

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Commemoration of Benefactors and of the War Dead

Sunday, November 10, 2019
11 am

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

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PRELUDE

Psalm Prelude (after Psalm 34:6 “Lo, the poor crieth”),
Op. 32, No. 1 (1915)

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

INTROIT

Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love (1955)
Sing, my soul, His wondrous love,
Who, from yon bright throne above,
Ever watchful over our race,
Still to man extends His grace.

Ned Rorem (b. 1923)

God, the merciful and good,
Bought us with the Savior’s blood,
And, to make our safety sure,
Guides us by His spirit pure.

Heaven and earth by Him were made,
All is by His scepter swayed;
What are we that He should show
So much love to us below?

Sing, my soul, adore His name;
Let His glory be thy theme:
Praise Him till He calls thee home,
Trust His love for all to come.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

No. 1, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”
The congregation standing

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. 88, "O Lord of Life, Whose Power Sustains"

Armistice

The congregation standing

GREETING AND THE PEACE

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

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." Ushers will begin collection from the back of the church.

Psalm 84 *Quam dilecta!*

Chant by Hubert Parry (1848–1918)

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young;
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be always praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well;
and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength, and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our defender, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence; the Lord will give grace and worship;
and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts, blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

DOXOLOGY

Sung by the congregation, standing

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

Job 19:23–27

Pew Bible, page 431 (OT)

ANTHEM

Te Deum (“Collegium Regale”) (1944)

Herbert Howells

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 cherubin and seraphin continually do cry,

Holy! 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)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 20:27-38

Pew Bible, page 73 (NT)

PRAYER 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

Here follow the several prayers of the day.

FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD

O God, you have taught us that the world and all that is in it is yours; hear us, we pray, as we plead for the peace of the world. Grant that all nations may seek the ways that lead to peace, and that the dignity of your creation be upheld. Encourage us to share what we have, and embolden us to pursue and protect that peace which passes all human understanding, for the sake of Jesus Christ who is our peace. Amen.

FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

Grant, O Lord, to all students and scholars, that they may love that which is worth loving, know that which is worth knowing, praise that which is worthy of praise, and seek that which is worth finding. Endow this life of the mind with courage, discernment, modesty, and grace; and in the search for that truth which sets us free, grant us the wisdom which is found most perfectly in you. Amen.

FOR THIS UNIVERSITY CHURCH

O God of memory and of hope, make the doors of this Memorial Church wide enough to receive all who seek human fellowship and divine love, and narrow enough to shut out all envy, malice, and pride. Here may the tempted find help, the sorrowful find comfort, the fearful courage. Here may the indifferent be awakened to new purpose, and the penitent assured of mercy. And here, may all your children renew their strength and go on their way in hope and joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

God of the Living and the Memory of the Dead

Text: "Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive." *Luke 20:38*

THE ACT OF COMMEMORATION

The congregation standing, the minister shall then say:

Let us remember before God and commend to God's keeping, those who gave their lives that others might live in peace. We honor them, we mourn their deaths, and we remember the grief of those who loved them. Let us also remember the generosity they inspired in others, including those who have offered talent and treasure to support the life of this community and extend its reach beyond these walls. May we too live generously and serve faithfully, making of our labor, our creativity, and our longing for peace and freedom for all an offering to the God who created the world and called it good. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

The bell tolls "In memory of voices that are hushed."

MOMENT OF SILENCE

This church was dedicated in 1932 to the memory of the Harvard dead of World War I, and now contains memorials of the dead of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the graduates of Radcliffe College who died in World War I. We also remember today all those who served this church and built this community, who have gone before us. Let us observe a moment of silence in their memory, while a wreath of laurel is placed in the Memorial Room.

HYMN

No. 327, "God the Omnipotent! King, Who Ordainest"

Russian Hymn

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Allegro maestoso” from *Sonata in G major*, Op. 28 (1895)

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

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, November 10, 2019

WELCOME

Today is the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost and the Commemoration of Benefactors and of the War Dead. The preacher is the Rev. Dr. Matthew Potts, Associate Professor of Religion and Literature and of Ministry Studies, Harvard Divinity School; Veteran, United States Navy. The worship leaders are Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School, the Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church, KMarie Tejada MDiv II, Seminarian in the Memorial Church, and Grace Killian MDiv III, Seminarian in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by David Chung '22. The second lesson is read by Nate Twining '20. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir, under the direction of Edward E. Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster, and David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster. We particularly wish to welcome members of the Harvard Reserve Officers' Training Corps and thank them for their contribution to the service today.

Our "Baby Oasis" is available for young children and infants in the lower level of the church. Parents and their children are welcome to use the respite space during worship. Audio from the service streams in the Baby Oasis.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance.

