

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Christmas Eve  
Holy Communion

Tuesday, December 24, 2013

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

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## PRELUDE

The Manger: Pastorale and Adoration, Op. 50, No. 2

*Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)*

In Dulci Jubilo

*Jacques Berthier (1923–1994)*

Adeste Fideles

*Jeanne Demessieux (1921–1968)*

## HYMN

No. 120, “O Come All Ye Faithful”

*Adeste Fideles*

*Sung by all, the congregation standing*

## SENTENCES FROM SCRIPTURE

## COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Minister:* Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

*The congregation seated*

## LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 9:2–7

*Pew Bible, page 598 (OT)*

## ANTHEM

“Glory to God in the Highest” from *Messiah*

*George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will towards men.

*Luke 2:14*

## LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 2:1–20

*Pew Bible, pages 50–51 (NT)*

## HYMN

No. 131, “Jesus, the Light of the World”

*We'll Walk in the Light*

*The congregation standing*

## SERMON

## THE PEACE

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

## AT THE OFFERTORY

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

*Harold Darke (1888–1976)*

In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty wind made moan;  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter  
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him,  
Nor earth sustain,  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When he comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter  
A stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty —  
Jesus Christ.

Enough for him whom Cherubim  
Worship night and day,  
A breastful of milk,  
And a mangerful of hay;  
Enough for him whom Angels  
Fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel  
Which adore.

What can I give him  
Poor as I am? —  
If I were a Shepherd  
I would bring a lamb,  
If I were a Wise Man  
I would do my part, —  
Yet what I can I give him, —  
Give my heart.

*Christina Rossetti (1830–1894)*

*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.

## GREETINGS

# 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 offer thanks and praise.

*The minister continues:*

It is truly right, good and joyful, to give you thanks, all holy God, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts. 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

*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.

## 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. At the giving of the bread and the cup, the people respond with "Amen."*

## ANTHEM

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" from *Cantata No. 147*

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,  
Holy wisdom, love most bright;  
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring  
Soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,  
With the fire of life impassioned,  
Striving still to truth unknown,  
Soaring, dying round thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding,  
Hark, what peaceful music rings;  
Where the flock, in thee confiding,  
Drink of joy from deathless springs.

Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure;  
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.  
Thou dost ever lead thine own  
In the love of joys unknown.

## HYMN

No. 113, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
*The congregation standing*

*St. Louis*

## THE PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*At the conclusion of the Communion, the minister says:*

Let us all pray:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## HYMN

No. 115, "Silent Night, Holy Night"  
*The congregation standing*

*Stille Nacht*

## THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

Carillon de Westminster, Op. 54, No. 6

*Louis Vierne (1870–1937)*

*The preacher is Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church.*

*The first lesson is read by Dr. David Hempton, Dean of Harvard Divinity School.*

*The second lesson is read by Harvard University President Drew Gilpin Faust.*

*The service is led by Professor Jonathan L. Walton, the Reverend Ann Stevenson, the Reverend Dr. Stephanie Paulsell, the Reverend Kerry Maloney, and Ministry Fellow Alanna Copenhagen.*

*Assisting Affiliated Ministers are the Reverend Dr. Robert Randolph, the Reverend Dr. Wendel Meyer, Professor Emily Click, and the Reverend Gregory McGonigle.*

*The Memorial Church Community Choir is directed by Edward E. Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster; the organist is Christian Lane, Associate University Organist and Choirmaster.*

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