

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE KNAFEL CENTER

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 16, 2016

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES UPON ENTERING
THE MAIN HALL OF THE KNAFEL CENTER.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Komm, heiliger Geist, BuxWV 199 (ca. 1690)

Dieterich Buxtehude (ca. 1637–1707)

HYMN

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Old Hundredth

The congregation standing



All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
For why? The Lord our God is good, his



to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times



praise forth tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure. A - men.

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (page 8)

Hymn to Joy

GREETING

THE PEACE

All are invited to join in singing.

Children join their teachers in the Church School at the invitation of the worship leader.



We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless-ing. He chas-tens and



has-tens his will to make known; the wick-ed op-press-ing now cease from dis-



tress-ing. Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.

OFFERTORY

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 hall forward.

Psalm 119:97–104 *Quomodo dilexi!*

chant by William Crotch (1775–1847)

Sung by the choir

Lord, what love have I unto thy law!

all the day long is my study in it.

Thou, through thy commandments, hast made me wiser than mine enemies;

for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than my teachers;

for thy testimonies are my study.

I am wiser than the aged;

because I keep thy commandments.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way,
that I may keep thy word.
I have not shrunk from thy judgments;
for thou teachest me.
O how sweet are thy words unto my throat;
yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth!
Through thy commandments I get understanding:
therefore I hate all evil ways.

DOXOLOGY

Sung by the congregation, standing

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17–25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust. They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

ANTHEM

Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf, BWV 226 (1729) *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf,
denn wir wissen nicht, was wir beten sollen,
wie sich's gebühret;
sondern der Geist selbst vertritt uns aufs beste
mit unaussprechlichem Seufzen.

*The Spirit gives aid to our weakness,
For we do not know for what we should pray,
What is proper;
But the Spirit itself intercedes for us in the best way
With unutterable sighs.*

Der aber die Herzen forschet,
der weiß, was des Geistes Sinn sei,
denn er vertritt die Heiligen
nach dem, das Gott gefällt.

*He, however, who examines hearts,
He knows what the Spirit's intention is,
Since it intercedes for the saints
According to that which pleases God.*

Du heilige Brunst, süßer Trost,
nun hilft uns fröhlich und getrost
in deinem Dienst beständig bleiben,
die Trübsal uns nicht abtreiben!
O Herr, durch dein Kraft uns bereit
und stärk des Fleisches Blödigkeit,
dass wir hie ritterlich ringen,
durch Tod und Leben zu dir dringen.
Halleluja, halleluja!

*You holy fire, sweet comfort,
Now help us joyfully and confidently
To remain constantly in your service,
Although trouble is not driven away from us!
O Lord, through your strength prepare us
And sharpen the dullness of the flesh,
So that we might battle here nobly,
Pressing to you through death and life.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

*st. 1, Romans 8:26–27 (Luther Bible); st. 2, Martin Luther (1483–1546)
English translation Pamela Dellal*

SECOND LESSON

Luke 21:7–28

They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to

prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

“When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those inside the city must leave it, and those out in the country must not enter it; for these are days of vengeance, as a fulfillment of all that is written. Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress on the earth and wrath against this people; they will fall by the edge of the sword and be taken away as captives among all nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

SERMON

When will these things be? Discerning God's message to the world in Luke 21:7–28

HYMN

O God, Thou Faithful God (page 9)

O Gott, du frommer Gott

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasia super Komm, heiliger Geist, BWV 651 (before 1723)

Johann Sebastian Bach

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.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Henry J. Van Dyke, 1907

HYMN TO JOY 87 87 D

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

adapt. Edward Hodges, 1824, alt.

1 Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-lect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,

hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a-bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way; giv-
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash-ing sea, chant
Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Bro-ther: all who live in love are thine; teach

-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
us how to love each o-ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

O God, Thou Faithful God

O Gott, du frommer Gott

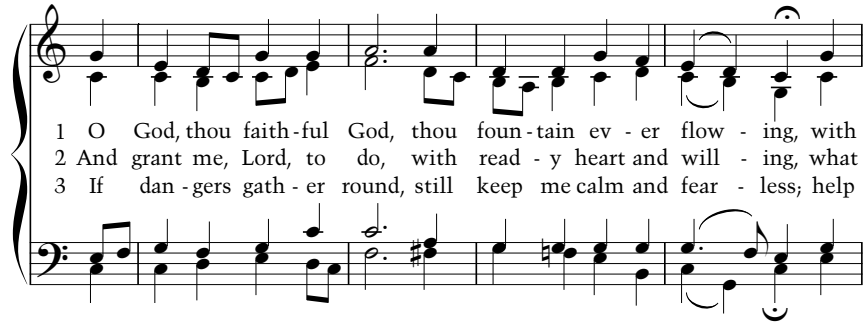
Johann Heermann, 1630

trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.