MORNING PRAYERS

Monday: Thomas Todd; Tuesday: Getzel Davis; Wednesday: Jarred Batchelor-Hamilton MDiv II; Thursday: LaTosha Brown; Friday: Euan Tait

ORGAN AND FLUTE RECITAL

On Monday, November 25 at 7:30 pm, Anna Meyer, flute and Erik Meyer, organ will present a recital of music for flute and organ duo by American composers, including pieces by Carson Cooman, Kile Smith, Parker Kitterman, and others. Admission is free and all are welcome.

ORGAN RECITAL

On Friday, November 22 at 7:30 pm, the Boston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present award-winning concert organist Caroline Robinson in a recital on the organs of the Memorial Church. Admission is free and all are welcome.

HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL FILM SERIES

"The Politics of the Unseen: Exploring the Moral Imagination" continues on Monday, November 11, 3:00–6:00, with a screening of "The Biggest Little Farm" in the Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts. All are welcome.

PILGRIMAGE READING GROUP

The Pilgrimage Reading Group will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 13 in the Seminar Room of the Student Oasis, 7:00–8:30 pm. We will discuss Matsuo Basho, *The Narrow Road to the Deep North and Other Travel Sketches* (Penguin edition). All are welcome!

WILLIAM BELDEN NOBLE LECTURES

The 2019–2020 William Belden Noble Lecturer in Residence, the Rev. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock, will deliver four lectures over the course of the academic year. The next lecture will take place on Wednesday, November 20 at 7 pm. A national voice on social justice issues such as voting rights and criminal justice, Warnock is Senior Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, the spiritual home of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. All lectures will take place in the Memorial Church Sanctuary and are free and open to the public.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER AT MEMCHURCH

Let us offer to God a sacrifice of silence! In our new weekly prayer group, we will explore the rich history of Christian contemplation, and practice praying contemplatively together. Whether you are totally new to this practice or a contemplative veteran, you are most welcome to come rest in God's presence with us! Wednesdays from 3–4 pm in the Seminar Room off of the Student Oasis. For more information, please contact Aidan Stoddart '21 (aidanstoddart@college.harvard.edu).

FAITH FORMATION

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. To register and learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website.

For adults in the MemChurch community, 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 in the Buttrick Room from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Speakers include scholars, pastors, and other public figures whose work enhances our awareness of the pivotal role religion plays across space and time.

To learn about upcoming speakers, please visit the Faith & Life Forum page on our website. The Forum will continue next Sunday, November 17 with Angela Eichhorst '22. To learn about upcoming speakers, please visit the Faith & Life Forum page on our website.

Contact Ministry Fellow, Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) for more information about faith formation at MemChurch.

MUSIC NOTES

This morning's service of remembrance and commemoration begins in the Memorial Room, whose centerpiece *Sacrifice*—by the American sculptor and author Malvina Hoffman—pays tribute to Harvard's First World War dead. Pulitzer prize-winning American composer Ned Rorem studied at the Curtis Institute of Music and the Juilliard School before moving to France to study with Arthur Honegger. "Sing, My Soul" is one of Rorem's most famous choral works: composed in the South of France in the summer of 1955, it is a setting of an 1841 hymn that is treated to the composer's signature harmonic language.

Herbert Howells was born in Gloucestershire, England, and studied with Sir Charles Villiers Stanford and Charles Wood at the Royal College of Music. He was the most important English composer of the generation to succeed Elgar, Vaughan Williams, and Holst, and his contribution to the renaissance of English choral music in the twentieth century is unparalleled. In 1941 Howells was appointed Acting Organist of St. John's College, Cambridge, and in 1944 he composed his famous morning and evening Canticles for King's College, Cambridge (the *Collegium Regale* service). Unlike some of the later choral works, the *Te Deum* is optimistic throughout; the rich, unison opening, in the sonorous key of E-flat major, sets the tone for the whole, which includes moments of repose and contemplation, as well as a rousing conclusion.

Howells's first set of Psalm-Preludes was written between 1915 and 1916, each work offering a musical reflection on a particular psalm verse. The first prelude is based upon the sixth verse of Psalm 34 and is dedicated to Sir Walter Parratt, Sir Hubert Parry's successor as Professor of Music at Oxford University. A composer of symphonies, concertos and chamber music, Sir Edward Elgar is, nevertheless, best remembered for his oratorios and church music. His first *Sonata for Organ* was the result of a commission from Hugh Blair, organist of Worcester Cathedral, for a work to be performed at a convention of visiting American organists in 1895. Elgar delivered the work to Blair only three days before the occasion, leading to an apparently underwhelming world premiere. Today's postlude is the sonata's opening movement, which juxtaposes a grand, sweeping first subject with a calm, lyrical second theme, and a development section full of intricate counterpoint.

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 Rev. Cornell Williams Brooks, Professor of the Practice of Public Leadership and Social Justice and Director of The William Monroe Trotter Collaborative for Social Justice, Harvard Kennedy School.

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