

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 21, 2021
11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Do Lord, Remember Me

André J. Thomas (b. 1952)
arr. Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)
Joe Utterback (b. 1944)

His Eye Is On the Sparrow (Sparrow Blues)

HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"
The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 36 & Isaiah 2

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: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

Minister: Come, let us set out in the light of the Lord!

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. 77, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

St. George's Windsor

THE PEACE & GREETING

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

OFFERTORY

The offering collected goes directly to fund the Memorial Church Grants Committee's recipient organizations and their important work in our local communities. Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Grants Committee." You may also donate online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>

Psalm 92:1–4, Psalm 93 *Bonum est confiteri* *Chant by George Elvey (1816–1893)*
Sung by the choir

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,
and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest;
To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning, and of thy truth in the night season;
Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute;
upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.
For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works;
and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.
The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel;
the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.
He hath made the round world so sure, that it cannot be moved.
Ever since the world began, hath thy seat been prepared: thou art from everlasting.
The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice;
the floods lift up their waves.
The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly;
but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.
Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure: holiness becometh thine house for ever.

DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

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

Psalm 132:1–12

Pew Bible, page 537 (OT)

ANTHEM

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (publ. 1996)

*African American Spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus.

SECOND LESSON

John 18:33–37

Pew Bible, page 99 (NT)

ANTHEM

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace (publ. 1977) *African American Spiritual*
arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904–1989)

Lord, we shall walk in peace.
We shall walk through the valley in peace,
If Jesus himself shall lead us.
There will be no trials there,
If Jesus himself shall lead us.
We shall walk in peace.

PRAYER HYMN

The congregation remains 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 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.

Following the Lord's Prayer, the Prayer Hymn is repeated.

SERMON

Leading in Truth

HYMN

No. 78, "For the Fruit of All Creation"

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The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In Christ, There Is No East or West

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 21, 2021

WELCOME

Today is the Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Emmanuel Akyeamong, Ellen Gurney Professor of History and Professor of African and African American Studies and Minister for Worship and Formation in the Memorial Church. The worship leaders are the Reverend Alanna Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration in the Memorial Church; the Reverend Calvin Jones, Assistant Minister in the Memorial Church; Laurie Sedgewick MDiv III; and Cheyenne Boon MDiv II. The first lesson is read by Maddie Barkate '24. The second lesson is read by Matthew Alanna '25. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir under the direction of Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster and David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

MUSIC NOTES

Moses Hogan was a gifted concert pianist, conductor, and founder of the Moses Hogan Chorale who died at a young age in 2003. He is most widely remembered for his contemporary settings of spirituals: *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* is one of his most powerful arrangements.

Undine Smith Moore taught at Virginia State University from 1927 until her retirement in 1972. She was a prolific composer of choral works, and her oratorio based on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *Scenes from the Life of a Martyr*, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. *We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace* is a simple and direct setting of the lyrical spiritual.

André J. Thomas served on the faculty of Florida State University from 1984 until his retirement in 2020 as the Owen F. Sellers Professor of Music, Director of Choral Activities, and Professor of Choral Music Education. Thomas is well-known for his choral arrangements and compositions, and in 2020, arranger and composer Douglas E. Wagner collaborated with Thomas on a series of organ solos based on some of his choral music. Joe Utterback is a jazz pianist, composer, and church musician based in Stratfield, Connecticut where he is minister of music at First Congregational Church. His unique jazz piano style draws on a lifetime of experience in the genre, combined with extensive classical training (including a doctorate in piano) and an integration of romantic and impressionist elements. Utterback's jazz-influenced, sacred compositions for pipe organ were some of the first of their kind when he began publishing in the 1980s. Dale Wood was a renowned composer, organist, and choral director, best remembered for his church music compositions. The postlude is his elaboration of the tune that Harry T. Burleigh popularized as *McKee*.

