt ihr nichts gebeten in meinem Namen*, BWV 87 *Johann Sebastian Bach*
sung by Tamsin Jones

Vergib, o Vater, unsre Schuld
Und habe noch mit uns Geduld,
Wenn wird in Andacht beten
Und sagen: Herr, auf dein Geheiß,
(Ach, rede nicht mehr sprichwortsweis,
Hilf uns vielmehr vertreten.

Forgive, o Father, our guilt
And yet have patience with us,
When we pray in devotion
And say: Lord, to Your commands,
(Ah, speak no longer in parables,
Help us much more by intervening!

Text by Christiane Mariane von Ziegler, 1728; translated by Pamela Dellal

SECOND LESSON

Mark 6:35–44

Pew Bible, page 36 (NT)

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

In unison:

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. 243, "Send Down Thy Truth, O God"

Nova Vita

The congregation standing

SERMON

Messiah Comes in the Mourning

Text: "But I will not take my steadfast love..."

2 Sam 7:15

HYMN

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

Hyfrydol

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in E, BuxWV 141

Dieterich Buxtehude (ca. 1637–1707)

WELCOME

Today is the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher this morning is Jordan Sharick MDiv '15, PhD Student in Religion, GSAS. The service is led by the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Amanda Sharick. The second lesson is read by David Foster. The organist is Kevin Neel. The soloist is Tamsin Jones. Following the service, the congregation is invited to a reception on the Porch. Portions of the liturgy are adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2* (Kindle Locations 2124–2127), Westminster John Knox Press, Kindle Edition.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be the Reverend Alanna Copenhaver, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church.

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