

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Commemoration of the War Dead
November 13, 2022, 11 am

PRELUDE

Elegy (1944)

George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)

INTROIT

They Remain (2022)

Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)

for the 90th anniversary of the Memorial Church of Harvard University

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

from For the Fallen (1914), Laurence Binyon (1869–1943)

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. 88, "O Lord of Life, Whose Power Sustains"
The congregation stands and sings

Armistice

THE PEACE & GREETING

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 people here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17–25

Pew Bible, page 655 (OT)

ANTHEM

Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Refuge (1921)

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 21:5–19

Pew Bible, page 74 (NT)

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. 327, “God the Omnipotent! King, Who Ordainest”

Russian Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Elegie (1918)

C. Hubert H. Parry

TODAY’S SERVICE

Additional information about today’s service and music notes are available from our website at memorialchurch.harvard.edu/service-and-music-notes or by scanning the following QR code.



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