# **HARVARD**

The Memorial Church



# Order of Worship

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020 11 am

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### PRELUDE

Marche religieuse (publ. 1881)

Eugène Gigout(1844-1925)

#### **HYMN**

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

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. 9, "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

Lauda anima

#### **GREETING & THE PEACE**

#### 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." Give online at https://memorialchurch. harvard.edu/donate.

Jubilate Deo (1971–72)

William Walton (1902–1983)

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.1

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm 100 (The Great Bible) with Gloria Patri

#### DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and sings.

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 Exodus 33: 12–23

from the New Revised Standard Version (OT)

#### ANTHEM

Festival Te Deum, Op. 32 (1944)

Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)

We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens, and all the powers therein.

To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry,

Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth!

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles, praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets, praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs, praise thee.

The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;

The Father of an infinite majesty;

Thine honorable, true, and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost, the comforter.

Thou art the king of glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,

Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee;

And we worship thy name ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

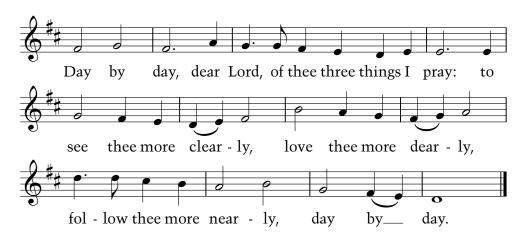
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded.

Attributed to Nicetas of Remesiana (ca. 335–414) English translation by Thomas Cranmer (1489–1556)

#### PRAYER HYMN

The congregation remains seated.



#### 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.

#### **SERMON**

Whose Image is This?

Text: "Then he said to them, 'So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

#### **HYMN**

No. 285, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

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#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

Toccata (publ. 1890)

Eugène Gigout

#### **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, October 18, 2020

#### WELCOME

Today is the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Matthew Potts PhD '13, Affiliated Minister in the Memorial Church, Associate Professor of Religion and Literature and of Ministry Studies, Harvard Divinity School. The service is led by Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School, the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church, and the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. You will also hear the voices of some of the family members and friends for whose help with the liturgy we are most grateful. The first lesson is read by Kayla Manning '22, Student Advisory Board. The second lesson is read by Joey Hsia '23, Student Deacon. The music for this Sunday's service is provided by Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster. The offertory and anthem are taken from archival service recordings of the Harvard University Choir. The prelude and postlude this morning were recorded on the organ at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska this past week by David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

## **MUSIC NOTES**

Benjamin Britten is widely regarded as one of the foremost composers of English church music in the twentieth century. *The Festival Te Deum*—a fourth-century hymn of praise usually attributed to Saints Ambrose and Augustine, and traditionally sung at the end of the Office of Matins—was written in 1944 to celebrate the centenary of St. Mark's Church, Swindon. Unlike most settings of the Trinitarian text—which are jubilant and exultant—Britten's work begins and ends in a peaceful, contemplative fashion. At the outset, the voices sing a chant-like figure that is rhythmically independent of the organ, which sustains a series of ethereal chords. The central section is lively and colorful, with an antiphonal use of choir and organ; Britten reads the closing line "Let me never be confounded," as an introverted plea, and sets it for a single, haunting voice.

Sir William Walton was a chorister at Christ Church, Oxford, and over the course of his life he created a corpus of sacred music that includes some of the finest works in the Anglican canon; *Jubilate Deo* is an ebullient setting of the well-known Canticle.

French organist and composer Eugéne Gigout was a student of Camille Saint-Saëns and worked as organist of Paris's Saint-Augustin Church for 62 years. Characterized by its sumptuous, majestic harmonies, the *Marche religieuse* begins with a lyrical opening motif and grows in harmonic complexity and dynamic before bursting into a restatement of the opening theme with a full organ registration. One of Gigout's most well-known works, the *Toccata in B minor* is filled with brilliant flourishes and figurations.

## ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCES

November 1st marks the observance of the celebration of All Saints and All Souls. It is the tradition of the Memorial Church to remember on this day those who have died in the past year who have been significant in some way in the lives of members of this community. If you wish someone to be remembered, please complete the form on our website. The names of those to be remembered will be listed in the Order of Worship on November 1st. All requests must be received no later than 5:00pm on Tuesday, October 27.

## STUDENT DEACON PROGRAM

Student Deacons is an ecumenical Christian program involving both undergraduate and graduate students. Students explore spiritual development and leadership formation within a supportive and caring faith community. To learn more, contact Student Program Fellow, Lara Glass (lara\_glass@harvard.edu) and Ministry Fellow, Rev. Westley (Wes) Conn (westley\_conn@harvard.edu).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of age three through sixteen. All classes are held during Sunday services in the Fall and Spring Terms from 10:00–10:45am. To register and learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website.

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 and continues next Sunday, October 25, 9:30–10:30am with the Rabbi Jonah C. Steinberg, Executive Director and Harvard Chaplain, Harvard Hillel. We implemented a new registration method for our Fall Term programs. To participate, please visit the Faith and Life Forum page on our website.

Contact Ministry Fellow, Rev. Westley (Wes) Conn (westley\_conn@harvard.edu) to learn more about opportunities for faith formation.

## **INSTAGRAM LIVE**

Join us on Instagram Live for a brief reflection on a practice on Thursdays at 7:00pm, beginning on September 3. Be sure to follow us @memchurch!

## PRACTICING HOPE READING GROUP

You are warmly invited to join the Practicing Hope Book Group, which meets once a month, on Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00pm. Our gatherings will conclude for the semester on November 18; we will discuss Howard Thurman's *Disciplines of the Spirit*. We implemented a new registration method for our Fall Term programs. To register, please visit the Calendar on our website.

## DAILY NEWSLETTER

In our daily newsletter, we share the meditations, music, spiritual practices, and prayers of our far-flung community. This is also the way to receive the most up to date information about the communal and worship life of the Memorial Church. If you would like to receive our newsletter, please subscribe on our website.

## MEMCAFÉ

Held virtually on Wednesday mornings from 9:30–10:15am from September 9 to December 2. Sit down at your computer or mobile device with your morning coffee and gather with us over Zoom. Each week as we check in with one another, we invite you to share a 1-2 sentence quote that has been grounding for you. Everyone is welcome! We are implementing a new registration method for our Fall Term programs. To register, please visit the Calendar on our website.

#### WORSHIP

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-First Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be the Rabbi Jonah C. Steinberg, Executive Director and Harvard Chaplain, Harvard Hillel.

para. of Psalm 100 William Kethe, 1561, alt. OLD HUNDREDTH LM Genevan Psalter, 1551



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stanzas 2-3: trans. William Williams, c. 1774

