Sunday Worship
IN
THE KNAFEL CENTER

The First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 27, 2016
Order of Worship

Prelude
Jeanne Demessieux (1921–1968)

HyMN
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (page 8)  
Veni Emmanuel  
The congregation standing

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

HyMN
Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding (page 9)  
Merton

Greeting

The Peace
All are invited to join in singing.

We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing. He chastens and hastens his will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.
OFFERTORY

The offering collected goes directly to fund the grant recipient organizations and their important work in our local communities. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line “Grants Committee.” Ushers will begin collection from the back of the hall.

Psalm 122  I.a.tatus sum  Plainchant Tone I.2
Sung by the choir

I pray for thy prosperity and peace, O Jerusalem.
I was glad when they said unto me,
    We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates,
    O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city
    that is at unity in itself.
For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord,
    to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
For there is the seat of judgment,
    even the seat of the house of David.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem;
    they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls,
    and plenteousness within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions’ sakes,
    I will wish thee prosperity.
Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God,
    I will seek to do thee good.

DOXOLOGY

Sung by the congregation, standing

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
FIRST LESSON
Isaiah 2:1–5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

ANTHEM
Rorate cæli desuper

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever:
Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
Our holy and most beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf:
And our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us:
And hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen;
that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Savior:
And there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:
Fear not, for I will save thee:
For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.
SECOND LESSON
Matthew 24:36–44
About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

HYMN
The congregation seated
Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to
see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
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.
Following the Lord’s Prayer, the hymn is repeated.
ANTHEM
Benedictus Dominus Deus  
Plainchant Tone VIII

The Holy Ghost shall descend upon thee, O Mary; fear not, thou shalt bear in thy womb the Son of God. Alleluia.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;
    for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us,
    in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets,
    which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies,
    and from the hand of all that hate us.
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,
    and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham,
    that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies
    might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him,
    all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest:
    for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people
    for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God;
    whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death,
    and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
    and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
    world without end. Amen.

SERMON
A Realistic Prophecy
Text: Isaiah 2:4
HYMN
Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord (page 10)  
Woodlands

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Fuga sopra il Magnificat, BWV 733  
Johann Sebastian Bach

OUR MISSION
The Memorial Church of Harvard University is a space of grace in the center of the Yard, rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ. Affectionately known as “MemChurch,” we pursue partnerships within and beyond Harvard, empowering community members to serve the world as well-informed, compassionate, moral citizens. Through worship and ministry outreach, MemChurch aims to promote justice and mercy by confronting life’s challenges, differences, and our own imperfections with courage, empathy, and an ethic of love. By doing so, the Memorial Church seeks to educate minds, expand hearts, and enrich lives.
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni veni Emmanuel

Latin, 8th cent.

stanzas 1, 2: John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.

stanzas 3, 4: Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916

Veni Emmanuel

Plainsong, Mode 1

Processionale, 15th cent.

adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1854

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
    And ransom captive every nation,
    Come quickly, come quickly, come quickly
    Till all knees shall bow, all tongues confess what耶和华万民的神其父在天

2. O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer us by thine appearing
    Ad-vent here;
    Dis-perse the gloomy clouds of death and night,
    Bid all and all and all and all and all

3. O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things,
    Far and near, and near and far and near and near
    Bid all and all and all and all and all

4. O come, Desire of nations, bind all people in one
    Heart and mind;
    Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
    Re-joice! Re-joice! Re-joice!

Is-ra-el, that mourns in lonely exile

Here, until the Son of God appear.

Night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.

Re-cease; and fill the world with heaven’s peace.

Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el!
**Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding**

Vox clara ecce intonat  
Latin, 10th cent.  
trans. Edward Caswall, 1849, alt.

