

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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The First Sunday of Fall Term  
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 7, 2014

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

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## PRELUDE

Overture to “Music for the Royal Fireworks”

*George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)*

## HYMN

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

*Old Hundredth*

*The congregation standing*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 36:5–9

*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;  
You save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

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

*People:* We feast on the abundance of your house,  
And you give us drink from the river of your delights.

*Minister:* For with you is the fountain of life;

*People:* In your light we see light.

## HYMN

No. 19, “O Praise Ye the Lord! Sing Praise in the Height”

*Laudate Dominum*

*The congregation standing*

## THE BAPTISM

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*Minister:* Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. There is one body  
and one Spirit;

*People:* There is one hope in God’s call to us.

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Minister:* Let us pray.

Gracious God, by our baptism, you welcome us into the household of  
faith and open the way to new life; in this world and the next; receive  
those being baptized and strengthen us all to be your people in the  
world, and a blessing to the Earth.

*The congregation seated*

*Minister:* I now invite the candidate for Holy Baptism and her sponsor to come  
forward.

*Minister:* *Sachiyo*, do you desire to be baptized?

*Baptism Candidate:* I do.

*Minister:* Do you promise, through prayer and example, to support and encourage *Sachiyo* to be a faithful Christian?

*Baptism Sponsor:* I do.

*Minister:* Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, will you turn from the ways of sin and trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, being his faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

*Baptism Candidate:* I will with God's help.

*Minister:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

*Baptism Candidate:* I do.

*Minister:* Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love, to your life's end?

*Baptism Candidate:* I will.

*To the congregation:*

*Minister:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?

*People:* We will.

*Minister:* Let us pray for this woman who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth:

*Leader:* Open her heart, O God, to your grace and truth.

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

## BLESSING OF THE WATER

Now sanctify this water, we pray, O God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the power of God's love, compassion, and mercy.

## THE BAPTISM

*Sachiyo Yanagi*, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit. You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

*Minister:* Let us Pray:

*All:* Eternal and loving God, give to all receiving the sacrament of Baptism an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

*Minister:* Let us welcome the newly baptized:

*All:* We receive you, with joy, into the household of God, and into the priesthood of all believers.

## THE PEACE

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

## GREETINGS

### AT THE OFFERTORY

“Pezzo Ostinato” from *Suite of Six Short Pieces*  
*Thomas Sheehan, piano*

*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*

*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

Psalm 139:1–12; 23–24  
*To be read responsively; the congregation standing*

*Pew Bible, pages 540–541 (OT)*

### GLORIA PATRI

*See Hymn No. 371*

### LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 12:1–14

*Pew Bible, page 54 (OT)*

### ANTHEM

I Was Glad

*Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918)*

I was glad when they said to me, we will go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself.  
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

*Psalm 122:1–3, 6–7*

### LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 13:8–14

*Pew Bible, page 142 (NT)*

## ANTHEM

“The Heavens Are Telling” from *The Creation*

*Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)*

The Heavens are telling the glory of God,  
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

Today that is coming speaks it the day,  
The night that is gone to following night.  
The Heavens are telling the glory of God,  
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

In all the lands resounds the word,  
Never unperceived, ever understood.  
The Heavens are telling the glory of God,  
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

*Gottfried van Swieten (1733–1803),  
after Psalm 19*

## 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

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. 314, “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”  
*The congregation standing*

*Maryton*

## SERMON

A Tall Order

Text: “Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.”

*Romans 13:8*

## HYMN

No. 226, “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”  
*The congregation standing*

*Hyfrydol*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

“Allegro assai vivace” from *Sonata No. 1*

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

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*The preacher this morning is the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church, Harvard University.*

*The first lesson is read by Sam Murphy. The second lesson is read by Karen-Alexandra Nogues. The service is led by the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Ministry Fellow Alanna Copenharver, and Seminarian Adam Vander Tuig MDiv III.*

*Receiving the sacrament of Baptism is Sachiyō Yanagi.*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 7, 2014

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## WELCOME

Today is the First Sunday of Fall Term and the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church, Harvard University. The service is led by the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Ministry Fellow Alanna Copenhaver, and Seminarian Adam Vander Tuig MDiv III. The first lesson is read by Sam Murphy. The second lesson is read by Karen-Alexandra Nogues. Receiving the sacrament of Baptism is Sachiyo Yanagi.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance. Following the service, the congregation is invited to a reception in the Memorial Room.

## MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: SEPTEMBER 8 – 13, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Tom Dingman; Tuesday: Hannah Peters; Wednesday: Pat McLeod; Thursday: Mark Johnson; Friday: Rhee-Soo Lee MDiv III; Saturday: Jonathan Fields MDiv III

*Following each service of Morning Prayers on Wednesdays, free coffee and snacks will be available at MemCafé from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. on the steps of the Memorial Church across from Widener Library. All are welcome!*

## MUSIC NOTES

To mark the opening of Term, we welcome the massed voices of candidates for membership in the Harvard University Choir, as well as returning Sunday Choir members, to sing two jubilant choral works.

Sir Hubert Parry was born in Bournemouth, England, and attended Eton and Exeter College, Oxford. A scholar as well as a composer, Parry worked for Sir Henry Groves's new *Dictionary of Music and Musicians* as an editor and contributor, and in 1883 was appointed Professor of Musical History at the Royal College of Music, London, later to become Professor of Music at Oxford University. *I Was Glad* was originally written for the coronation of Edward VII in 1902, and has been used, with revisions, at every subsequent British coronation. The work is a setting of verses from Psalm 122; the music is influenced by both the pomp that accompanies the coronation liturgy, and the elegiac supplications for peace and prosperity found towards the end of the psalm.

*The Creation* remains Joseph Haydn's most popular work today, as it was in his lifetime; completed in 1798, it is a majestic narration of the Genesis story. "The Heavens Are Telling" is the triumphant concluding chorus of the oratorio's first part: its choral writing is influenced by the great oratorios of Handel, while the harmonic language is firmly rooted in the classical style.

George Frideric Handel composed *Music for the Royal Fireworks* for the 1749 festivities in London's Green Park to celebrate the signing of the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle. Originally scored for a large wind band (consisting of no less than 24 oboes, 12 bassoons, nine trumpets, nine French horns, and three pairs of timpani), Handel later re-scored the work for full orchestra; this morning's prelude features the work's famous overture.

Mendelssohn's works for organ set a new, forward-looking standard for organ composition in the nineteenth century, while simultaneously harking back to the traditions and spirit of the German Baroque — and specifically to the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. The six organ sonatas were written for the organs of St. Paul's Cathedral, London; our postlude is the ebullient final movement of the first sonata.

## TUESDAY ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

The Memorial Church's biweekly Tuesday organ recital series kicks off on September 9 at 7:30 p.m. Featuring Thomas Sheehan, our new Assistant Organist and Choirmaster, the concert is free, and all are invited.

## FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith & Life Forum seeks to deepen our devotional lives by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency concerning communities of faith. Held Sunday mornings in the Term before the 11:00 a.m. worship service, the presentations take place in the Pusey Room of the Memorial Church from 9:30–10:30 a.m., but you are invited to gather for coffee and conversation at 9:00 a.m. The Faith & Life Forum begins this Term next Sunday, September 14; Professor Jonathan L. Walton will give the presentation.

## CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Church School will begin on Sunday, September 14. We are pleased to announce our new Church School Director, Westley Conn, who is a first-year seminarian at Boston University School of Theology and comes to the Memorial Church from Saint Paul's United Church of Christ in Somerset, PA. In addition to his work at Saint Paul's, Wes taught American History and American Government in a public school. Wes looks forward to learning and growing with the members of the Memorial Church. If you have any questions about our Church School program, feel free to contact Wes at [wpc3@bu.edu](mailto:wpc3@bu.edu).

**Additionally, we are hiring Church School teachers for the upcoming academic year.** This is a fun, creative on-campus job where you'll be able to connect with a diverse and enthusiastic group of children and be an integral part of the vibrant Memorial Church community. Our Church School serves children from pre-k to 6th grade. Teachers will have the opportunity to lead age-specific sessions throughout the year. To interview for the position, please contact Alanna Copenhaver, the Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church, at [alanna\\_copenhaver@harvard.edu](mailto:alanna_copenhaver@harvard.edu) or 617-496-1426 by Thursday, September 11.

## SUNDAY SERMONS AND MORNING PRAYERS SERVICES ON HARVARD'S ITUNES U

Sunday sermons and weekly Morning Prayers services are available on Harvard's iTunes U in the "Religion & Spirituality" channel. From your iTunes software, search "Harvard Memorial Church" to listen on your iPod, iPhone, iPad, Mac, or PC.

## STAY CONNECTED TO THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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## NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

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