

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The First Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion

Sunday, December 2, 2018
11 a.m.

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

The congregation standing

During the singing of this hymn, the first Advent candle, representing hope, is lit.

INVOCATION

One: This is the day we begin our journey to the Christ Child, his mother, and the manger.

Many: May we kindle God’s light together as we journey on.

One: We journey because we are drawn to God’s light; it is God’s promise, borne into our lives.

Many: God of darkness and light, God of hope and fear, help us take one step closer to you. In this candlelight, show us that the power of hope can silence doubts and fears.

One: Take this light, small but mighty, and magnify it within us until our hope chases away all shadows of hatred and fear.

Many: May we kindle God’s light together as we journey on. Amen.

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

No. 99, “Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

Merton

The congregation standing

GREETING AND THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY

The offering collected goes directly to fund the Memorial Church Grants Committee's 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 front of the church.

Psalm 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

Tone I.7

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee:

O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed;

but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

Show me thy ways, O Lord,

and teach me thy paths.

Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me:

for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies,

and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth;

but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Gracious and righteous is the Lord;

therefore, will he teach sinners in the way.

Them that are meek shall he guide in judgment;

and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth,

unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

DOXOLOGY

Sung by the congregation, standing

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Pew Bible, page 696 (OT)

ANTHEM

Kyrie *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (ca. 1525–1594)*
from *Missa Æterna Christi munera* (publ. 1590)
Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*
Christe eleison. *Christ, have mercy.*
Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*

SECOND LESSON

Luke 21:25–36 *Pew Bible, pages 74 (NT)*

HYMN

No. 103, st. 1–2, “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” *Picardy*
The congregation standing

SERMON

When Opportunity Knocks

Text: “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly...”

Luke 21:34

HYMN

No. 103, st. 3–4, “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”
The congregation standing

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.

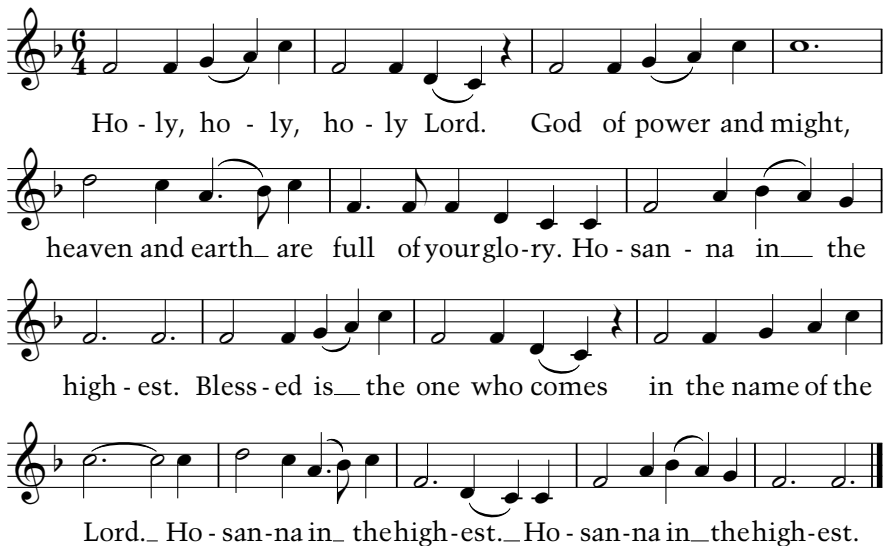
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The minister continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, all holy God, creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est. 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. Come now, for all things are ready.

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. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. At the giving of the bread and the cup, the people respond with "Amen."

AGNUS DEI from *Missa Æterna Christi munera*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

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 sins of the world, have mercy on us.

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

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

ANTHEM

Ave verum corpus (1978)

Colin Marby (b. 1936)

Ave verum corpus natum

Hail true body,

De Maria Virgine:

Born of the Virgin Mary;

Vere passum, immolatum

Who truly suffered,

In cruce pro homine:

Offered for mankind upon the cross;

Cuius latus perforatum

Whose side was pierced,

Fluxit aqua et sanguine:

Whence flowed water and blood.

Esto nobis prægustatum,

Be for us a foretaste

Mortis in examine.

Of our own deaths.

