

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 26, 2015

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)

HYMN

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

Old Hundredth

The congregation standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

All: And we, your faithful, bless you.

Minister: We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

All: We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.

INVOCATION

CONFESSION

In unison:

God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore we confess our sins—both things we have done and things we have left undone—in every confidence that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN

No. 312, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Nettleton

The congregation standing

GREETINGS

THE PEACE

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

AT THE OFFERTORY

“Bäche von gesalznen Zähren”

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

from *Ich hatte viel Bekümmernis, BWV 21*

Sung by Steven Klosterman

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 145:10–18

Pew Bible, page 544 (OT)

To be read responsively; the congregation standing

GLORIA PATRI

See Hymn No. 371

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 4:42–44

Pew Bible, page 311 (OT)

ANTHEM

“Erfreue dich, Seele, erfreue dich, Herze”
from *Ich hatte viel Bekümmernis, BWV 21*

J. S. Bach

Bäche von gesalznen Zähren,
Fluten rauschen stets einher.
Sturm und Wellen mich versehren,
Und dies trübsalsvolle Meer
Will mir Geist und Leben schwächen,
Mast und Anker wollen brechen,
Hier versink ich in den Grund,
Dort seh ins der Hölle Schlund.

*Streams of salty tears,
Floods pour continually forth.
Storms and waves press against me,
And this trouble-filled sea
Will weaken my spirit and life,
Will break mast and anchor,
Here I sink to the ground,
There I gaze into the maw of Hell.*

Erfreue dich, Seele, erfreue dich, Herze,
Entweiche nun, Kummer, verschwinde,
du Schmerze!
Verwandle dich, Weinen, in lauterer Wein,
Es wird nun mein Ächzen ein Jauchzen mir sein!
Es brennet und flammet die reineste Kerze
Der Liebe, des Trostes in Seele und Brust,
Weil Jesus mich tröstet mit himmlischer Lust.

*Rejoice, soul, rejoice, heart,
Fade now, troubles, disappear, pains!
Change, weeping, into pure wine,
My aching now becomes a celebration for me!
Burning and flaming is the purest candle
Of love and of comfort in my soul and breast,
Since Jesus comforts me with heavenly delight.*

SECOND LESSON

John 6:1–21

Pew Bible, pages 84–85 (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. 249, "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Song 13

The congregation standing

SERMON

Economy of Abundance

Text: "One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,⁹ 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?'"¹⁰ Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted."

John 6:9-12

HYMN

No. 217, "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Diademata

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Intrada

Joel Martinson (b. 1960)

WELCOME

Today is the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher this morning is the Reverend Alanna Copenhaver, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. The service is led by Jordan Sharick MDiv '15, PhD Student in Religion, GSAS. The first lesson is read by Malcolm McKay. The second lesson is read by Val McKay. The organist is Kevin Neel. The soloist is Steven Klosterman. Portions of the liturgy may be adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2* (Kindle Locations 2124-2127), Westminster John Knox Press, Kindle Edition or *The Book of a Thousand Prayers*, compiled by Angela Ashwin, Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2002.

Following the service, the congregation is invited to a reception on the Porch.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost and the Last Sunday of Summer Term. The preacher will be Sergeant Kevin Bryant, Security Services Coordinator and Diversity/Community Liaison, Harvard University Police Department; Minister of Convalescence/Visitation and Church Safety, Myrtle Baptist Church.

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