

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE KNAFEL CENTER

Commemoration of Benefactors and of the War Dead

Sunday, November 13, 2016

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on “St. Anne” (1911–12)

Hubert Parry (1848–1918)

INTROIT

“There Is an Old Belief” from Songs of Farewell (1916)

Hubert Parry

There is an old belief,
That on some solemn shore,
Beyond the sphere of grief
Dear friends shall meet once more.

Beyond the sphere of Time
And Sin, and Fate’s control,
Serene in changeless prime
Of body and of soul.

That creed I fain would keep.
That hope I’ll ne’er forgo.
Eternal be the sleep,
If not to waken so.

John Gibson Lockhart (1794–1854)

HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (page 9)

St. Anne

The congregation standing

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

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 84 *Quam dilecta!*

chant by Hubert Parry

Sung by the choir

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 in 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 defense;
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 creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

ANTHEM

Great Is the Lord, Op. 67 (1910–12)

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness;
Beautiful in elevation—the joy of the whole earth—is mount Zion,

on the sides of the north, the city of the great king.

God hath made himself known in her palaces for a refuge.

For lo! The kings assembled themselves, they passed by together;

The saw, then were they amazed; they were dismayed, they hasted away;

Trembling took hold of them there—pain, as of a woman in travail,

As with the east wind that breaketh the ships of Tarshish.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God:

God will establish it forever.

We have thought on thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple:

As is thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth;

thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let mount Zion be glad, let the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of thy judgments;

Walk about Zion and go round about her, tell the towers thereof,

Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following.

For this God is our God forever and ever; he will be our guide even unto death. Amen.

Psalm 48 (KJV alt.)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 21:5–19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

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.”

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.

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.

FOR THIS UNIVERSITY CHURCH COMMUNITY

O God of memory and hope, may the doors of this church be 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.

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.

HYMN

O Lord of Life, Whose Power Sustains (page 10)

Armistice

The congregation standing

SERMON

Good News Beyond Election Day

HYMN

God the Omnipotent! King, Who Ordainest (page 12)

Russian Hymn

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Poco allegro” from *Vesper Voluntaries*, Op. 14, No. 8 (1889)

Edward Elgar

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.

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

para. of Psalm 90
Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

ST. ANNE CM
William Croft, 1708

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come, our
2 Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure; suf -
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame, from
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone, short

shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

O Lord of Life, Whose Power Sustains

John Russell Darbyshire (1880–1948)

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Peter J. Gomes, 2002

1 O Lord of Life, whose power sus -
2 As na - ture's heal - ing through the
3 Not names en - graved in mar - ble
4 O help us in the si - lence,

tains the world un - seen no less than this— one
years re - clothes the strick - en bat - tle - fields; so
make the best me - mor - ials of the dead, but
Lord, to hear the whis - pered call of love, and

fam - i - ly in him who reigns, tri - umph - ant o - ver
mer - cy gives us joy for tears, and grief to proud re -
bur - dens shoul - dered for their sake and tasks com - ple - ted
day by day thy strength af - ford our work to do, our

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death, in bliss; to thee with thank - ful-ness we
 mem-brance yields, and mind - ful hearts are glad to
 in their stead; a brav - er faith and strong-er
 faith to prove. So be thy bless - ing rich - ly

pray for all our val - iant dead to - day.
 keep a tryst of love with them that sleep.
 prayers, de - vout - er wor-ship, no - bler cares.
 shed on our com-mun-ion with our dead.

God the Omnipotent! King, Who Ordainest

stanzas 1-2: Henry F. Chorley, 1842, alt.
stanzas 3-4: John Ellerton, 1870, alt.