O Iesu dulcis! O Iesu pie!

O sweet Jesus! O merciful Jesus!

O Iesu, Fili Mariæ.

O Jesus, Son of Mary.

HYMN

No. 65, "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let Us Break Bread

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Le Monde dans l’attente du Sauveur”
from *Symphonie-Passion*, Op. 23 (1921–24)

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 2, 2018

WELCOME

Today is the First 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 Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church; the Reverend Katherine A. Schofield, Interim Minister in the Memorial Church; the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church; and Aric B. Flemming Jr. MDiv III and KMarie Tejada MDiv II, Seminarians in the Memorial Church. 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 Lepionka-Lacroix family will light the first candle of Advent, representing Hope.

Our “Baby Oasis” is available for young children and infants in the lower level of the church. Parents and their children are welcome to use this respite space during worship, complete with an audio broadcast of the service.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance.

MORNING PRAYERS

Monday: Anya Bassett PhD '97; Tuesday: Adam Reynolds;

Wednesday: Robert Lue PhD '95; Thursday: David Carrasco; Friday: Catherine D'Amato

LUNCHTIME ORGAN MUSIC SERIES

This Wednesday, a program of organ music will be offered at 12:15 p.m. by Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster in the Memorial Church.

FAITH FORMATION

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of age three through sixteen. All classes are held during Sunday services in the fall and spring terms. To register and learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website.

For adults in the MemChurch community, the Faith and Life forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. This program is held Sunday mornings during the Fall and Spring Terms in the Buttrick Room from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The Forum will continue next Sunday, December 9, with the Reverend Dr. Brian Konkol. To learn about upcoming speakers, please visit the Faith & Life Forum page on our website.

MUSIC NOTES

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina is one of the towering figures of Renaissance music. Born in the central Italian town of Palestrina, he trained as a chorister in Rome's S. Maria Maggiore and was subsequently appointed Magister Cappellae of the Cappella Giulia, the choir of St. Peter's Basilica. His first book of madrigals was published in 1555, and it was followed by a steady stream of publications: at the time of Palestrina's death there were seven volumes of masses, and six of motets. This morning the choir presents the Kyrie and Agnus Dei from the *Missa "Aeterna Christi Munera,"* a mass based on fragments of the plainsong Matins hymn of the same name.

Colin Mawby was a chorister at Westminster Cathedral, where he would later become Master of the Music: his setting of *Ave verum corpus* is for eight-part choir and utilizes a luscious harmonic language.

To welcome in the new liturgical year, today's organ music comprises two settings of Advent hymns. The prelude is "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" ("Savior of the Nations, Come") from Bach's collection of large-scale chorale preludes known as the *Great Eighteen*, which is plaintive in mood with florid elaborations of the melody in the treble. The postlude is based on the Gregorian Advent hymn "Iesu, redemptor omnium." It represents the angst and unrest experienced by the world awaiting the arrival of its savior.

THE OFFICE OF COMPLINE

This Thursday, compline, a twenty-minute candlelit evening service, will be sung by the Harvard University Choir, based upon the traditional evening liturgy of scripture, music, prayers, and silence. The service will be held in Appleton Chapel at 9 p.m.

THE 109TH CHRISTMAS CAROLS SERVICES

The 109th Christmas Carols Services will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 9, and at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11.

USHERS FOR CAROLS SERVICES

Volunteer ushers are needed to help welcome visitors to our Christmas Carols Services on December 9 and 11. If you would like to volunteer or learn more, please contact the Reverend Katherine Schofield, Interim Minister, at katherine_schofield@harvard.edu

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

The Memorial Church's Christmas Eve service will be held on Monday, December 24, at 5 p.m. If you would like to sing in the volunteer choir, please arrive at 3:45 p.m. in Appleton Chapel.

TACTUS ENSEMBLE CONCERT

This Tuesday, December 4, at 8 p.m., the Tactus Ensemble will present their fall concert “Songs of Farewell” at the Memorial Church, featuring works of Parry, Casulana, Schütz, Campion, and Tomkins. Admission is free.

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 *wbrb.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.

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NEXT SUNDAY’S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent. The preacher will be the Reverend Dr. Brian E. Konkol, Dean of Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University.

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