MORNING PRAYERS

Our daily service of Morning Prayers takes place at 8:30 am. Monday: Calvon Jones; Tuesday: Anna Burnham MDiv '20; Wednesday: No Service; Thursday: No Service; Friday: No Service

THE 112TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

The 112th Annual Christmas Carol Services will be held in the Memorial Church Sanctuary on Sunday, December 12 at 5 pm, and on Tuesday, December 14 at 8 pm. Tickets will be available through the Harvard Box Office beginning December 1. The service is free, but seating is limited. Doors will open an hour prior to each service. The wellbeing of our community remains our primary commitment. All attendees must be masked. All attendees will be asked to present their Harvard ID at the door, or show proof of vaccination, or show a proof of negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours. In addition, all attendees must attest to their current health status.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The wellbeing of our visitors, students, and staff remains our top commitment at the Memorial Church. Harvard University continues to closely monitor the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and it is an ever-changing situation.

We are taking important steps to protect against COVID-19. We grateful for your assistance helping us to take these precautionary measures to prevent the spread of infection and to prioritize the wellbeing of our community, especially the most vulnerable in our midst.

We ask that all visitors, students, and staff abide by the following:

- All individuals will be masked indoors.
- All individuals/households will attest to the state of their health upon arrival. Individuals will be asked to leave if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and/or exhibiting symptoms with COVID-19.
- All individuals will refrain from public consumption of food and beverage indoors.

Please review the latest guidance for on-campus activity before attending services or other events on campus. Seating with physical distancing is available.

Guidance may be subject to additions and changes based upon the distribution of the disease and local disease dynamics. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this time.

Things are a bit different. Some of the details of our worship life have been altered to accommodate pandemic restrictions. Some of our programming has been adjusted to keep everyone safe. But what we hope you find entirely familiar is the love and openness and welcome with which we hope to fill our church each day.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith & Life Forum of the Memorial Church explores matters of faith and public life. The Forum takes place in the Buttrick Room in the lower level of the Memorial Church from 9:30–10:30 am on Sundays. Each week we explore themes such as love, justice, suffering, and salvation in relation to the world in which we live. We learn from scholars and practitioners of religion, religious intellectuals, writers, activists, and artists whose work captures conceptions of the sacred and wrestles with the mysterious dimensions of life. All are welcome to join. Participants will need to register and attest to their health in order to participate in the weekly forum gatherings. There is both a virtual and in-person component. Please visit our website to learn more.

CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of age three through sixteen. All classes are held during Sunday Services in the Fall and Spring Terms. To participate in the Church School program, parents or guardians need to register their children, and to attest to the state of their children's health weekly. Please visit our website to learn more or email Assistant Minister, Calvin Jones (*calvon_jones@harvard.edu*), with any questions.

The Rev. Jones and the Church School team are excited to announce the launch of our newly designed MemChurch School digital platform. Our children and families will have access to fun, exciting, and educational episodes, steeped in stories of love and humanity. Take a virtual journey to a digital place where the Bible comes to life. You can find episodes at: <https://bit.ly/3iUtEWW>

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a way to get more involved with the Memorial Church? Student Deacons might be the answer! Student Deacons is a volunteer, ecumenical Christian program involving both undergraduate and graduate students. Their service involves a ministry of hospitality and welcome during Sunday services and in the wider MemChurch community. If you're looking for a new opportunity for spiritual growth, please contact Student Program Coordinator, Anna Burnham (*anna_burnham@harvard.edu*), for more information!

PBHA STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

The Phillips Brooks House Association is seeking student volunteers who will be in the Cambridge area anytime between November 24–November 28 and December 19–January 23 for assistance at the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter and Y2Y. For more information, contact: bsbs.volunteer@gmail.com and volunteer@y2yharvardsquare.org

SUPPER AT SPARKS HOUSE

Colette and Matt Potts would like to invite vaccinated members of the congregation to join them for small group, casual suppers at Sparks House over the coming months. If you would like to gather with Colette, Matt, and a few other Memorial Churchgoers for conversation and fellowship, please contact Elizabeth Montgomery (*elizabeth_montgomery@harvard.edu*). As Elizabeth gathers names, we will begin scheduling suppers to match the Potts' and others' schedules over the coming months.

STUDENT OASIS

The Student Oasis in the lower level of the Memorial Church is a tranquil and relaxing space for study, for meeting friends and fellow students, even cooking a favorite meal in the full-service kitchen. Located in the heart of Harvard Yard, the Oasis is open daily to Harvard students during the academic term. For more information and the hours of operation, visit <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/studentoasis>

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 First Sunday of Advent. The preacher is the Right Reverend Carol Gallagher, Canon for the Central Region, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.

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