

ORDER OF WORSHIP



THE MEMORIAL CHURCH HARVARD UNIVERSITY

*The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Commemoration of Benefactors and of The War Dead*

November eighth, two thousand nine

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

Be still, my soul, and rest upon the Lord in quiet certainty.
For he has come to rescue you from doubt.
And now you stand in blazing glory of a risen sun that cannot set.
It will forever be exactly as it is.
You stand with him within a radiance prepared for you
Before time was and far beyond its reach.
Be still and know.
And knowing, be you sure your Lord has come to you.
There is no doubt that stands before his countenance,
Nor can conceal from you what he would have you see.
The sun has risen. He has come at last.
Where stands his presence there can be no past.
Be still, my soul, and rest upon the Lord who comes to keep the promise,
The promise of his word.

Helen Schucman

SERMON The Gifted Community

Text: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." *John 15:13*

HYMN No. 88, "O Lord of Life, Whose Power Sustains"

Armistice

The congregation standing

THE PRAYERS

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us all pray.

Here follow the several prayers and collects of the day, which are to be read by all in unison with the minister.

FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD

O God, who hast taught us that the world and all that is in it is thine, hear us, we pray thee, as we plead for the peace of the world. Grant that all nations may seek the ways that lead to peace, and that the dignity of thy creation be upheld. Encourage us to share what we have, and embolden us to pursue and protect that peace which passes all human understanding, for the sake of Jesus Christ who is our peace. Amen.

FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

Grant, O Lord, to all students and scholars, that they may love that which is worth loving, know that which is worth knowing, praise that which is worthy of praise, and seek that which is worth finding. Endow this life of the mind with courage, discernment, modesty, and grace; and in the search for that truth which sets us free, grant us the wisdom which is found most perfectly in thee. Amen.

FOR THIS UNIVERSITY CHURCH

O God of memory and of hope, make the doors of this Memorial Church wide enough to receive all who seek human fellowship and divine love, and narrow enough to shut out all envy, malice, and pride. Here may the tempted find help, the sorrowful find comfort, the fearful courage. Here may the indifferent be awakened to new purpose, and the penitent assured of mercy. And here, may all thy children renew their strength and go on their way in hope and joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

GREETINGS

AT THE OFFERTORY

“Forlana” from *Five Bagatelles*
Lee Dietterich '11, clarinet; Jesse Wong '12, piano

Gerald Finzi
(1901–1956)

Here an offering is received for the work of the Church within and beyond the University.

THE ACT OF COMMEMORATION

The congregation standing, the minister shall then say:

Let us remember before God, and commend to His sure keeping, those of this College and University who, while a bright future beckoned, gave their lives for their country that others might live in peace. Let us remember also all those who by spirit and substance, talent and treasure, have enriched this University and this church, and are among its benefactors. We remember before God this day, the life and work of Abbott Lawrence Lowell and Nathan Marsh Pusey, Presidents; Charles Allerton Coolidge, Architect; Caroline Plummer, Nathan Appleton, Nannie Yulee Noble, Albert Keep Isham, Michael von Clemm, Harold Bend Sedgwick, and Archie Calvin Epps III, Benefactors; and all those, both living and dead, whose gifts and benefactions we celebrate today. And let us remember with thanksgiving all who have ministered here in music, word, and sacrament, including Frederic Dan Huntington, Andrew Preston Peabody, Francis Greenwood Peabody, Edward Caldwell Moore, Willard Learoyd Sperry, George Arthur Buttrick, Charles Philip Price, Warren Andrew Locke, Archibald Thompson Davison, George Wallace Woodworth, and John Raymond Ferris. Remembering that they lived generously and served faithfully, may we now enter into their unfinished labors in the sure and certain hope that in thy good time, thou wilt perfect the imperfect lives and labors of all thy children. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

“In Memory of Voices that are Hushed.”

A wreath of laurel is placed in the Memorial Room.

HYMN

No. 327, “God the Omnipotent! King, Who Ordainest”

Russian Hymn

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

Richard Ayleward
(1626–1669)

The congregation withdraws through the Memorial Room

POSTLUDE

Fugue in B Minor, BWV 544

Johann Sebastian Bach

The preacher this morning is The Reverend Professor Peter J. Gomes.

The service is read by The Reverend Dr. Dorothy A. Austin and The Reverend Jonathan C. Page.

The first lesson is read by Dr. S. Allen Counter.

The Color Guard is composed of Andrew Badger '12 (Army), Karl Kmiecik '10 (Army), Victoria Migdal '12 (Army), James Reach '11 (Navy), Olivia Volkoff '10 (Navy), and Julie Xie '12 (Air Force).