

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Baptism
Holy Communion

Sunday, December 6, 2015

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Fantasy on “Veni Emmanuel”

Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)

HYMN

No. 91, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Veni Emmanuel

Sung by all, the congregation standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We come to prepare the way for Christ, for the hope of Christ, for the peace of Christ.

All: May Christ enter our world and our hearts.

Minister: We cry out together in the wilderness:

All: The kingdom of heaven has come near.

Minister: We come to be part of the light that shines in the darkness.

THE BAPTISM

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Gracious God, by our Baptism, you welcome us into the household of faith and open the way to new life in this world and the next. Receive this person who is baptized today, and strengthen us all to be your people in the world and a blessing to the Earth. Amen.

Minister: *Chan Zhou*, do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Minister: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, will you turn from the ways of sin and trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and will you be his faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Candidate: I will with God's help.

To the congregation and her sponsor:

Minister: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People: We will.

Minister: Let us pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Open her heart, O God, to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

BLESSING OF THE WATER

Minister: Now sanctify this water, we pray you, O God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the power of your love, compassion, and mercy.

THE BAPTISM

Minister: I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

Minister: Let us pray.

People: Eternal and loving God, give to this person receiving the Sacrament of Baptism an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Minister: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you, with joy, into the household of God, and into the priesthood of all believers.

THE PEACE

All are invited to join in the singing of Hymn No. 27, verse 1.

GREETINGS

Children now join their teachers in the Church School.

OFFERTORY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV 211

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

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.

O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day and
sing the love a - ma-zing that songs can-not re - pay; for we can on-ly
won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and
mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait u-pon your
word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 26:36–44

Pew Bible, page 26 (NT)

KYRIE from *Missa Sancti Nicolai*

Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

SECOND LESSON

Luke 6:12

Pew Bible, page 55 (NT)

HYMN

No. 101, “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”
The congregation standing

Macht hoch die Tür

SERMON

“What—to an Activist—is Prayer?”

Text: “Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God.”

Luke 6:12

HYMN

No. 103, “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”
The congregation standing

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ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to share in the Lord’s Supper without regard to denomination.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The minister continues:

It is truly right, good, and joyful to give you thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to the fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we lift our voices as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Organ Congregation

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, -

7

hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

12

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The congregation may be seated.

The minister continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Albert H. Malotte (1895–1964)

Sung by the choir

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The minister says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy food for the journey of life.

AT THE COMMUNION

Communicants will proceed to the foot of the chancel steps at the direction of the ushers and will return to their seats by the side aisles. Grape juice is in the outer cup and wine is in the inner cup. At the giving of the bread and the cup, the people respond with "Amen."

AGNUS DEI from *Missa Sancti Nicolai*

Joseph Haydn

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

HYMN

No. 65, "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let Us Break Bread

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccatto on "Veni Emmanuel"

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Played by Adam Mathias G1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 6, 2015

WELCOME

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent, Holy Baptism, and Holy Communion. The preacher is Dr. Marla F. Frederick, Professor of African and African American Studies and of Religion, Harvard University. The service is led by the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to Harvard University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church; the Reverend Alanna Copenhaver, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church; Katherine Blaisdell MDiv III, Worship Leader; and Seminarians Adam Vander Tuig MDiv III, Danny Ballon MDiv II, and Patrick Jackson MDiv II. The first lesson is read by Sarah Angell '18. The second lesson is read by the Reverend Alanna Copenhaver. Receiving the sacrament of Baptism today is Chan Zhou; the godmother is Joan Howard. The Blankinship family light the Advent candle of Peace.

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.

USHERS AND LESSON READERS NEEDED

Ushers and lesson readers play a vital role in worship for the Memorial Church. If you are interested in being an usher or reader for Christmas Eve's 5:00 p.m. service, or Winter Recess Sunday Worship, please contact Kelly Robichaud (kelly_robichaud@harvard.edu). We would love to have you join us!

