

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Last Sunday after Pentecost
November 26, 2023, 11 am

PRELUDE

Selections from *The Saint Luke Organ Book* (2005)

Daniel Pinkham '44 (1923–2006)

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. 289, "Lead On, O King Eternal"
The congregation stands and sings

Lancashire

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 95 *Venite, exultemus*
Sung by the choir

Thomas Atwood (1765–1838)

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

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

Pew Bible, page 759 (OT)

ANTHEM

Most Glorious Lord of Life (2002)

Daniel Pinkham

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day
Didst make thy triumph over death and sin,
And having harrowed hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win:

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
And grant that we for whom thou diddest die,
Being with thy blood clean washed from sin.
May live forever in felicity:

And that thy love we, weighing worthily,
May likewise love thee for the same again:
And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,
With love one another entertain.

So let us love, dear Love, like we ought;
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Edmund Spenser (ca. 1552–1599)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 25:31–46

Pew Bible, page 25 (NT)

ANTHEM

The Appletree

Jeremiah Ingalls (1767–1838)

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green,
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

This beauty doth all things excel,
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly have I bought;
I missed of all, but now I see
Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will set and rest awhile,
Under the shadow I will be
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Richard Hutchins (fl. 1730)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

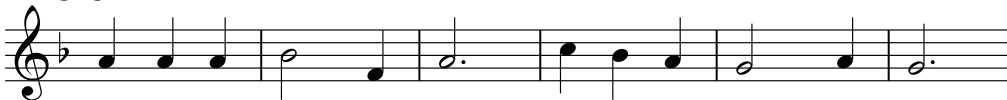
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Ichihashi Potts

HYMN

No. 235, "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

The congregation stands and sings

Duke Street

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Placare Christe servuli, Op. 18, No. 16 (1942)

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

TODAY'S SERVICE

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