

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

November 22, 2020

11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Meditation Suite (2018)

Marianne Kim (b. 1970)

HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Old Hundredth

See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

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"

St. George's Windsor

See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

GREETING & THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

The offering collected goes directly to fund the Memorial Church Grants Committee's recipient organizations and their important work in our local communities. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Grants Committee." Give online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>.

Lovely Vine

Behold a lovely vine
Here in this desert ground;
The blossoms shoot and promise fruit
And tender grapes are found.

Its circling branches rise
And shade the neighboring lands;
With lovely charms she spreads her arms
With clusters in her hands.

This city can't be hid,
It's built upon a hill;
The dazzling light it shines so bright
It doth the valleys fill.

Jeremiah Ingalls (1764–1838)

Ye trees which lofty stand,
And stars with sparkling light;
Ye Christians hear both far and near,
'Tis joy to see the sight.

Shall feeble nature sing,
And man not join the lays?
With lofty voice proclaim the joys
And join in songs of praise!

Glory to God on high,
For his redeeming grace;
The blessed dove came from above
To save our ruined race.

from Divine Hymns (1800), edited by Joshua Smith

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

Ezekiel 34: 11–16, 20–24

from the New Revised Standard Version (OT)

ANTHEM

We Plow the Fields (ca. 1970)

Calvin Hampton

We plow the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.*

He only is the maker of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.

We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food:
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts,
But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts.

Matthias Claudius (1740–1815), trans. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817–1878))

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 25: 31–46

from the New Revised Standard Version (NT)

PRAYER HYMN

The congregation remains seated.



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

What Really Matters

HYMN

No. 5, “Now Thank We All Our God”

Nun danket alle Gott

See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Do, Lord (2020)

Marianne Kim

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 22, 2020

WELCOME

Today is the Last Sunday after Pentecost and Christ the King Sunday. The preacher is Wilson Hood MDiv '19, Spiritual Care Resident at Massachusetts General Hospital. The service is led by Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School, and the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church. You will also hear the voices of some of the family members and friends with whom we are sheltering and for whose help with the liturgy we are most grateful. The first lesson is read by Lauren Church '21, Student Deacon and Student Advisory Board. The second lesson is read by Maggie Beazer '20 HMS G1, Student Advisory Board. The music for this Sunday's service is provided by Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster. The offertory and anthem are taken from archival service recordings of the Harvard University Choir. The prelude and postlude this morning were recorded on the organ at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska this past week by David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

MUSIC NOTES

Jeremiah Ingalls was an important member of a group of self-taught composers active in New England during the period 1770-1820. This group created an indigenous sacred repertoire readily accessible to all, which became instantly popular amid the explosion of religious fervor at that time. Ingalls is remembered primarily for his collection of early New England folk-hymns, *The Christian Harmony* (1805), which opens with "Lovely Vine," a setting of words by Joshua Smith based on the Gospel of John.

Calvin Hampton is widely considered to be one of the most important composers of American church music in the twentieth century. He was Director of Music at Calvary Episcopal Church, New York City, from 1963 to 1983, and before his untimely death at the age of 46, he developed a unique compositional voice which is heard in his extensive catalogue of hymn-tunes and works for choir and organ; "We Plow the Fields" is his picturesque setting of the well-known harvest hymn.

Marianne Kim is an active organist and pianist in the Chicago area and appears frequently as solo performer, accompanist, and studio musician. She was the principal keyboardist for Willow Creek Community Church for more than 15 years as well as organist for the Moody Church. Kim's many compositions and arrangements draw on both classical and jazz traditions. This morning's prelude, *Meditation Suite*, is cast in three contemplative movements. Kim's setting of *Do Lord, Remember Me* is a tribute to the activist and abolitionist Julia Ward, the lyricist for this tune. The work begins with a simple statement of the tune by a solo trumpet stop before launching into an improvisatory, gospel-style treatment full of brilliant colors, key changes, and a rousing end on full organ.

INSTAGRAM LIVE

Join us on Instagram Live for a 10–15 minute reflection on a spiritual practice each Thursday at 7:00pm. Be sure to follow us *@memchurch*!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children ages three through sixteen. The Church School will not meet next Sunday, November 29. Classes will resume Sunday, December 6. All classes are held on Sundays in the Fall and Spring Terms from 10:00–10:45am. To register and learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website.

The Faith and Life Forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. The Forum is held Sunday mornings during the Fall and Spring Terms from 9:30–10:30am. The Forum will not meet next Sunday, November 29, and will resume on Sunday, December 6, with Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School. To participate, please visit the Faith and Life Forum page on our website.

Contact Ministry Fellow, Rev. Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) to learn more about opportunities for faith formation.

MEMCAFÉ

In observance of Thanksgiving, MemCafé will not meet this week, Wednesday, November 25. MemCafé will conclude for the semester on Wednesday, December 2. Sit down at your computer or mobile device with your morning coffee and gather with us over Zoom. Each week as we check in with one another, we invite you to share a 1-2 sentence quote that has been grounding for you. Everyone is welcome! We are implementing a new registration method for our Fall Term programs. To register, please visit the Calendar on our website.

WORSHIP

Sunday services are broadcast on Harvard's radio station, WHRB 95.3 FM in term; a live stream of the service is available at whrb.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 will be the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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para. of Psalm 100
William Kethe, 1561, alt.

OLD HUNDREDTH LM
Genevan Psalter, 1551

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with -
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -
4 For why? The Lord our God is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Henry Alford, 1844, alt.

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George J. Elvey, 1858

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har-vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har-vest home;

all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown;
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,
 gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;
 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear;
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bid;

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har-vest home.

Nun danket alle Gott

Martin Rinckart, 1636?

trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.

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Johann Crüger, 1647

harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840, alt.

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voi - ces, who
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us, with
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be gi - ven, the

won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joi - ces, who,
 ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us, and
 Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven, e -

from our pa - rents' arms, hath blessed us on our way with
 keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed, and
 ter - nal, tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore; for

count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.