

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The First Sunday of Fall Term

Sunday, September 8, 2019

11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude and Toccata on “Old Hundredth” (1995)

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”
The congregation standing

Old Hundredth

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 36 & Isaiah 2

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: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

Minister: Come, let us set out in the light of the Lord.

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. 81, “Lord of All Hopefulness, Lord of All Joy”
The congregation standing

Slane

GREETING AND THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY

The offering collected goes directly to fund the Memorial Church Grants Committee's recipient organizations and their important work in our local communities. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Grants Committee." Ushers will begin collection from the back of the church.

Psalm 139: 1–5, 12–18 *Domine, probasti*

Chant by Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me.

Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine uprising;
thou understandest my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed; and art acquainted with all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue,
but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before: and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; I cannot attain unto it.

For my reins are thine; thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

My bones are not hid from thee, though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect;
and in thy book were all my members written;

Which day by day were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God; O how great is the sum of them!

If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand: when I wake up, I am present with thee.

DOXOLOGY

Sung by the congregation, standing

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

Psalm 84

Pew Bible, page 506 (OT)

ANTHEM

“The Heavens Are Telling”

Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)

from *The Creation*, Hob. XXI:2 (1797–98)

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.
To day that is coming speaks it the day,
The night that is gone to following night.
In all the lands resounds the word,
Never unperceived, ever understood.

Gottfried van Swieten (1733–1803) after Psalm 19:1–2, 4

SECOND LESSON

Luke 5:1–11

Pew Bible, page 54 (NT)

PRAYER HYMN

The congregation seated

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to
see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

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.

Following the Lord's Prayer, the Prayer Hymn is repeated.

ANTHEM

What is Good, Op. 1308

Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)

Written for the inauguration of Lawrence S. Bacow as the 29th President of Harvard University

You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what is required of you:

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

SERMON

Practicing Pilgrimage

HYMN

No. 285, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Cwm Rhondda

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Dawning, Op. 396 (2002)

Carson Cooman '04

OUR MISSION

The Memorial Church of Harvard University is a space of grace in the center of the Yard, rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ. Affectionately known as "MemChurch," we pursue partnerships within and beyond Harvard, empowering community members to serve the world as well-informed, compassionate, moral citizens. Through worship and ministry outreach, MemChurch aims to promote justice and mercy by confronting life's challenges, differences, and our own imperfections with courage, empathy, and an ethic of love. By doing so, the Memorial Church seeks to educate minds, expand hearts, and enrich lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 8, 2019

WELCOME

Today is the First Sunday of Fall Term and Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church and Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School. The worship leaders are the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church, the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church, and the Reverend Dr. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong, Ellen Gurney Professor of History and Professor of African and African American Studies, Oppenheimer Faculty Director of the Harvard University Center for African Studies, and Minister for Worship and Formation in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Jeromel Lara '23. The second lesson is read by Sonia David MDiv '16. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir, under the direction of Edward E. Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster, and David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

Our "Baby Oasis" is available for young children and infants in the lower level of the church. Parents and their children are welcome to use the respite space during worship.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance.

Welcome back students! We're happy you're worshipping with us this morning. Please join us in the Student Oasis following the service for a special Welcome Back Coffee Hour with parfaits, polariods, and pastors! We look forward to meeting new visitors and greeting familiar faces!

MORNING PRAYERS

Monday: Alanna C. Sullivan; Tuesday: Anya Bassett PhD '97; Wednesday: Mable Chan AM '93; Thursday: Katherine O'Dair; Friday: Rakesh Khurana AM '98, PhD '98

PILGRIMAGE READING GROUP

The pilgrimage reading group will meet on Wednesday, September 18, 7:00-8:30 pm in the Seminar Room in the Student Oasis to discuss Kerry Egan's *Fumbling: A Pilgrimage Tale of Love, Grief and Spiritual Renewal on the Camino de Santiago*. This book, we have found, is out of print—but used copies are available online and it is also available on Kindle. We have ordered some used copies which should arrive next week—so please email spaulsell@hds.harvard.edu if you need a book and we will set one aside for you!

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

On Tuesday, September 10 at 12:15 pm, the Choir of Emmanuel College, Cambridge (England) will present a half-hour concert in the Sanctuary of the Memorial Church. The program will include music by Josquin, Bach, Hassler, Victoria, Britten, and others.

FAITH FORMATION

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of age three through sixteen. All classes will begin next Sunday, September 15th and are held during Sunday services in the Fall and Spring Terms. Please register children for Church School by visiting the Church School for Children page on our website.

For adults in the MemChurch community, the Faith and Life forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. The Forum is held Sunday mornings during the Fall and Spring Terms in the Buttrick Room from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Speakers include scholars, pastors, and other public figures whose work enhances our awareness of the pivotal role religion plays across space and time. To learn about upcoming speakers, please visit the Faith & Life Forum page on our website. The Forum continues next Sunday, September 15th with George Chochos, Assistant Director of Program Management, Executive Education, Georgetown Pivot Program.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES AT MEMORIAL CHURCH

We are seeking both undergraduate and graduate students, who are Federal Work Study eligible, to serve as paid Front Desk Attendants (FDAs) for the academic year (2019–20). FDAs will have the opportunity to interact with the MemChurch community in the Student Oasis and work with MemChurch staff on projects of interest. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Morgan McNeill, Student Program Assistant, at morgan_mcnell@harvard.edu.

Looking for a way to get more involved with the Memorial Church? The volunteer student deacons might be the answer! We help welcome people into the church, make sure the service runs smoothly, and it's low time commitment. If you're looking for a new opportunity for spiritual growth, please contact Maggie Beazer (mbeazer@college.harvard.edu) or Alex Grayson (agrayson@college.harvard.edu) for more information!

MUSIC NOTES

To mark the opening of term, we welcome the voices of candidates auditioning for the Harvard University Choir, singing alongside returning Sunday Choir members. During Joseph Haydn's stay in London in 1791, two things happened to the composer that would provide the inspiration for the composition of 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 peered through the astronomer's pioneering telescope, and was enchanted by the view. "The Heavens Are Telling" is the triumphant concluding chorus from Part One of the oratorio.

Harvard College graduate Carson P. Cooman '04 is Composer in Residence at the Memorial Church, which has witnessed the premieres of many of his works. *What Is Good* was written for the installation of Lawrence S. Bacow as Harvard's 29th president and was premiered during the outdoor ceremony on Friday, October 5, 2018.

Canadian organist and composer Denis Bédard was born in Quebec City and studied at the conservatory there, before further studies in Paris and the Netherlands. This morning's prelude presents the majestic opening and thrilling final toccata from *Variations on the Old Hundredth*. Cooman's *Dawning* (2002) was written to celebrate the birthday of composer Sandra Gay; two lively outer sections surround a more lyrical central one.

LISTEN TO SUNDAY WORSHIP AND MORNING PRAYERS

Sunday services are broadcast on Harvard's radio station, WHRB 95.3 FM in term; a live stream of the service is available at whrb.org. Recordings of Sunday Worship Services and Sunday Sermons are available on our website, memorialchurch.harvard.edu, during the week following the service. Sunday Sermons and Morning Prayers are also available on SoundCloud at <http://bit.ly/sundaysermons> and <http://bit.ly/morningprayers> respectively, and on iTunes—search "Harvard Memorial Church" from your iTunes app.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church.

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