



From the Pusey Minister

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Exploring the Narrative of Religion

Peace and greetings from the heart of Harvard Yard.

I recently returned from several weeks in Japan where I visited family in Akishima and Osaka and made pilgrimages to Kanazawa and Nagano. I also preached at St. Alban's Church, the English language congregation of St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral in Tokyo. The trip was exhausting and exhilarating. But now I'm back in Cambridge excited for the beginning of the fall term.

The acclaimed author and Zen Buddhist Priest Ruth Ozeki will be our Noble Lecturer in the spring, and much of our programming will help prepare us for her visit. Ruth's 2013 novel *A Tale for the Time Being* was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize, and her latest, *The Book of Form and Emptiness*, won the Women's Prize for Fiction in 2022. Because Ruth is such a masterful storyteller, we're going to spend some time thinking about narrative reading and narrative writing as they relate to religion.

Our Faith and Life forums will pursue close readings of the four gospels as narrative and literary texts. Second, Stephanie Paulsell, Harvard Divinity School professor and former minister of the Memorial Church, will convene a writing group at the church to explore our own writing as a spiritual practice.

We have a great slate of guest preachers this fall for the launch of our live stream of Sunday services on our YouTube channel. Terrence Johnson, Charles Adams Professor at the Divinity School, will visit our pulpit on Oct. 15. The Rt. Rev. Shannon MacVean-Brown, Episcopal Bishop of Vermont, will preach on Oct. 29. And Melissa Bartholomew, Associate Dean for Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging at the Divinity School will preach on Nov. 19.

The music department promises several exciting events this fall. On Sunday, Oct. 8, the Ferris Choral Fellows will present a recital of works celebrating the 100th



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anniversary of the birth of Harvard graduate Daniel Pinkham. The Harvard University Choir's fall concert will be on Sunday, Oct. 29, featuring two twentieth-century English settings of the Requiem. The Choir will also participate in a masterclass and concert with renowned choral conductor Marcus Creed as part of the Danish National Vocal Ensemble's visit on Saturday, Nov. 11. Last but not least, the 114th Annual Carols services will be held on Dec. 10 and 12.

Finally, our established weekly student programming—Queer Bible Study and Afterschool Snack at Sparks House—will resume once the fall term commences. We will also host a weekly service of Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. in Appleton Chapel. This service will be student-centered but open to all.

On behalf of all of the staff at the Memorial Church: thank you for all the ways that you have blessed this community. We are eager to welcome your blessings once again this fall, and to continue serving each of you and this wonderful community. See you soon.

With every blessing, Matt

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The Heart of Harvard Yard

WORSHIP SERVICES

A multi-denominational Protestant worship service open to all regardless of faith, serving the Harvard University community and beyond. Services are in the Memorial Church Sanctuary, are live-streamed on YouTube, and are broadcast live on Harvard's radio station, WHRB 95.3 FM, and online at whrb.org.

Sept. 3, 11 a.m. FIRST-YEAR SUNDAY

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Ph.D. '13, Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church of Harvard University, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals in the Faculty of Divinity. Anthems: William Byrd: Praise Our Lord, All Ye Gentiles; William Byrd: Mass for Four Voices.

Sept. 10, 11 a.m. THE FIRST SUNDAY OF FALL TERM

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: C. Hubert H. Parry: I Was Glad; Eurydice V. Osterman: Create in Me.

Sept. 17, 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Calvin T. Jones, Assistant Minister, the Memorial Church of Harvard University. Anthems: Daniel Pinkham: A Sound from Heaven; R. Nathaniel Dett: Don't Be Weary, Traveler.

Sept. 24, 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: David Lang: again (after ecclesiastes); Caroline Shaw: and the swallow.

Oct. 1, 11 a.m.
Preacher: Courtney Godwin MDiv '23, Interim Minister, Memorial Church of Harvard University. Anthem: William Mathias: Missa brevis, Op. 64; Olivier Messiaen: O sacrum convivium.

**Oct. 8, 11 a.m.
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY**
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: William Byrd: Magnificat (from Great Service); William Byrd: Laudibus in sanctis.

Oct. 15, 11 a.m.
Preacher: Terrence L. Johnson PhD, Charles G. Adams Professor of African American Religious Studies, Harvard Divinity School. Anthems: John Rutter: The Lord Is My Shepherd (from Requiem); Melissa Dunphy: Work.

Oct. 22, 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: Angela Kraft Cross: Your Healing Touch (world premiere, commissioned in memory of Dr. Lynne M. Reid); Will the Circle Be Unbroken.

Oct. 29, 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Shannon MacVean-Brown, Episcopal Bishop of Vermont. Anthems: Carson Cooman: A House of Prayer; Julia Perry: Ye, Who Seek the Truth.

**Nov. 5, 11 a.m.
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Calvin T. Jones. Anthems: Charles V. Stanford: Justorum animae; Herbert Howells: Selections from Requiem.

**Nov. 12, 11 a.m.
COMMEMORATION OF THE WAR DEAD**
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthem: Simon Beattie: A Remembrance; Edward Bairstow: Blessed City, Heavenly Salem; Dale Trumbore: Blessing.

