



## From the Pusey Minister

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### *Gratitude for our Special Community*

Dear friends,

I write from the Memorial Church bidding you every good wish for a happy new year, but disconcerted too by the tumult of a difficult fall in 2023, and wary of events to come in 2024. Despite all this, I write also buoyed by the steadfast faithfulness you have always shown this community, not least these last few months, and I remain gratefully confident of your care and support in months to come.

And they will be exciting months indeed. In addition to continuing our regular student programming, we have many initiatives either taking root or taking off this term. Professor Stephanie Paulsell will once again lead us in a weekly workshop exploring writing as a sacred practice. Our mentorship program for students pursuing college education at the Massachusetts Correctional Institute at Concord will begin this spring, and we have several teams of volunteers already formed. We'll also continue providing meals to unhoused women and non-binary people at On the Rise in Cambridge, in addition to exploring other community partnerships.

Our Noble Lecturer this year will be the novelist and Booker Prize finalist Ruth Ozeki, who is also a priest in the Zen tradition of Japanese Buddhism. To prepare for and celebrate her lecture, students will be invited on a meditation retreat at the Providence Zen Center in February, and we will read two of Ruth's novels in monthly discussion groups. Please join us for her lecture on April 12.

As usual, the University Choir will present several stirring performances for us this term. On March 3, the Choir will perform Gwyneth Walker's "Songs to the Lord of Peace," Judith Weir's "The Big Picture," and Sarah Rimkus's "Babylon." On April 20, the Choir will



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join the Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra in concert, and on May 5, the Ferris Choral Fellows will offer a performance of Robert Schumann's rarely heard "The Pilgrimage of the the Rose."

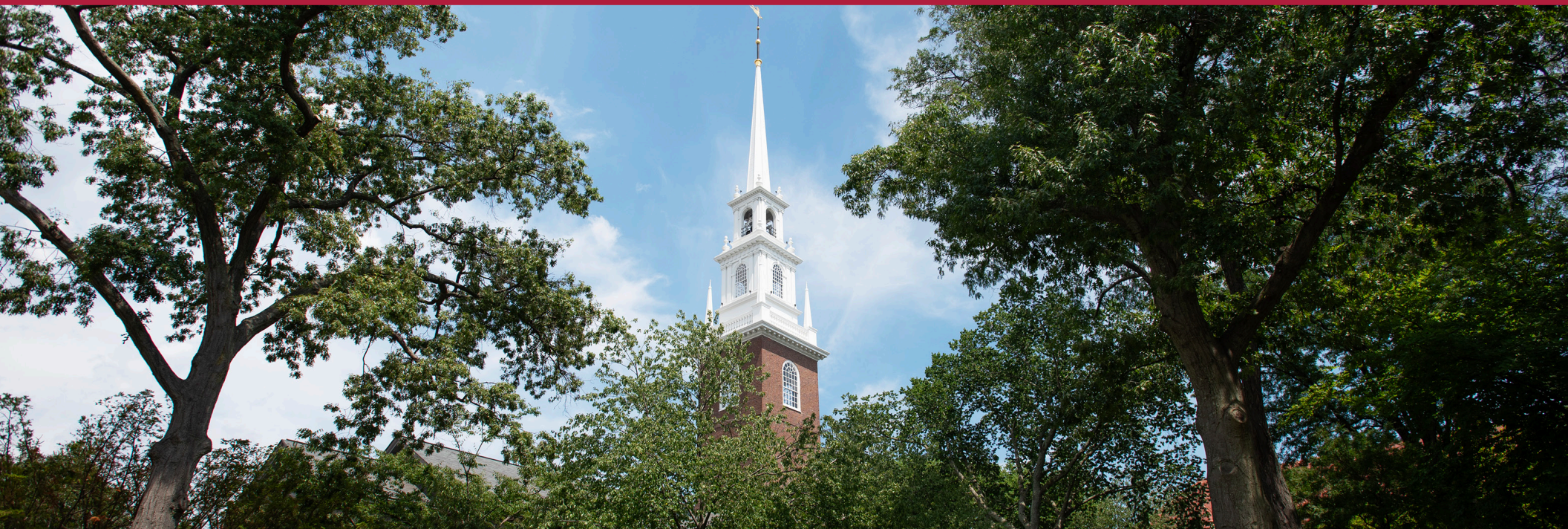
Please also note our worship offerings this term, including Sunday worship, monthly evensong and compline services, and especially our continuing weekly service of Holy Communion on Wednesday evenings. Also please join us for special Holy Week offerings this term, including Organ Meditations on Holy Tuesday, our traditional and moving Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, and three services this year on Easter Morning, including a sunrise service at dawn.

The Memorial Church is a special community and a special place, doing unique and indispensable work for the University and for the world. Our measurable and important impact is all due to you, and it is my deep privilege to serve as your minister. With abiding wishes of peace and prosperity in your new year, and gratitude for the work we pursue together, I remain

Yours faithfully,

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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](http://whrb.org).

### Jan. 21, 11 a.m.

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF SPRING TERM**  
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts PhD '13, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals in the Faculty of Divinity and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church of Harvard University. Anthems: Hector Berlioz: The Shepherds' Farewell from L'enfance du Christ, Op. 25; Steve Pilkington (arr.): The Coventry Carol.

### Jan. 28, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: Felix Mendelssohn: "There Shall a Star" from Christus, Op. 97; Johannes Brahms: Geistliches Lied, Op. 30.

