

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE KNAFEL CENTER

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 18, 2016

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES UPON ENTERING
THE MAIN HALL OF THE KNAFEL CENTER.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (page 7)

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

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come (page 8)

Antioch

GREETING

THE PEACE

All are invited to join in singing.



We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing. He chas - tens and



has - tens his will to make known; the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis -



tress - ing. Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets 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 96:7-13

Cantate Domino

Tone V.1

Sung by the congregation.

Antiphon (congregation sings repeat)



Let the hea - vens re - joice, and let the earth be glad be - fore



the LORD, for he has come.



Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts. *[Antiphon]*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity." *[Antiphon]*

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth. *[Antiphon]*

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,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2–7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (page 9)

Es ist ein Ros

SECOND LESSON

Luke 2:1–20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for

see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

HYMN

The congregation seated

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to
see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,
fol - low thee more near - ly, 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.

SERMON

Searching for a Sanctuary

HYMN

Jesus, the Light of the World (page 10)

The congregation standing

We'll Walk in the Light

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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

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Plainsong, Mode 1

Processionale, 15th cent.

adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1854

unison

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, thou Day - spring, now ap - pear and cheer us by thine
3 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things,
4 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge
heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels

harmony

here, un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
night, and death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re -
show, and cause us in her ways to go. go.
cease, and fill the world with heav - en's peace.

joyce! Re-joyce! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

ANTIOCH CM
adapt. Lowell Mason, 1836

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns: let us our songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
play; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re -
ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

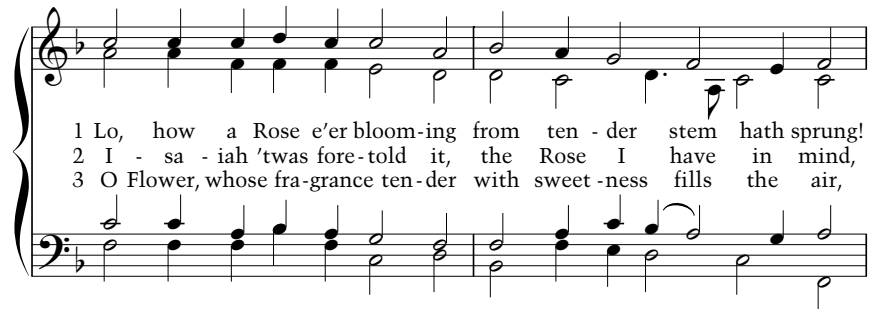
heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, far as the curse is
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen
stanzas 1, 2: German, 15th cent.,
trans. Theodore Baker, 1894, alt.
stanza 3: Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859),
trans. Harriett Reynolds Krauth Spaeth, 1875

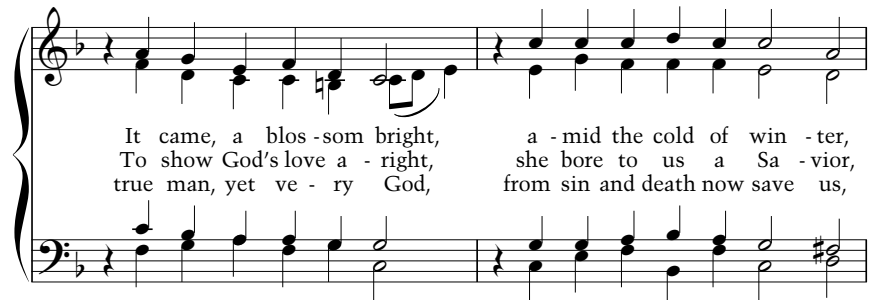
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Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1599
harm. Michael Praetorius, 1609



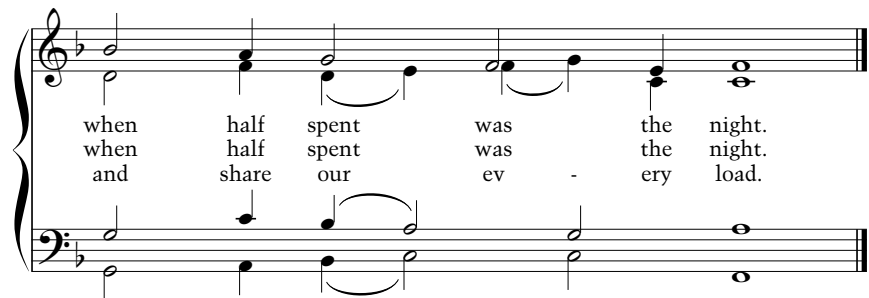
1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
3 O Flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,



Of Jes-se's lin-eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
with Ma-ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
dis - pel in glo-rious splen-dor the dark-ness ev - ery - where;



It came, a blos-som bright, a - mid the cold of win - ter,
To show God's love a - right, she bore to us a Sa - vior,
true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and death now save us,



when half spent was the night.
when half spent was the night.
and share our ev - ery load.

Jesus, the Light of the World

Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.
adapt. George Elderkin, 1895

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT 77 77 with Refrain
George D. Elderkin, 1895

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je - sus, the light of the world;
2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise, Je - sus, the light of the world;
3 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Je - sus, the light of the world;
4 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Je - sus, the light of the world;

"Glo - ry to the new-born King," Je - sus, the light of the world.
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je - sus, the light of the world. We'll
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je - sus, the light of the world.
hail the Sun of right-eous - ness! Je - sus, the light of the world.

walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.

Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je - sus, the light of the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 18, 2016

WELCOME

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The preacher is Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister 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; and the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Nancy Kuziemski. The second lesson is read by Julian Yun. The music is provided by Edward E. Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster. The offering is bid by Malcolm McKay and Valerie Erroc. The candles of the Advent Wreath are lit by the Larson Family.

RENOVATION UPDATE AND WINTER RECESS SCHEDULE

Construction on the Memorial Church is expected to be completed by late January with Morning Prayers and Sunday Services returning to Harvard's historic sanctuary early in the Spring Term.

In the meantime, Morning Prayers have concluded for Fall Term, and are expected to resume in Appleton Chapel at 8:45 a.m., Jan. 23. The lower level of the Church, however, is expected to remain closed to the public until Sunday, Jan. 29.

Sunday Services and Church School for Children will conclude for the Fall Term today. Additionally, the Christmas Eve service will not be held this year due to the construction project. Sunday Services will resume Jan. 29. Church School for Children and the Faith & Life Forum will resume on Feb. 5.

The Church Offices will be closed from this Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Jan. 2 for winter recess.

More information about our Spring Term schedule and reopening celebration will be forthcoming. Please note that the schedule above is subject to change. For the latest schedule of events and services, please visit *memorialchurch.harvard.edu*

As always, you can listen to recordings of previous Sunday Services and Morning Prayers on our website.

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!

CHOIR DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

Before the service today, there will be a screening of “The Chorus Line,” a documentary created by Memorial Church’s Communications Specialist, Jeffrey Blackwell. It describes the audition process and some of the history of the Harvard University Choir.

CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children ages three through twelve. Classes are held in the lower level of the Knafel Center during Sunday services and emphasize biblical themes and scripture. The confirmation class will also meet during this time. At the conclusion of the worship service, parents are asked to promptly pick up their children. To register, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website. Contact Church School Director Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) to register for this class, or for more information about Church School programs. Today is the last Sunday of Church School for the Fall Term, and it will begin again for the Spring Term on February 5.

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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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!

FIRST SUNDAY OF SPRING TERM

Our next Sunday service will be the First Sunday of Spring Term, January 29. We look forward to welcoming you back to the sanctuary of the Memorial Church for this service! The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church.

For more information on upcoming services and events:

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