Nov. 19, 11 a.m.
Preacher: Melissa Wood Bartholomew, Associate Dean of Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging and Lecturer on Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging at the Harvard Divinity School. Anthems: Peter Philips: Cantantibus organis; Henry Purcell: Soul of the World (from Hail! Bright Cecilia).

**Nov. 26, 11 a.m.
THANKSGIVING WEEKEND**
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: Daniel Pinkham: Most Glorious Lord of Life; Jeremiah Ingalls: The Appletree.

**Dec. 3, 11 a.m.
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: Hans Leo Hassler: Missa secunda; Josef Rheinberger: Rorate coeli.

**Dec. 10, 11 a.m.
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Calvin T. Jones. Anthems: Felix Mendelssohn: There Shall a Star (from Christus); Clara Schumann: Abendfeier in Venedig.

**Dec. 17, 11 a.m.
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Preacher: Courtney Godwin.

**Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
CHRISTMAS EVE**
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts.

MORNING PRAYERS

**Monday – Friday in Term, 8:30 – 8:45 a.m.
Begins Sept. 5 • Appleton Chapel**
Consisting of music, prayer, and a brief address given by a member or friend of the University, this service is a great way to start the day. Speaker schedule: memorialchurch.harvard.edu/morningprayers.

BLACK FELLOWSHIP

Oct. 1 and Nov. 12, 3 p.m.
The Love United Black Fellowship is a program of conversations, music, fellowship and worship, seeking to curate a welcoming space for persons of color in the Harvard community.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Sundays during term 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
The Church School offers Christian education classes for children ages three through sixteen. All classes are held during Sunday services.

HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesdays during term, 5 p.m.
Holy Communion with students in mind, but all are welcome to the weekly service in Appleton Chapel.

MUSIC

Music in the Memorial Church is led by the Harvard University Choir. The choir provides the music for weekly and daily services, as well as special concerts throughout the year. Concerts are held in the Memorial Church Sanctuary unless otherwise noted and are free and open to the public.

**Oct. 8, 4 p.m.
HARVARD FERRIS CHORAL FELLOWS**
Music in commemoration of the 100th birthday of American composer Daniel Pinkham (1923–2006).

**Oct. 29, 4 p.m.
HARVARD UNIVERSITY CHOIR**
The choir performs John Rutter's "Requiem" and Herbert Howells's "Requiem".

**Nov. 5, 4 p.m.
DR. LYNNE M. REID MEMORIAL CONCERT:**
Great Lakes Duo (Brian Reichenbach, trumpet and Rhonda Sider Edgington, organ) perform music of women composers for trumpet and organ.

**Nov. 10, 8 p.m.
HBCO FALL CONCERT**
The Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra performs its fall concert entitled "A Musical Feast".

**Nov. 11, 4 p.m.
DANISH NATIONAL CHAMBER CHOIR**
DR VokalEnsemble (Danish National Chamber Choir) under the direction of Marcus Creed, performs a concert with the Harvard University Choir.

**Dec. 10, 5 p.m. and Dec. 12, 8 p.m.
114TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**
The annual carol service is the oldest carol service in America, and long-honored tradition in the Memorial Church.

LUNCHTIME RECITALS

RECITALS
Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 15, and Dec. 6 at 12:15 p.m.
Recitals featuring organists David von Behren, Carson Cooman and Alessandro Bianchi, Organist of the Basilica di San Vincenzo in Cantù, Italy. For information: <https://bit.ly/3zzg8AE>

CHORAL SERVICES

COMPLINE
Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7 at 9 p.m. • Appleton Chapel
This twenty-minute candlelit evening service is sung by the Harvard University Choir, based upon the traditional evening liturgy of scripture, music, prayers, and silence.

EVENSONG
Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, at 5:45 p.m. • Appleton Chapel
Directed by Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund Organist and Choirmaster, Memorial Church.

STUDENT PROGRAMS

The Memorial Church is a unique and welcoming community in the heart of Harvard Yard. We offer a robust menu of programs for all Harvard students. For more information about our thriving student community: memorialchurch.harvard.edu/student-programs

HARVARD UNIVERSITY CHOIR
For over 180 years the Harvard University Choir has provided a unique opportunity for student singers to perform great choral literature at the highest level, both in concert and during the services of the Memorial Church.

STUDENT OASIS
Cool off, Relax, Study, Cook, and Connect with friends in the lower level of the church. Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–11 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m.–9 p.m. The entrance to the Student Oasis is directly across from Canaday Hall.

AFTER SCHOOL SNACK
Take a study break for fellowship and snacks with the Rev. Matthew Potts, his family, their dog Suki, and other members of the MemChurch community at Sparks House. 4 p.m.–5:30 p.m., Thursdays during term.

QUEER-AFFIRMING/FEMINIST BIBLE STUDY
Whether you are brand new to the Bible or looking to understand this ancient text in a new way, this weekly inclusive Bible study is for you. Dates and times to be announced