

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 15, 2015

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Lux Aeterna

Egil Hovland (1924–2013)

HYMN

No. 1, verses 1 & 4, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”
The congregation standing

Old Hundredth

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Come worship the Lord, who is in our midst.

People: There is no Holy One like our God.

Minister: Like Hannah of old, we raise our voices to praise the Lord of strength.

People: There is no Rock like our God.

Minister: We prepare to listen and learn with open hearts and open minds.

People: There is no Source of Knowledge like our God.

Minister: We trust that righteousness will come on the heels of God’s judgment.

People: There is no Justice like our God.

Minister: May the Son of our God lead us into faith.

People: There is no Guide like our God. Come worship the Lord, who is in our midst.

HYMN

No. 4, “For the Beauty of the Earth”
The congregation standing

Dix

INVOCATION

CONFESSION

In unison:

Rock of Salvation, you give children to the barren and strength to the feeble; you exalt the poor and lift up the needy. We praise your holy name from morning to night, yet we build walls that separate us from you, from one another, from the world, and even from ourselves. We place stumbling blocks in the way of goodness and truth. We are led astray by promises of earthly treasure. We confess our fallibility and seek solace in the mother of our joy. Teach us to pray and praise without pause, confessing hope ceaselessly. Guide us in our efforts to encourage one another, to work together for good in the world, and to prepare for the day of the Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE

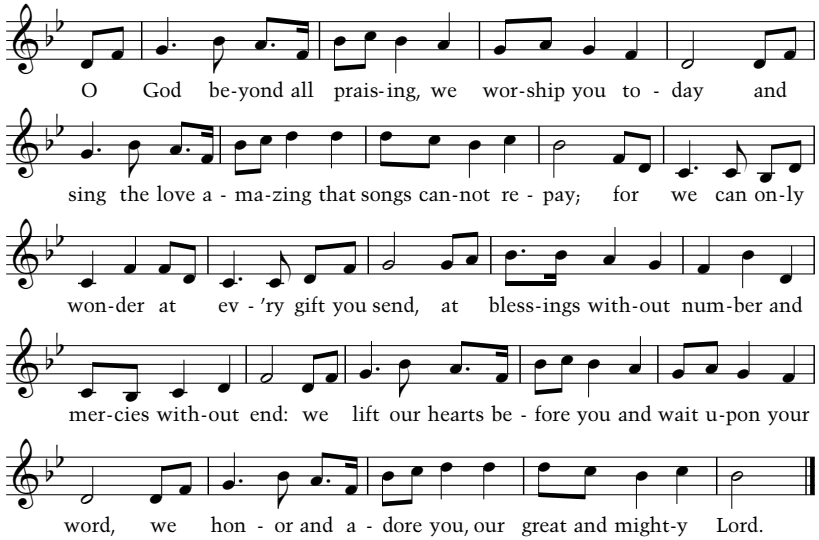
All are invited to join in the singing of Hymn No. 27, verse 1.

GREETINGS

Children now join their teachers in the Church School.

OFFERTORY

Here an offering is received for the work of the Church within and beyond the University. Ushers will begin the collection from the back of the Church forward.



O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day and
sing the love a - ma-zing that songs can-not re - pay; for we can on-ly
won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and
mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait u-pon your
word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

PSALTER

Psalms 16

Pew Bible, pages 458–459 (OT)

To be read responsively; the congregation standing

GLORIA PATRI

See Hymn No. 371

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 1:4–20

Pew Bible, pages 226–227 (OT)

ANTHEM

Morning Prayers

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

O God, early in the morning do I cry unto thee, help me to pray, and to think only of thee.
I cannot pray alone.

In me there is darkness, but with thee there is light.

I am lonely, but thou leavest me not. I am feeble in heart, but thou leavest me not.

I am restless, but with thee there is peace.

In me there is bitterness, but with thee there is patience.

Thy ways are past understanding, but thou knowest the way for me.

O heavenly Father I praise and thank thee for the peace of the night.

I praise and thank thee for this new day.

I praise and thank thee for all thy goodness and faithfulness throughout my life.

Thou hast granted me many blessings: now let me accept tribulation from thy hand.

Thou will not lay on me more than I can bear.

Thou makest all things work together for good for thy children.

Lord Jesus Christ, thou wast poor and in misery, a captive and forsaken as I am.

Thou knowest all man's distress; thou abidest with me when all others have deserted me;

Thou dost not forget me but seekest me.

Thou willest that I should know thee and turn to thee.

Lord I hear thy call and follow thee; do thou help me.

Chiefly do I remember all my loved ones, my fellow prisoners, and all who in this house perform their hard service.

Lord have mercy, restore me to liberty, and enable me so to live now that I may answer before thee and before the world.

Lord, whatever this day may bring, thy name be praised.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906–1945)

SECOND LESSON

1 Samuel 2:1–10

Pew Bible, pages 227–228 (OT)

ANTHEM

Be With Us

Egil Hovland

O be with us! The day is o'er and evening comes.
I cried upon the Lord in my need, and my prayers he heard.
I cried from the depths of hell and you heard my cry.
For you had cast me into the sea, floods did compass me about.
All your billows, all your waves, they passed over me.
I then said: From you I far am cast, never more shall I see your holy temple.
Water compassed me about:
Even to my soul: depth closed 'round me, weeds wrapped about my head.
To mountain floors I went down.
With her bars the earth was about me forever.
Yet thou hast brought up my life, O Lord from the grave.
When my soul fainted, I remembered the Lord,
And my prayer came in unto thee, to thine holy temple.
They that practice lying vanities forsake their mercy.
But I will sacrifice unto thee with songs of thanksgiving.
This have I promised.
Salvation is of the Lord.

