

ORDER OF WORSHIP



THE MEMORIAL CHURCH HARVARD UNIVERSITY

*The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Opening of Spring Term*

January twenty-ninth, two thousand twelve

PLEASE SILENCE PERSONAL TELEPHONES AND PAGERS
UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY OF THE MEMORIAL CHURCH.

ANTHEM Awake the Harp

Joseph Haydn
(1732–1809)

Awake the harp, the lyre awake,
And let your joyful song resound.
Rejoice in the Lord, the mighty God,
For he both heaven and earth has clothed in stately dress.

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 7:36–50
Pew Bible, pages 57–58 (NT)

ANTHEM “Let Their Celestial Concerts All Unite” from *Samson*

George Frideric Handel

Let their celestial concerts all unite,
Ever to sound his praise in endless morn of light.

RESPONSES FOR THE MINISTER AND PEOPLE

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Minister: Let us pray.
 O Lord, show thy mercy upon us,
People: And grant us thy salvation.
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us,
People: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE PRAYERS, THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING, AND THE GRACE

Here follow the several prayers and collects of the day, after each of which the people respond with AMEN, followed by the General Thanksgiving:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom thou hast made. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and for all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

At the close of the prayers all join in the following Grace:

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

GREETINGS

AT THE OFFERTORY “Air” and “Gavotte”

*Samuel Wesley
(1766–1837)*

Here an offering is received for the work of the Church within and beyond the University. At the close of the offertory music, the congregation stands for the Sermon Hymn.

HYMN No. 36, “My Soul, Awake and Render”

Wach auf, mein Herz

The congregation standing

SERMON The Justice of God

Text: “Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little.”

Luke 7:47

PRAYER

HYMN No. 285, “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Cwm Rhondda

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

Traditional

POSTLUDE “Overture” from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*

George Frideric Handel

The preacher this morning is The Reverend Canon Dr. Samuel Wells, Dean of Duke University Chapel; Research Professor of Christian Ethics at Duke Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina. The service is read by The Reverend Dr. Wendel W. Meyer.