

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 14, 2014

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Crown Imperial

William Walton (1902–1983)

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.

INVOCATION

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. 23, “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Hymn to Joy

The congregation standing

GREETINGS

Children now join their teachers in the Church School.

THE PEACE

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

AT THE OFFERTORY

“Corrente” from *Partita No. 2 in D Minor*, BWV 1004

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Joy Wang '16, violin

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 114

Pew Bible, page 526–527 (OT)

To be read responsively; the congregation standing

GLORIA PATRI

See Hymn No. 371

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 14:19–31

Pew Bible, page 57 (OT)

ANTHEM

Let the People Praise Thee

William Mathias (1932–1992)

Let the people praise thee, O God;
Yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
For thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
And govern the nations upon earth.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
And God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us and all the ends of the world shall fear him.
God be merciful unto us, and bless us:
And shew us the light of his countenance,
And be merciful unto us.
That thy way may be known upon earth:
Thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise thee, O God;
Yea let all the people praise thee.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm 67

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 14:1–12

Pew Bible, pages 142–143 (NT)

ANTHEM

Jubilate Deo

Matthew Martin (b. 1976)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm 100

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. 345, "Morning Glory, Starlit Sky"

Memorial Church

The congregation standing

SERMON

Getting Stuck in the Mud

Text: "Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left."

Exodus 14:21-22

HYMN

No. 262, "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Westminster Abbey

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Recessional

William Mathias

The preacher this morning is Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Harvard University. The service is led by the Reverend Dr. Lucy Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church, and Seminars Laura Martin, Lauren Seganos, and Omar Rouchon.

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SAXOPHONE PLAYER OR WOMAN'S FACE?

What do you see?



JESUS ILLUSION

Stare at the four black dots in the center of the image for 30 - 60 seconds. Then quickly close your eyes and look at something bright (like a lamp or a window with sunlight coming through it). You should see a white circle with an image inside it.



Exodus 14:13, "Moses said to the people, 'Fear not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord!'"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WELCOME

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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 15–20, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Edward Dunar MDiv III; Tuesday: Christine Heenan; Wednesday: Richard Parker; Thursday: David Hysong MDiv III; Friday: Nuri Friedlander; Saturday: Jo Murphy MDiv III

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

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN STARTS TODAY!

Please stop by the Buttrick Room after worship to register for the upcoming year. The Church School offers Christian education classes for children ages three through twelve. Classes are held in the Buttrick Room during Sunday services, and emphasize biblical themes and scripture. At the conclusion of the worship service, parents are asked to promptly pick their children up in the Buttrick Room. A committed staff of undergraduate teachers work closely with Church School Director Westley Conn. Contact Wes at wpc3@bu.edu for more information.

SUMMER SEASONALS

The Summer Seasonals, a community chamber chorus directed by Choral Fellow Tanmoy Laskar (G6) present Longing and Remembrance, a concert of Renaissance motets today at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The concert is 2 hours with intermission and will feature organ music by Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster, Thomas Sheehan. Admission is free and all are welcome.

ORGAN RECITAL: WILLIAM PORTER

Please join us on Sunday, September 21 at 4:00 p.m. for a special organ recital by William Porter, to benefit the Skinner Organ Restoration at All Saints', Ashmont — all donations will directly benefit the ongoing restoration and installation. Mr. Porter will perform works by Saint-Saëns, Tournemire, Dupré, and Widor.

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 every Sunday morning during 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., with coffee available at 9:00 a.m. The next Faith & Life Forum will be held on Sunday, September 21. Ali Asani, Professor of Indo-Muslim and Islamic Religion and Cultures in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at Harvard University, will give the presentation.

TUESDAY ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

The Memorial Church's biweekly Tuesday organ recital series continues on September 23 at 7:30 p.m. John Robinson, Director of Music at The Church of St. Paul and St. Paul's Choir School, Cambridge, will perform Franck's *Choral No. 2 in B Minor* and Vierne's *Symphony No. 5*. The concert is free, and all are invited.

MUSIC NOTES

It is a great pleasure to present the Harvard University Choir of 2014–15, and to welcome its new members. When the Australian composer Malcolm Williamson, then Master of the Queen's Music, was unable to meet the deadline for a new anthem to celebrate the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana in 1981, the crown turned to the prolific Welshman William Mathias. Within a few weeks, Mathias had delivered "Let the People Praise Thee, O God," which has gone on to become one his most popular anthems.

Matthew Martin is organist of the London Oratory, and studied at Magdalen College, Oxford, and the Royal Academy of Music. One of the UK's leading choral composers, he has been commissioned to write works for a number of prestigious ensembles, including the BBC Singers and the choirs of St. Paul's Cathedral, and Westminster Abbey. *Jubilate Deo* ("O Be Joyful in the Lord") was written for the 2014 American Guild of Organists National Convention, held in Boston, and features a declamatory organ part and celebratory choral writing.

Sir William Walton's march *Crown Imperial* was composed for the coronation of King George VI in 1937, but was substantially revised in 1953 for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. (More recently it was used as one of the recessionals for the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.) Elgarian to the core, it has been nicknamed "Pomp and Circumstance March No. 6," due to the overt references to the older composer's heroic style. The postlude is Mathias's *Recessional*: the rhythmic drive, unusual harmonic juxtapositions, and repetition of a catchy tune are trademarks of the composer's style.

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

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

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