

ORDER OF WORSHIP



THE MEMORIAL CHURCH H A R V A R D U N I V E R S I T Y

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February twelfth, two thousand twelve

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

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PRELUDE Recollection *David Conte*
(b. 1955)

HYMN No. 1, verses 1 and 4, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" *Old Hundredth*
The congregation standing

SENTENCES FROM SCRIPTURE

INVOCATION
The congregation seated

CONFESSION OF SINS

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.

PRAYER FOR PARDON

THE LORD'S PRAYER
In unison

HYMN No. 6, "When the Morning Stars Together" *Everton*
The congregation standing

PSALTER Psalm 27
To be read responsively *Pew Bible, pages 466-467 (OT)*

GLORIA PATRI
See Hymn No. 371

FIRST LESSON II Corinthians 4:5-12
Pew Bible, page 159 (NT)

ANTHEM When to the Sessions of Sweet Silent Thought *Kyle Randall '13*

When to the sessions of sweet silent thought
I summon up remembrance of things past,
I sigh the lack of many a thing I sought,
And with old woes new wail my dear time's waste;
Then can I drown an eye, unused to flow,

For precious friends hid in death's dateless night,
I weep afresh love's long-since-cancelled woe,
And moan th' expense of many a vanished sight;
Then can I grieve at grievances foregone,
And heavily from woe to woe tell o'er
The sad account of fore-bemoanèd moan,
Which I new pay as if not paid before.

But if the while I think on thee, dear friend,
All losses are restored and sorrows end.

William Shakespeare (1564–1616)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 25:31–40
Pew Bible, page 25 (NT)

ANTHEM Infinity

David Conte

Infinity, when all things it beheld
In Nothing, and of Nothing all did build,
Upon what Base was fixt the Lathe wherein
He turn'd this Globe, and riggalld it so trim?
Who blew the Bellows of His Furnace Vast?
Or held the Mould wherein the world was Cast?
Who laid its Corner Stone? Or whose Command?
Where stand the Pillars upon which it stands?

It's Only Might Almighty this did do.
His hand hath made this noble worke which Stands
His Glorious Handywork not made by hands.
Who spake all things from nothing; and with ease
Can speake all things to nothing, if he please.

Edward Taylor (1642–1729)

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 Berceuse

*Carson P. Cooman '04
(b. 1982)*

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. 247, "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Trentham

The congregation standing

SERMON Seeing and Believing

Text: "...We have this treasure in earthen vessels..."

II Corinthians 4:7 (KJV)

PRAYER

HYMN No. 226, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hyfrydol

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

Traditional

POSTLUDE Alive!

Carson P. Cooman

The preacher this morning is The Reverend Dr. Dorothy A. Austin. The service is read by Epps Fellow Nathaniel P. Katz. The first lesson is read by Gail Gilmore, Assistant Director for Arts, Journalism, Museums, Publishing, and Social Services, Office of Career Services, Harvard University.