

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The First Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion and Holy Baptism

Sunday, December 1, 2013

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

HYMN

No. 91, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Veni Emmanuel

Sung by all, the congregation standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier

There is one body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God’s call to us

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 these precious children and strengthen us all to be your people in the world, and a blessing to the Earth. Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Minister: The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents respond:

We present *Ryan Louis Caridad* to receive the sacrament of baptism.

We present *Langston Andre Zibi* to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Minister: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents: I will with God’s help.

Minister: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the life of God’s grace and love?

Parents & Godparents: I will with God’s help.

Minister: Will you continue to honor your own spiritual journey, as a role model for the child you present?

Parents & Godparents: I will with God’s help.

Minister: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?

Parents & Godparents: I will with God’s help.

To the congregation:

Minister: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will

Minister: Let us pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth:

Leader: Open their hearts, O God to your grace and truth

People: Lord, hear our prayer

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit

People: Lord, hear our prayer

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer

BLESSING OF THE WATER

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 God's love, compassion and mercy.

THE BAPTISM

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

All: Eternal and loving God, give each of these precious children 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

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

THE PEACE

All are welcome to join in the singing of Hymn 27, Verse 1

GREETINGS

Children now join their teachers in the Church School.

AT THE 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.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

GLORIA PATRI

See Hymn No. 371

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 2:1–5

Pew Bible, pages 591–592 (OT)

KYRIE from *Missa XVII*

Plainsong

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 13:11–14

Pew Bible, page 142 (NT)

HYMN

No. 241, “Come Down, O Love Divine”
The congregation standing

Down Ampney

SERMON

The Road Less Traveled

Text: “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.”

Isaiah 2:3–4

HYMN

No. 106, “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Stuttgart

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 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

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 3/4 time. It is divided into three systems. The first system is labeled 'Organ' and 'Congregation' and contains the lyrics: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, -'. The second system starts at measure 7 and contains the lyrics: 'hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The third system starts at measure 12 and contains the lyrics: 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The score ends with a double bar line.

The congregation may be seated.
The minister continues with the Eucharistic prayer:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The minister says:
The Gifts of God for the people of God. 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. At the giving of the bread and the cup, the people respond with "Amen."
(Gluten-free wafers available).*

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.

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

ANTHEM

Conditor alme siderum

Plainsong

Conditor alme siderum,
Aeterna lux credentium,
Christe, redemptor omnium,
Exaudi preces supplicum.

*Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all,
And hear thy servants when they call.*

Te, Sancte, fide quaesumus,
Venture iudex saeculi,
Conserva nos in tempore
Hostis a telo perfidi.

*O thou whose coming is with dread,
To judge and doom the quick and dead,
Preserve us, while we dwell below,
From every insult of the foe.*

Sit, Christe, rex piissime,
Tibi Patrique gloria
Cum Spiritu Paraclito,
In sempiterna saecula. Amen.

*To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Laud, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally. Amen.*

HYMN

No. 65, "Let Us Break Bread Together"
The congregation standing

Let Us Break Bread

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

Johann Sebastian Bach

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www.memorialchurch.harvard.edu.*

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and Twitter (twitter.com/MemChurch).*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 1, 2013

WELCOME

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, Holy Communion, and Holy Baptism. 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 Ann Stevenson, Associate Minister, and Alanna Copenhaver, Ministry Fellow. Assisting with Holy Communion are the Reverend Dr. Stephanie A. Paulsell, the Reverend Dr. Sarah Drummond, Alanna Copenhaver, and Jordan Mikel Sharick MDiv II. Receiving the sacrament of baptism is Ryan Louis Caridad and Langston Andre Zibi. The First Candle of the Advent Wreath is lit by the McGill family.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance. Large print copies of the service are also available from the ushers. Following the service, the congregation is invited to a reception in the Memorial Room.

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: DECEMBER 2 – 7, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Timothy Patrick McCarthy; Tuesday: Michael Danto '14; Wednesday: Ann Stevenson; Thursday: Jason Outlaw; Friday: Gabriela Ruiz-Colon '16; Saturday: Timothy Seery '15

Following each service of Morning Prayers on Wednesdays, free coffee and snacks will be available at MemCafé from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. on the steps of the Memorial Church across from Widener Library.

PHILLIPS BROOKS HOUSE HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

Please help us collect presents this holiday season for children in Boston and Cambridge. Place items such as books, toys, art supplies, board games, and sports equipment in the boxes provided at the back of the church on the first three Sundays in December (1, 8, and 15). Gifts should be new and unwrapped. 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.

SEASONS OF LIGHT: A MULTI-RELIGIOUS SERVICE TO HONOR THE HOLY DARKNESS AND THE SACRED LIGHT

Tuesday, December 3, 5:00–6:30 p.m. at Harvard Divinity School, Andover Chapel, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge. As the nights grow longer and the days shorter, join the Harvard Divinity School community for this beloved annual service honoring the interplay of holy darkness and light in the world's religious traditions. The service includes choral and instrumental music under the direction of Harry Lyn Huff, readings by HDS students, the ritual kindling of many flames, and communal prayers and songs.

TUESDAY ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

The Memorial Church's biweekly Tuesday organ recital series concludes for the Fall Term on December 3 at 7:30 p.m. Featuring student members of the Harvard Organ Society, our instruments will be showcased in a variety of colorful repertoire. The concert is free, and all are invited.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith & Life Forum seeks to deepen our devotional lives by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency concerning communities of faith. Held every Sunday morning during the Term before the 11:00 a.m. worship service, the presentations take place in the Pusey Room of the Memorial Church from 9:30–10:30 a.m., but you are invited to gather for coffee and conversation at 9:00 a.m. The next Faith & Life Forum will be held on Sunday, December 8. Heather Curtis, Associate Professor, Department of Religion at Tufts University, will give the presentation.

CHRISTMAS AT THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

The Christmas Season is here! Save the date for the 104th Annual Christmas Carol Services on Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m. and Monday, December 16 at 8:00 p.m., and a Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m. 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

To welcome in the new liturgical year, members of the Harvard University Choir present movements from Mass XVII — the plainsong mass setting prescribed for Sundays in Advent. *Conditor alme Siderum* is an anonymous seventh-century hymn used at Vespers during Advent — a beautiful, flowing plainsong melody, it has been used as the basis for countless polyphonic masses and motets.

Today's organ music comprises three settings of the Advent hymn, "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" ("Savior of the nations, come"). Two of the works come from Bach's collection of large-scale chorale preludes known as the *Great Eighteen*; the third is from the pen of one of Bach's great mentors, Dieterich Buxtehude. The prelude and offertory are plaintive in mood with florid elaborations of the melody in the treble, while the postlude is a lively toccata which presents the chorale melody in the pedals.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children 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 promptly pick their children up in the Buttrick Room. A committed staff of undergraduate teachers work closely with the Church School Coordinator, Brianna Goodlin. Contact Brianna at briannagoodlin@college.harvard.edu for more information.

SUNDAY SERMONS AND MORNING PRAYERS SERVICES ON HARVARD'S ITUNES U

Sunday sermons and weekly Morning Prayers services are available on Harvard's iTunes U in the "Religion & Spirituality" channel. From your iTunes software, search "Harvard Memorial Church" to listen on your iPod, iPhone, iPad, Mac, or PC.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

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

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