

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 27, 2013

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

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PRELUDE

Aria

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

“Song” from *Organbook I*

Ned Rorem (b. 1923)

“The Peace May Be Exchanged” from *Rubrics*

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

HYMN

No. 1, verses 1 & 4, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Old Hundredth

The congregation standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.

Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

People: We feast on the abundance of your house,

Minister: For with you is the fountain of life;

People: In your light we see light.

INVOCATION

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

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

No. 28, “To God Be the Glory”

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The congregation standing

GREETINGS

Children now join their teachers in the Church School.

THE PEACE

AT THE OFFERTORY

“Double” from *Partita No. 1 in B Minor*, BWV 1002
Joy Wang '16, violin

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Here an offering is received for the work of the Church within and beyond the University. Ushers will begin the collection from the back of the Church forward.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PSALTER

Psalm 65
To be read responsively; the congregation standing

Pew Bible, page 490–491 (OT)

GLORIA PATRI

See Hymn No. 371

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 14:7–9

Pew Bible, page 675 (OT)

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine

Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.
My God gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
In my home, all over the world, let it shine.

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 18: 9–14

Pew Bible, page 70 (NT)

ANTHEM

Set Me As a Seal

René Clausen (b. 1953)

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Let us pray.
Lord, show us your love and mercy;
People: For we put our trust in you.
Minister: In you, Lord, is our hope;
People: And we shall never hope in vain.

Each time the minister says "Lord, in your mercy," the congregation will respond with "Hear our prayer."

THE GRACE

The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

HYMN

No. 345, "Morning Glory, Starlit Sky"
The congregation standing

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SERMON

The View from Above

HYMN

No. 203, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
The congregation standing

St. Denio

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Engelberg

Craig Phillips

The preacher this morning is the Reverend Dr. Stephanie A. Paulsell, Houghton Professor of the Practice of Ministry Studies, Harvard Divinity School; Affiliated Minister in the Memorial Church.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WELCOME

Today is the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Stephanie A. Paulsell, Houghton Professor of the Practice of Ministry Studies, Harvard Divinity School. Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance. Following the service, the congregation is invited to a reception in the Memorial Room.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Next Sunday marks the observance of the Feast of All Saints'. It is the tradition of the Memorial Church to remember on this day those who have died in the past year who have been significant in some way in the lives of members of this community. If you wish someone to be remembered in this way, please indicate their name on the card inserted in the Order of Service and leave it behind on the pew cushion for the ushers to collect following the service.

REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Please remember to set your clocks back by one hour on Saturday night, November 2.

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: OCTOBER 28 – NOVEMBER 2, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Michael Ball MDiv III; Tuesday: David Hysong MDiv II; Wednesday: Felipe Vera; Thursday: Adam Vander Tuig MDiv II; Friday: Ernest Julius Mitchell; Saturday: Dorinda Hale

Following each service of Morning Prayers on Wednesdays, free coffee and snacks will be available at MemCafé from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. on the steps of the Memorial Church across from Widener Library. All are welcome!

TODAY: FREE PURCELL CONCERT

Today at 4:00 p.m. the Choral Fellows of the Harvard University Choir will present a selection of the sacred music of Henry Purcell, in collaboration with members of the Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra. Considered one of the greatest of all English composers, Henry Purcell was born just a few months before the end of Cromwell's puritan rule and the restoration of the monarchy, which ushered in a golden age for the arts in England. The concert will feature Purcell's symphony anthems *O Sing unto the Lord*, and *Rejoice in the Lord Alway*, as well as a cross-section of his other church music.

WITNESS UGANDA: PREVIEW PERFORMANCE

Join Matt Gould and Griffin Matthews, co-creators of the new musical *Witness Uganda*, winner of the 2012 Richard Rogers Award for Musical Theater, for a musical presentation and conversation about the intersections between faith and not-for-profit work. Premiering at the American Repertory Theater in February 2014, this provocative and inspiring new musical follows the character Griffin from New York City to Uganda, where he discovers that the aid organization he's working for is corrupt. Inspired by true events, this candid and poignant musical examines the complexities of international aid work in our world today. This event will take place tomorrow, October 28, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Andover Chapel, 45 Francis Ave., Cambridge.

TUESDAY ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

The Memorial Church's biweekly Tuesday organ recital series continues on October 29 at 7:30 p.m. Welcoming local artist Heinrich Christensen, Organist of King's Chapel in Boston, our instruments will be featured in works of Pinkham, Hampton, and Escaich. The concert is free, and all are invited. Please email christian_lane@harvard.edu for more information.

HALLOWEEN ORGAN RECITAL & STUDY BREAK

The Memorial Church and the Freshman Dean's Office are sponsoring a Halloween Study Break for current students in the Memorial Room on Thursday, October 31 at 11:30 p.m. followed by the Harvard Organ Society's annual Halloween Organ Recital at midnight. Wear your costume!

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The next Faith & Life Forum, "Growing Up Anglican in Yoruba Speaking Nigeria" will be held on Sunday, November 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Pusey Room. Professor Jacob K. Olupona, Professor of African Religious Traditions, Harvard Divinity School, will give the presentation.

MUSIC NOTES

This morning's music celebrates the vibrant legacy of contemporary American church music. Moses Hogan, who died at a tragically young age a decade ago, was a gifted concert pianist, conductor, and founder of the Moses Hogan Chorale. It is for his contemporary settings of spirituals, however, that he is most widely remembered: *This Little Light of Mine* is a powerful arrangement of the popular gospel children's song.

René Clausen is professor of music at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, and conductor of the acclaimed Concordia Choir. "Set Me As A Seal" comes from the cantata *A New Creation*, and has become one of the composer's most performed works.

The prelude music presents lyrical songs (or *arias*) for organ from three composers with distinctly American compositional voices: Craig Phillips, Ned Rorem, and Dan Locklair. In the case of the Locklair piece, which is drawn from the liturgical suite entitled *Rubrics*, the harmonic motion and spatial texture are remarkably similar to the Clausen anthem heard this morning. The postlude is Craig Phillips's perky elaboration of Charles Villiers Stanford's famous hymn tune.

RECOMMENDED READINGS FROM THE PUSEY MINISTER

Nonfiction: Chai Ling, *A Heart for Freedom: The Remarkable Journey of a Young Dissident, Her Daring Escape, and Her Quest to Free China's Daughters* (Tyndale Momentum, 2012)

"A key leader in the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests, Ling has written a candid and compassionate memoir of her years at Beijing University, her rise to leadership in the student movement, her escape and eventual embrace of Christianity." (*Publishers Weekly*)

Fiction: Claire Messud, *The Woman Upstairs* (Publisher, 2013)

"Riveting . . . Messud is adept at evoking complex psychological territory, and here favors a controlled and notably unreliable style of narration. She is interested in the identities that women construct for themselves, and in the maddening chasm that often divides intensity of aspiration from reality of achievement" (*The New Yorker*)

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children ages three through twelve. Classes are held in the Buttrick Room during Sunday services, and emphasize biblical themes and scripture. At the conclusion of the worship service, parents are asked to promptly pick their children up in the Buttrick Room. Contact Brianna at briannagoodlin@college.harvard.edu for more information.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Commemoration of All Saints and All Souls, Holy Communion, Freshman Parents Weekend, and the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church, Harvard University. The title of his sermon is "Delayed But Not Denied."

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