### Feb. 4, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration, the Memorial Church. Anthems: Franz Schubert: Mass in G, D. 167; Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Ave verum corpus, K. 618.

### Feb. 11, 11 a.m.

Preacher: Donyelle McCray, Associate Professor of Homiletics, Yale Divinity School. Anthems: James Woodman: The First Song of Isaiah (Ecce, Deus); Alice Parker (arr.): Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal.

### Feb. 14, 12 p.m.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
Lent begins with the Imposition of Ashes.

### Feb. 18, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: Carson Cooman: Missa brevis ("Trotter"), Op. 558; Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina: Super flumina Babylonis.

### Feb. 25, 11 a.m.

Preacher: Shaul Magid, Visiting Professor of Modern Jewish Studies, Harvard Divinity School. Anthem: Gwyneth Walker: There Is a Way to Glory; Elaine Hagenberg: My Song in the Night.

### March 3, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: Florence Price: Resignation; Undine Smith Moore (arr.): Oh That Bleeding Lamb.

### March 10, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan.

### March 17, 11 a.m.

Preacher: Stefanie Grossano MDiv III, Seminarian in the Memorial Church of Harvard University. Anthems: Samuel Sebastian Wesley: Lead Me, Lord; Thomas Attwood: Turn Thy Face from My Sins.

### March 24, 11 a.m.

**PALM SUNDAY**  
Preacher: The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan. Anthems: Howard Helvey (arr.): Ride On, King Jesus; Julia Perry: Song of Our Savior.

### March 28, 7 p.m.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
We remember Christ's celebration of the Last Supper with his disciples.

### March 29, 12 - 3 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
Meditations on the Seven Final Words from the Cross.

### March 31, 6, 9 and 11 a.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: Wendell P. Whalum (arr.): The Lily of the Valley; Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Mass in C, K. 317. Sunrise Service 6 a.m., Children and family service at 9 a.m., Choral Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

### April 7, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan. Anthems: Lee Hoiby: Hymn to the New Age; Eleanor Daley: Come, Renew Us.

### April 14, 11 a.m.

Preacher: Duncan Williams, Professor of Religion and East Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Southern California. Anthems: Carson Cooman: King of Glory, King of Peace, Op. 1030; Gabriel Fauré: Cantique de Jean Racine, Op. 11.

### April 21, 11 a.m.

Preacher: Anna Burnham MDiv '20, Student Program Coordinator, Memorial Church of Harvard University. Anthems: J. David Moore (arr.): Shall the Circle Be Unbroken; R. Nathaniel Dett (arr.): Let Us Cheer the Weary Traveler.

### April 28, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthem: Chung Hon Michael Cheng: Most Glorious Lord of Life; David Hurd: As a Lily Among Brambles.

### May 5, 11 a.m.

**CHILDREN'S DAY SUNDAY**  
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Calvon Jones. Anthems: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina: Missa brevis; Anton Bruckner: Os justi, WAV 30.

### May 12, 11 p.m.

**MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY**  
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: Charles Villiers Stanford: Coelos ascendit hodie, Op. 38, No. 2; Gerald Finzi: God Is Gone Up.

### May 19, 11 p.m.

**SENIOR SUNDAY**  
Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts. Anthems: Music Honoring the Class of 2024.

## MORNING PRAYERS

**Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 8:45 a.m.**  
**Begins Jan. 22 • 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. For the full schedule of speakers, visit: [memorialchurch.harvard.edu/morningprayers](http://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/morningprayers).

## BLACK FELLOWSHIP

**Feb. 17, 5 p.m.**

**GOSPEL EXPLOSION NIGHT**  
The Love United Black Fellowship will present an evening of gospel music with the Southern University Gospel Choir of Baton Rouge, La.

## CHURCH SCHOOL

**Sundays, 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 in the Fall and Spring Terms.

## HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesdays during term, 5:15 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 performed 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 and are free and open to the public.

### March 3, 4 p.m.

**UCHOIR CONCERT**  
Harvard University Choir performs "Babylon" by Sarah Rimkus, "The Big Picture" by Judith Weir, and "Songs to the Lord of Peace" by Gwyneth Walker.

### March 26, 7 p.m.

**HOLY WEEK MUSICAL MEDITATION**  
Organ meditations for Holy Week.

### April 20, 7:30 p.m.

**SPRING CONCERT**  
Spring Concert presented by the Harvard University Choir and the Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra.

### May 5, 4 p.m.

**FERRIS CHORAL FELLOWS**  
Harvard Ferris Choral Fellows perform "The Pilgrimage of the Rose" by Robert Schumann.

## LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

**Jan. 18, Feb. 21, March 6, April 10, May 8**  
Featuring Iris Lan, David von Behren, Carson Cooman, and Isaiah Williams. Concerts begin at 12:15 p.m.

## CHORAL SERVICES

### COMPLINE

**Feb. 1, March 7, April 4, May 2 • 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

**Feb. 15, March 21, May 9 • 5:45 p.m.**  
**Appleton Chapel**

The March 21 service will feature music by James Woodman.

## NOBLE LECTURE

**April 12, 6 p.m.**

The acclaimed novelist, filmmaker and Zen Buddhist Priest Ruth Ozeki is our 2023-24 William Belden Noble Lecturer.

## 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](http://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

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.

### 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.