

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Commemoration of the War Dead  
November 12, 2023, 11 am

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### PRELUDE

Elegy (1944)

*George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)*

### INTROIT

A Remembrance (2017)

*Simon Beattie (b. 1975)*

### HYMN

No. 1, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”  
*The congregation stands and sings*

*Old Hundredth*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 36 & Lamentations 3*

*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:* The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
God’s mercies never come to an end;

*People:* They are new every morning;  
great is God’s faithfulness.

### 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. 210, “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”  
*The congregation stands and sings*

*St. Anne*

## THE PEACE AND GREETINGS

*Minister:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

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

## OFFERTORY

*Your offering supports the work of the Memorial Church, especially our ministries to students and to our neighbors in need through the Grants Committee. Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church. You may also donate online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>*

Psalm 84 *Quam dilecta!*

*Sung by the choir*

*Chant by C. Hubert H. Parry (1848–1918)*

## DOXOLOGY

*The congregation stands and sings.*

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

Amos 5:18–24

*Pew Bible, page 807 (OT)*

## ANTHEM

Blessed City, Heavenly Salem (1914)

*Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)*

## SECOND LESSON

Matthew 25:1–13

*Pew Bible, page 24 (NT)*

## ANTHEM

Beati quorum via, Op. 38, No. 3 (ca. 1892)

*Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)*

## 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.

## PRAYER RESPONSE

*The congregation remains seated.*



Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

## SERMON

*The Rev. Matthew Ichibashi Potts*

## THE PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

*The congregation standing*

*Minister:* Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,

*People:* where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

*Minister:* You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth we shall return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*People:* Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

*Minister:* Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend the souls of your servants in whose memory this church has been dedicated, those beloved members of this university community who have lost their lives in war. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, these sheep of your own fold, these lambs of your own flock, these children of your own redeeming. Embrace them now and always into the arms of your mercy, bestow upon them the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and number them forever among the glorious company of the saints in light.

*People:* 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 to the dead of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the graduates of Radcliffe College who died in World War I. As we give thanks for those who founded this church in loving memory of the lost, we observe a moment of mournful silence for the war dead, and place a wreath of laurel in the Memorial Room in commemoration.*

## HYMN

No. 88, “O Lord of Life, Whose Power Sustains”

*Armistice*

*The congregation stands and sings*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Remembering, Op. 981 (2012)

*Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)*

## TODAY'S SERVICE

Additional information about today's service, music notes, and the texts of the anthems are available from our website at [memorialchurch.harvard.edu/service-and-music-notes](http://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/service-and-music-notes) or by scanning the following QR code.



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