Luke 24:29, Jonah 2:3–10

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Let us pray.
Lord, show us your love and mercy.
People: For we put our trust in you.
Minister: In you, Lord, is our hope.
People: And we shall never hope in vain.

Each time the minister says "Lord, in your mercy," the congregation will respond with "Hear our prayer."

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.

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

HYMN

No. 248, "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"
The congregation standing

Nun danket all' und bringet Ehr'

SERMON

Pregnant Pause

Text: "But Hannah answered, 'No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.'"

1 Samuel 1:15–16

HYMN

No. 312, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
The congregation standing

Nettleton

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Theme and Variations

Hendrik Andriessen (1892–1981)

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 15, 2015

WELCOME

Today is the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Alanna Copenhaver, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. The service is led by Seminarians Adam Vander Tuig MDiv III, Danny Ballon MDiv II, and Patrick Jackson MDiv II. The first lesson is read by Olumakinde Ogunnaike '17. The second lesson is read by Michelle Odonkor '18.

Liturgy adapted from *Ministry Matters* by Sara Dunning Lambert, ministrymatters.com; *Worship Ways* by Quentin Chin from the United Church of Christ, ucc.org; *Starters for Sunday* by Andrew McLellan from the Church of Scotland; *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* by the Consultation on Common Texts, lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance. Following the service, the congregation is invited to a reception in the Memorial Room.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

Prayer request cards are available in the pew card holders or in the church lobby. We would be honored to pray for your specific needs. Please place prayer request cards in the offering plate during worship services or drop them in the prayer request box in the church lobby.

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: NOVEMBER 16 – 21, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Joseph Lanzillo '16; Tuesday: Tammy McLeod; Wednesday: Barry Bloom; Thursday: Michael Goetz; Friday: Murray Forbes Somerville; Saturday: Jelani Nelson

Following each service of Morning Prayers on Wednesdays, free coffee and snacks will be available at MemCafé from 9:00–10:15 a.m. on the steps of the church across from Widener Library. All are welcome!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Memorial Church will hold a Grief Support Group for students during the Fall Term. The group will be limited to 10 participants and will meet on Wednesdays, November 18, and December 2 & 9, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in being a part of the Grief Support Group this Term, please contact the Reverend Alanna Copenhaver at alanna_copenhaver@harvard.edu or 617-496-1426.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith & Life Forum seeks to deepen our devotional lives by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency concerning communities of faith. Held every Sunday morning during the Term, the presentations take place in the Pusey Room of the Memorial Church from 9:30–10:30 a.m., but all are invited to gather for coffee and conversation at 9:00 a.m. The next Faith & Life Forum will be held on Sunday, November 22; Rabbi Dr. Jonah Chanan Steinberg, Executive Director of Harvard Hillel, will give the presentation.

HBCO 20TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

A concert in celebration of the Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra's twentieth-anniversary season, featuring the Choral Fellows, will be held on Sunday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Memorial Church. The concert is free; all are welcome.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

The Church School offers Christian education for children of ages three through twelve. Classes are held in the Buttrick Room during Sunday services and emphasize biblical themes and scripture. At the conclusion of the worship service, parents are asked to pick up their children in the Buttrick Room promptly. A committed staff of undergraduate teachers works closely with Church School Director Westley (Wes) Conn. For more information, contact Wes at westley_conn@harvard.edu.

MUSIC NOTES

Philip Moore was Organist and Master of the Music in York Minster from 1983 to 2008. *Morning Prayers* is the opening work in a collection of three settings of prayers by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the texts written at the end of the theologian's life during his incarceration by the Nazis. The piece opens with a solitary alto voice intoning a figure based around a descending half-step interval. This interval permeates the entire work and seems to represent the dichotomies presented in the text: darkness/light, restless/peace, bitterness/patience. The central section is faster and more urgent: the tension mounts during the ensuing frenzy before the solo voice returns and the work ends on the similarly ambiguous notes heard at its outset.

Egil Hovland was one of Norway's most prolific and beloved composers: he studied composition with Copland in the USA and Dallapiccola in Italy, and his music fused a variety of international styles. *Be With Us* is itself stylistically disparate: the wistful, expansive opening passage gives way to plainsong and then a vivid depiction of despair, before the initial optimistic music returns. Like so much Scandinavian music, Hovland's works concern themselves with the theme of light — or the lack thereof; this morning's prelude is a slow-moving depiction of eternal light.

Hendrik Andriessen was a Dutch composer and organist, and part of an important musical family that included the pianist Willem (his brother) and the composers Jurriaan and Louis (his sons). Hendrik was the key figure in the revival of Catholic liturgical music in the Netherlands, and was an important composer of symphonic and operatic works. His music combines a love for baroque structures and formal counterpoint with an introverted lyricism and range of color most readily associated with French music.

SUNDAY SERMONS AND MORNING PRAYERS SERVICES

ON HARVARD'S ITUNES U

Sunday sermons and weekly Morning Prayers services are available on Harvard's iTunes U in the "Religion & Spirituality" channel. From your iTunes software, search "Harvard Memorial Church" to listen on your iPod, iPhone, iPad, Mac, or PC.

STAY CONNECTED TO THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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WELCOME TABLE

Stop by the Welcome Table to learn more about our array of events, programs, and ministries. Questions are encouraged!

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Last Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be Rabbi Dr. Jonah Chanan Steinberg, Executive Director of Harvard Hillel.

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