

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE KNAFEL CENTER

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The First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 27, 2016

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

Rorate cæli, Op. 8, No. 1 (1954)

*Jeanne Demessieux (1921–1968)*

## HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (page 8)

*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

Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding (page 9)

*Merton*

## 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 -



ress - 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 122

*Lætatus sum*

*Plainchant Tone I.2*

*Sung by the choir*

*I pray for thy prosperity and peace, O Jerusalem.*

I was glad when they said unto me,

We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates,

O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city

that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord,

to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgment,

even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem;

they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls,

and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes,

I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God,

I will seek to do thee good.

## 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 2:1–5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. 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.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

## ANTHEM

Rorate cæli desuper

*Plainchant Tone I*

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever:

Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:

Our holy and most beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf:

And our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us:

And hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen;  
that ye may know me and believe me:

I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Savior:

And there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry:

I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:

Fear not, for I will save thee:

For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

## SECOND LESSON

Matthew 24:36–44

About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

## 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.*

## ANTHEM

Benedictus Dominus Deus

*Plainchant Tone VIII*

*The Holy Ghost shall descend upon thee, O Mary; fear not, thou shalt bear in thy womb the Son of God. Alleluia.*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;  
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us,  
in the house of his servant David;  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets,  
which have been since the world began;  
That we should be saved from our enemies,  
and from the hand of all that hate us.  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,  
and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham,  
that he would give us;  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies  
might serve him without fear;  
In holiness and righteousness before him,  
all the days of our life.  
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest:  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people  
for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God;  
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen.

## SERMON

A Realistic Prophecy

Text: Isaiah 2:4

## HYMN

Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord (page 10)

*Woodlands*

*The congregation standing*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Fuga sopra il Magnificat, BWV 733

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

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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.*

# 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.  
 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!



# Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Vox clara ecce intonat

Latin, 10th cent.

trans. Edward Caswall, 1849, alt.

MERTON 87 87

William Henry Monk, 1850

1 Hark, a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing;  
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn war - ning,  
3 Lo, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed,  
4 that when next Christ comes with glo - ry,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing

"Christ is nigh," it seems to say; "Cast a - way the  
let the earth-bound soul a - rise; Christ, her Sun, all  
comes with par - don down from heaven; let us haste, with  
and the world is wrapped in fear, 'neath the shield of  
to the Fa - ther and the Son, with the ev - er -

works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."  
ill dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
lov - ing - kind - ness, with true faith we may draw near.  
last - ing Spi - rit, while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

# Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

*para. of Magnificat*  
Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1962

WOODLANDS 10 10 10 10  
Walter Greatorex, 1916, alt.

1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord! Un -  
2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his name! Make  
3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might! Powers  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word! Firm

num - bered bless - ings give my spir - it voice; ten - der to  
known his might, the deeds his arm has done; his mer - cy  
and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by. Proud hearts and  
is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure. Tell out, my

me sure, stub - soul, the prom - ise from age to born wills are the great - ness of his of age the same; put to flight, the Lord in his the to

God my ho - gry chil - dren's Sa - vior name—the fed, chil - dren and shall my the Lord, the hum - ble and for ev - er - more! re - joice. - y One. lift - ed high.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 27, 2016

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## WELCOME

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. The preacher is the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Ministry Fellow 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. The first lesson is read by Susan Grefe. The second lesson is read by Gerald Ellis. 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 offering is bid by Karen-Alexandra Nogues '18. The first candle of the Advent Wreath is lit by the McGill family.

## 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!

## MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 2, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Elizabeth Aeschlimann MDiv III; Tuesday: Melissa Coles MDiv III;  
Wednesday: Khalil Muhammad; Thursday: Martha Tedeschi; Friday: Richard Thomas

## NO CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY

Church School will not be held today, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. It will resume next Sunday, December 4.

## THE OFFICE OF COMPLINE

A service of Compline, which combines candlelight, plainsong, polyphony, prayer, scripture, and silence, will be held this Thursday evening, December 1, at 9:00 p.m, in Andover Chapel of the Harvard Divinity School. Music is provided by the Harvard University Choir. All are welcome.

## THE 107<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

The 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Carol Services will be held in St. Paul Parish, at 29 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, on Sunday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m., and on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. Doors open one hour before each service. Admission is free; an offering for charity is collected. The service will be broadcast on WHRB Radio (95.3 FM, [www.whrb.org](http://www.whrb.org)) on Christmas Day at 1:00 p.m.

## MUSIC NOTES

Today's music celebrates the Advent season through traditional Gregorian melodies. The prelude, composed by the great French organ virtuoso Jeanne Demessieux, and postlude, by J. S. Bach, share these plainchant sources.

## SEASONS OF LIGHT: A MULTIRELIGIOUS SERVICE

On Tuesday, November 29 from 5:30–7:00 p.m., join the Harvard Divinity School community for this beloved annual service honoring the interplay of holy darkness and sacred light in the world's religious traditions. The service includes choral and instrumental music, readings by HDS students, the ritual kindling of many flames, and communal prayers and songs. The service will be held in Andover Chapel on the second floor of Andover Hall, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge.

## 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!

## 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](http://wbrb.org). Recordings of Sunday Worship Services and Sunday Sermons are available on our website, [memorialchurch.harvard.edu](http://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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## NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent. The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church.

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