

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE KNAFEL CENTER

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 23, 2016

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Recollection (Soliloquy No. 2) (2000)

David Conte (b. 1955)

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 - jice.
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

O Be Joyful in the Lord (page 8)

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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 -



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

OFFERTORY

The offering collected goes directly to fund the grant 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 hall.

Psalm 65:1-2, 5-14 *Te decet hymnus*

chant by Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

Sung by the choir

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion;
and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer,
unto thee shall all flesh come.

Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation;
thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains;
and is girded about with power.
Who stilleth the raging of the sea,
and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the peoples.
They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens,
thou that makest the outgoing of the morning and evening to praise thee.
Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it;
thou makest it very plenteous.
The river of God is full of water:
thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.
Thou waterest her furrows; thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof;
thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.
Thou crownest the year with thy goodness;
and thy clouds drop fatness.
They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness;
and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.
The folds shall be full of sheep;
the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

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

Joel 2:23–32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall

prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

ANTHEM

Speak, Lord for Thy Servant Hearth (1972)

Stephen Stucky (1949–2016)

Speak, Lord, for thy servant hearth.

Grant us ears to hear,

Grant us eyes to see,

Grant us wills to obey,

Grant us hearts to love;

Then declare what thou wilt,

Reveal what thou wilt,

Command what thou wilt,

Demand what thou wilt. Amen.

Christina Rossetti (1830–1894)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 18:9–14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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.

ANTHEM

Prayer of St. Theresa (1995)

David Conte

Let nothing disturb thee,
Nothing affright thee;
All things are passing;
God never changeth;
Patient endurance
Attaineth to all things;
Who God possesseth
In nothing is wanting;
Alone God sufficeth.

Teresa of Ávila (1515–1582); translation by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807–1882)

SERMON

When We Draw a Line

HYMN

O Love of God, How Strong and True (page 10)

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The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue No. 1, Op. 913 (2011)

Carson P. Cooman '04 (b. 1982)


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.

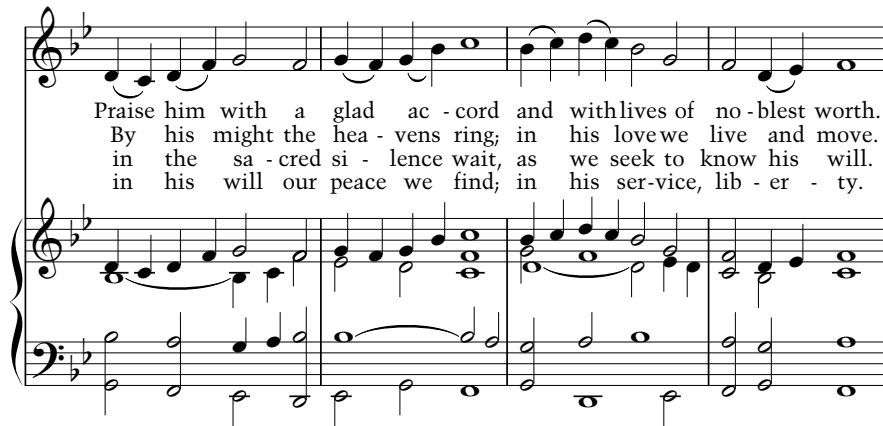
O Be Joyful in the Lord

para. of Psalm 100
Curtis Beach, 1958, alt.

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Harold W. Friedell, 1958



1 O be joy - ful in the Lord! Sing be - fore him, all the earth!
2 Know ye that the Lord is King! All his works his wis - dom prove!
3 En - ter now his ho - ly gate; let our bur - dened hearts be still;
4 For the Lord our God is kind, and his love shall con - stant be;



Praise him with a glad ac - cord and with lives of no - blest worth.
By his might the hea - vens ring; in his love we live and move.
in the sa - cred si - lence wait, as we seek to know his will.
in his will our peace we find; in his ser - vice, lib - er - ty.



Through - out ev - ery land, hum - bly now be - fore him stand!
By him we are made, so we trust him un - a - fraid.
Let our lives ex - press our a - bun - dant thank - ful - ness;
Yea, his law is sure; in his light we walk se - cure;

Raise your voice and re - joice in the boun - ty of his hand.
Stand - ing fast to the last, by his hand our lives are stayed.
all our days, all our ways, shall our Fa - ther's love con - fess.
ev - er - more, as of yore, shall his change-less truth en - dure.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The piano accompaniment is written on two staves, a grand staff with a treble and bass clef, also in two flats. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The music is in a common time signature (C) and ends with a double bar line.

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O Love of God, How Strong and True

Horatius Bonar, 1861

DE TAR LM
Calvin Hampton, 1970

1 O love of God, how strong and true,
(2 O wide-em-brac-ing, won-drous) Love,
(3 We read thee best in him who) came
(4 We read thy power to bless and) save

e - ter - nal and yet ev - er new;
we read thee in the sky a - bove;
to bear for us the cross of shame.
e'en in the dark-ness of the grave;

un-com-pre-hend-ed and un-bought,
we read thee in the earth be - low,
sent by the Fa-ther from on high,
still more in re-sur-rec-tion light

The musical score consists of three systems. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major/D minor) and the time signature is 7/8. The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the final four lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

be - yond all knowl - edge and all
 in seas that swell and streams that
 our life to live, our death to
 we read the full - ness of thy

1.2.3.

thought.
 flow.
 die.
 might.

2 O wide-em-bracing, won-drous
 3 We read thee best in him who
 4 We read thy power to bless and

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 23, 2016

WELCOME

Today is the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. The service is led by the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church; and Patrick Jackson '92, MDiv III. The first lesson is read by Karen-Alexandra Nogues '18. The second lesson is read by Anna Lea Albright '17. 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. The offering is bid by Jim Lawson, MDiv '72, Grants Committee Co-Chair.

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 24 – 28, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Timothy P. McCarthy; Tuesday: Katie Steele, Ed.M. '02;

Wednesday: Robin J. Warrington; Thursday: Rosalyn LaPier; Friday: Leon Welch

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: TODAY

Today, 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

This morning's music celebrates the rich tapestry of contemporary American Church music. Steven Stucky was a Pulitzer Prize winning composer who wrote commissioned works for most of the major American symphony orchestras, and taught composition at Cornell and Juilliard; his untimely death in February 2016 was a tragic loss for the American musical world. *Speak Lord, for Thy Servant Heareth* is a setting of words by Christina Rossetti that shows several sides of Stucky's compositional voice, including a beautiful lyricism.

David Conte studied with Steven Stucky at Cornell, and is Professor of Composition at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. One of America's foremost composers, Dr. Conte's *An Exhortation* was performed during the inauguration of President Obama in 2009; and the Harvard University Choir premiered *A Bell* during the 101st Annual Christmas Carol Services in December 2010. *Prayer of St. Theresa* is a slow-moving and meditative setting of a text by the sixteenth-century Carmelite nun, mystic, and writer, St. Teresa of Ávila, in a translation by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The prelude is Conte's elegiac *Recollection*.

The postlude is by the Memorial Church's Composer-in-Residence Carson Cooman. Written for the 2011 Boston Pipe Organ Encounter, it is the first of a set of nine preludes and fugues. It is dedicated to local organist and composer James Woodman.

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 wbrb.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-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church.

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