

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023, 11 am

PRELUDE

Selections from *Six Preludes*, Op. 88 (ca. 1905)

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

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. 81, “Lord of All Hopefulness, Lord of All Joy”
The congregation stands and sings

Slane

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

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Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

Walford Davies (1869–1941)

Sung by the choir

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

Psalm 142:1–4

Pew Bible, page 542 (OT)

ANTHEM

“Magnificat” from *Service in B-flat*, Op. 10 (1879)

Charles Villiers Stanford

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Book of Common Prayer, after Luke 1:46–55

SECOND LESSON

John 5:1–9a

Pew Bible, page 83 (NT)

ANTHEM

O Pulcher, fons gratiæ (1997, rev. 2009)

Patricia Van Ness (b. 1951)

O Pulcher, fons gratiæ, cantabimus dum anima tua ad cælum in arcu surgit.

O amatus, manus tuæ oculos nostros purgaverunt atque tranquillis tramitibus duxerunt per amœnos hortos et dolorem terribilem. Amen.

O beautiful one, source of grace, we will sing as your spirit arches to the sky.

O beloved one, you have washed clean our eyes and led us on quiet paths through gardens of beauty and terrible sorrow. Amen.

English original by Patricia Van Ness

translated into sung Latin by Edward J. Vodoklys, S.J. PhD '80 (b. ca. 1950)

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

Melissa Wood Bartholomew

HYMN

No. 61, "From Glory to Glory Advancing"

The congregation stands and sings

Sheen

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festival Toccata (publ. 1915)

Percy Fletcher (1879–1932)

TODAY'S SERVICE

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