RUSSIAN HYMN 11 10 11 9
Alexis F. Lvov, 1833

1 God the Om - nip - o - tent! King, who or - dain - est
2 God the All - mer - ci - ful! earth hath for - sak - en
3 God the all - right - eous One! earth hath de - fied thee;
4 God the All - prov - i - dent! earth by thy chas - tening

thun - der thy clar - ion, and light - ning thy sword,
thy ways all ho - ly, and slight - ed thy word;
yet to e - ter - ni - ty stand - eth thy word;
yet shall to free - dom and truth be re - stored;

show forth thy pit - y on high where thou reign - est:
bid not thy wrath in its ter - rors a - wak - en:
false - hood and wrong shall not tar - ry be - side thee:
through the thick dark - ness thy king - dom is has - tening:

give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 13, 2016

WELCOME

Today is the Commemoration of Benefactors and of the War Dead. The preacher is Trey Grayson '94, President & CEO of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. 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 the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. This morning we welcome ROTC cadets and thank them for their participation in today's service. The first lesson is read by David Price MDivIII. The second lesson is read by Vicky Lee MDivI. 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 Judy Sizer, Memorial Church Grants Committee.

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: NOVEMBER 14 – 18, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Jennifer S. Lerner; Tuesday: Laura S. Nasrallah MDiv '95, ThD '02;
Wednesday: Joseph William Singer '78, JD '81; Thursday: Shrestha Singh MDiv III;
Friday: Nestor Pimienta MDiv III

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.

FALL CONCERT: NOVEMBER 20

Next Sunday, November 20, at 8 p.m., the Harvard University Choir and Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra will present George Frideric Handel's oratorio *L'Allegro, Il Penseroso ed Il Moderato* in concert in Sanders Theatre in Memorial Hall. The concert will feature guest conductor Nicholas McGegan, and soloists Amanda Forsythe, Sherezade Panthaki, Aaron Sheehan, and Sumner Thompson, and is free and open to the public.

MUSIC NOTES

Sir Hubert Parry was born in Bournemouth, England, and attended Eton College and Exeter College, Oxford. A scholar as well as a composer, Parry worked for Sir Henry Groves's new *Dictionary of Music and Musicians* as an editor and contributor, and in 1883 was appointed Professor of Musical History at the Royal College of Music, London, later to become Professor of Music at Oxford University. His music was to have a profound influence on a generation of later composers, including Elgar and Vaughan Williams. Parry's six *Songs of Farewell* were written between 1916 and 1918, and are an intensely personal response to the horrors of war; the fourth of the set, "There is an old belief," is a sonorous six-voice setting of words by the Scottish poet, novelist, and biographer John Gibson Lockhart.

Sir Edward Elgar was born near Worcester in the west of England, and first made a living as a freelance musician, teacher, and conductor. His breakthrough as a composer came with the *Imperial March* (1897), and his reputation solidified with the *Enigma Variations* (1899) and *The Dream of Gerontius* (1900). Public recognition soon followed: he composed music for the coronation of King Edward VII in 1902, was awarded a knighthood in 1904, and a baronetcy in 1931. Much of the music for which Elgar is remembered today was written before the outbreak of the Great War: the war of 1914–18 deeply affected the composer and diminished his creative inspiration and energy. He would write little for the rest of his life, and few notable works, with the exception of the melancholic *Cello Concerto* of 1918–19.

Great Is the Lord is a setting of Psalm 48 and was first performed in Westminster Abbey in July 1912. The work opens with a grand statement from the tenors and basses, which leads into an ethereal answer from the upper voices, followed by a combination of both themes. There is an abrupt change of mood for the section beginning "For, lo! The kings assembled themselves" which leads into a passage of quasi-recitative at the words "As we have heard." Elgar sets the text "We have thought on Thy loving-kindness" as a lyrical baritone solo, which is followed by an undulating passage at the words "Let mount Zion be glad" before the return of the opening material heralding the work's majestic conclusion.

Parry's first set of chorale preludes, written around the same time as *Great Is the Lord*, is based on common hymns of the day. Today's prelude is based on the hymn tune *St. Anne*, the first hymn sung in today's service. Elgar's set of *Vesper Voluntaries* was written

at Oaklands, South London, where Elgar and his wife spent the winter following their marriage in May of 1889; this morning's postlude is the lilting final movement and elegiac coda of the complete work.

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 Last Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church.

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