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

Prayer request cards are available in the pew card holders or in the church lobby. We would be honored to pray for your specific needs. Please place prayer request cards in the offering plates during worship services or in the prayer request box in the church lobby.

CONCERT BY TACTUS

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m., Tactus will perform Renaissance choral music in Appleton Chapel. Tactus is a group of Harvard students and members of the community who come together to bring polyphony to life. Admission is free and all are welcome.

CHORAL FELLOWS RECITAL

On Monday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. the Choral Fellows will present a recital of songs and arias in the Pusey Room. Admission is free and all are welcome.

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: DECEMBER 7 – 10, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Grace Nono; Tuesday: Swami Tyagananda; Wednesday: Sarah Rosenkrantz '14; Thursday: Alanna Copenhaver (*Please note that Thursday, December 10 is the last Morning Prayers service of the Fall Term; Morning Prayers will resume at the start of the Spring Term.*)

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

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

Please note that today is the last meeting of the Faith & Life Forum for the Fall Term. The Faith & Life Forum will reconvene at the beginning of the Spring Term.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of 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 pick up their children in the Buttrick Room promptly. A committed staff of undergraduate teachers works closely with Church School Director Westley (Wes) Conn. For more information, contact Wes at westley_conn@harvard.edu.

PBHA ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

The Phillips Brooks House Association (PBHA) Annual Holiday Gift Drive has begun and will continue through December 15. PBHA is collecting new books, games, toys, art supplies, and sports equipment for local children in need. Faculty, staff, students, departments, and members of the Harvard Community are invited to donate gifts for children of all ages. Gifts should be new and unwrapped. A gift box is located at the back of the church. We will also accept toys throughout the week in the boxes located downstairs in the church's reception office. For more information, contact Robert Bridgeman at bridgemanrobert@gmail.com.

THE 106TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

The 106th Annual Carol Services will be held in the church on Sunday, December 13 at 5:00 p.m., and on Monday, December 14 at 8:00 p.m. Doors open one hour before each service. Admission is free; an offering for charity is collected. The Sunday, December 13 carol service will be broadcast live on WHRB Radio (95.3 FM, www.whrb.org). The broadcast begins with the organ prelude at 4:30 p.m. It will also be re-broadcast on Christmas Day at 1:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

On Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m., a service will be held to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord with hymns and Holy Communion. Professor Jonathan L. Walton will preach. Singers are welcome to join in the community choir for the Christmas Eve service; rehearsal is before the service at 3:30 p.m.

MUSIC NOTES

Joseph Haydn, the “father of the symphony,” is primarily remembered for his instrumental music, and the two magnificent late oratorios, *The Creation* and *The Seasons*. His twelve complete and authenticated Mass settings, however, were very popular during his lifetime; Haydn's formative musical experiences were as a chorister in St. Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna, and his first and last compositions were Mass settings. The *Missa Sancti Nicolai* dates from 1772, and was probably written for the Feast of St. Nicholas on December 6, which was also the nameday of Prince Nicolaus Esterhazy, Haydn's employer. This morning we hear the *Kyrie* and *Agnus Dei*; the lilting time signature of the opening movement and the “*Dona nobis pacem*” evokes the pastoral imagery long associated with shepherds and rustics.

The plainsong Advent melody “*Veni Emmanuel*” forms the basis of this morning's organ music, in interpretations by two English composers. Kenneth Leighton held university appointments at Leeds and Oxford before becoming Reid Professor of Music at Edinburgh in 1970; his *Fantasy on “Veni Emmanuel”* highlights the composer's distinctive harmonic vocabulary. Andrew Carter studied music at Leeds University before moving to York, where he sang in the famous Minster choir. His *Toccata on “Veni Emmanuel”* is in the manner of the grand French *Toccata*, inspired by Jean Guillou's playing of the organ of Saint Eustache, Paris.

STAY CONNECTED TO THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. The preacher will be the Reverend Dr. Bill Leonard, James and Marilyn Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies and Professor of Church History, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, Winston-Salem, NC.

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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.