O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT 67 67 66 66

Himmels-Lust, 1679

harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1726



1 O God, thou faith-ful God, thou foun-tain ev - er flow - ing, with
 2 And grant me, Lord, to do, with read - y heart and will - ing, what
 3 If dan - gers gath - er round, still keep me calm and fear - less, help



out whom noth - ing is, all per-fect gifts be - stow - ing. Grant
 e'er thou shalt com - mand, my call-ing here ful - fill - ing, and
 me to bear the cross when life is dark and cheer - less, to



me a health - y frame, and give me, Lord, with - in, a
 do it when I ought, with zeal and joy - ful - ness; and
 o - ver - come my foe with words and ac - tions kind, when



con-science free from blame, a soul un - hurt by sin.
 bless the work I've wrought, for thou must give suc - cess.
 coun-sel I would know, good coun - sel let me find.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 16, 2016

WELCOME

Today is the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Professor McGlory Speckman, Campus Rector, Walter Sisulu University, Queenstown, South Africa. The service is led by Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church; and the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Krista Anderson '19. The second lesson is read by Elizabeth Keto '18. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir, under the direction of Edward E. Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster, and Thomas M. Sheehan, Associate University Organist and Choirmaster.

WELCOME TABLE

Want to learn about the Memorial Church? Stop by the Welcome Table to learn more about our array of events, programs, and ministries. Questions are encouraged!

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: OCTOBER 17 – 21, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: McGlory Speckman; Tuesday: Katherine O'Dair;
Wednesday: Seonjoon Young MDiv III; Thursday: Molly Richmond '18;
Friday: Fatima Bishtawi '17

CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children ages three through twelve. Classes are held in the lower level of the Knafel Center during Sunday services and emphasize biblical themes and scripture. The confirmation class will also meet during this time. At the conclusion of the worship service, parents are asked to promptly pick up their children. To register, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website. Contact Church School Director Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) to register for this class, or for more information about Church School programs.

UNIVERSITY CHOIR CONCERT: OCTOBER 23

Next Sunday, October 23, at 4 p.m., the Harvard University Choir will present Stephen Paulus's church opera *The Three Hermits* in concert at First Church, Cambridge at 11 Garden St. The concert will also feature soloists David McFerrin and Clare McNamara, and is free and open to the public.

MUSIC NOTES

There are few musical forms that have endured and flourished as the motet, which has been in continuous existence since the twelfth century. Johann Sebastian Bach's examples in the genre are pinnacles of the choral literature; indeed of all Bach's vocal works, the motets are the only category that continued in an unbroken tradition of performance from the composer's time to the present day.

Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf, BWV 226, was written for the funeral of the veteran headmaster of the Thomasschule (where Bach worked as a somewhat reluctant schoolmaster), Johann Heinrich Ernesti, which took place in the University Church of St. Paul on October 16, 1729, exactly 287 years ago today. The motet is cast in three main sections: the text of the first two comes from the longest of the Pauline Epistles, the Letter to the Romans; the final section is the third stanza of Martin Luther's Pentecost chorale, *Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott* (which also forms the basis of today's organ voluntaries).

The work opens with a dancing, airy, melismatic figure that surrounds the listener with the comfort and aid of the Holy Spirit; Bach exploits the antiphonal possibilities of the double-choir formation to great dramatic effect. "Denn wir wissen nicht" is appropriately portrayed through the staggered entrances of the choirs; the affect changes on the words "sondern der Geist," where more angular and broken up lines represent the "unutterable sighs." The choirs unite for a confident and affirming fugue, "Der aber die Herzen," full of optimism and fortitude, and the work closes with Bach's gorgeous setting of Luther's chorale.

The chorale prelude—a liturgical composition based on an existing melody—figures prominently in Bach's oeuvre, and his collection of Leipzig Chorale Preludes (known as the *Great Eighteen*) shows this compositional form at its zenith. The postlude is a fantasia for *organo pleno* also based on *Komm, heiliger Geist*; the ecstatic, energetic sixteenth-notes in the manuals continue uninterrupted throughout the work as the pedal declaims the chorale theme in thundering long notes. The prelude, by Danish-German Baroque organist Dieterich Buxtehude, uses Luther's same hymn as the basis for a decorated melody.

USHERING AND READING SIGN-UP

Ushers and lesson readers play a vital role in worship services for the Memorial Church. If you are interested in ushering or reading, please add your name and e-mail to the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table. We would love to have you join us!

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 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church.

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