MERTON 87 87  
William Henry Monk, 1850

1 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding,  
2 Wakened by the solemn warning,  
3 Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,  
4 that when next Christ comes with glory,  
5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing

“Christ is nigh,” it seems to say; “Cast away the  
let the earth-bound soul arise; Christ, her Sun, all  
comes with pardon down from heaven; let us haste, with  
and the world is wrapped in fear, ‘neath the shield of  
to the Father and the Son, with the ever-  
works of darkness, O ye children of the day.”  
ill dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.  
tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven;  
loving-kindness, with true faith we may draw near.  
last- ing Spirit, while eternal ages run.
Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

para. of Magnificat
Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1962

WOODLANDS
Walter Greatorex, 1916, alt.

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Un-
2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name! Make
3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers
4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word! Firm

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice; tender to
known his might, the deeds his arm has done; his mercy
and dominions lay their glory by. Proud hearts and
is his promise, and his mercy sure. Tell out, my

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sure, from age to age the same; his
stub - born wills are put to flight, to
soul, the greatness of the Lord

God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
Sunday, November 27, 2016

WELCOME
Today is the First Sunday of Advent. The preacher is the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. The service is led by the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Susan Grefe. The second lesson is read by Gerald Ellis. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir, under the direction of Edward E. Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster, and Thomas M. Sheehan, Associate University Organist and Choirmaster. The offering is bid by Karen-Alexandra Nogues ’18. The first candle of the Advent Wreath is lit by the McGill family.

WELCOME TABLE
Want to learn about the Memorial Church? Stop by the Welcome Table to learn more about our array of events, programs, and ministries. Questions are encouraged!

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 2, 8:45 A.M.
Monday: Elizabeth Aeschlimann MDiv III; Tuesday: Melissa Coles MDiv III; Wednesday: Khalil Muhammad; Thursday: Martha Tedeschi; Friday: Richard Thomas

NO CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY
Church School will not be held today, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. It will resume next Sunday, December 4.

THE OFFICE OF COMPLINE
A service of Compline, which combines candlelight, plainsong, polyphony, prayer, scripture, and silence, will be held this Thursday evening, December 1, at 9:00 p.m, in Andover Chapel of the Harvard Divinity School. Music is provided by the Harvard University Choir. All are welcome.
THE 107TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES
The 107th Annual Carol Services will be held in St. Paul Parish, at 29 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, on Sunday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m., and on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. Doors open one hour before each service. Admission is free; an offering for charity is collected. The service will be broadcast on WHRB Radio (95.3 FM, www.whrb.org) on Christmas Day at 1:00 p.m.

MUSIC NOTES
Today’s music celebrates the Advent season through traditional Gregorian melodies. The prelude, composed by the great French organ virtuoso Jeanne Demessieux, and postlude, by J. S. Bach, share these plainchant sources.

SEASONS OF LIGHT: A MULTIRELIGIOUS SERVICE
On Tuesday, November 29 from 5:30–7:00 p.m., join the Harvard Divinity School community for this beloved annual service honoring the interplay of holy darkness and sacred light in the world’s religious traditions. The service includes choral and instrumental music, readings by HDS students, the ritual kindling of many flames, and communal prayers and songs. The service will be held in Andover Chapel on the second floor of Andover Hall, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge.

USHERING AND READING SIGN-UP
Ushers and lesson readers play a vital role in worship services for the Memorial Church. If you are interested in ushering or reading, please add your name and e-mail to the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table. We would love to have you join us!

LISTEN TO SUNDAY WORSHIP AND MORNING PRAYERS
Sunday services are broadcast on Harvard’s radio station, WHRB 95.3 FM in term; a live stream of the service is available at whrb.org. Recordings of Sunday Worship Services and Sunday Sermons are available on our website, memorialchurch.harvard.edu, during the week following the service. Sunday Sermons and Morning Prayers are also available on SoundCloud at http://bit.ly/sundaysermons and http://bit.ly/morningprayers respectively, and on iTunes—search “Harvard Memorial Church” from your iTunes app.
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NEXT SUNDAY’S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent. The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church.

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