

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The First Sunday of Advent
Holy Baptism
Holy Communion

Sunday, December 3, 2017

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

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. 102, “Savior of the Nations, Come”

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

The congregation standing

THE BAPTISM

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 this person who is baptized today, and strengthen us all to be your people in the world and a blessing to the Earth.

The congregation seated

Minister: I now invite the candidate for Holy Baptism to come forward.

Minister: *David Hojab*, do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Minister: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, will you turn from the ways of sin and trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, being his faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

Candidate: I will with God's help.

Minister: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

Candidate: I do.

Minister: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love, to your life's end?

Candidate: I will.

To the congregation:

Minister: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People: We will.

Minister: Let us pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Litanist: Open his heart, O God, to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

BLESSING OF THE WATER

Minister: Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. By the same Holy Spirit save them who confess the name of Jesus Christ, that sin may have no power over them. Create new life in all who are baptized that they may rise in Christ. Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was, and is, and shall always be, world without end.

People: Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Minister: 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.

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

Minister: Let us pray.

People: Eternal and loving God, give to this person receiving the Sacrament of Baptism 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.

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

THE PEACE

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

GREETING

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 back of the church.

Psalm 80:1-3, 17-19

Qui regis Israel

Tone IV

Sung by the choir

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;
show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim.

Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up thy strength, and come and help us.

Turn us again, O God;
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand,
and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.

And so will not we go back from thee:

O let us live, and we shall call upon thy name.

Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

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

Isaiah 64:1–9

Pew Bible, page 654 (OT)

KYRIE from *Mass for Four Voices*, SV 257 (1641)

Claudio Monteverdi (1567–1643)

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

SECOND LESSON

Mark 13:24–37

Pew Bible, page 44 (NT)

HYMN

The congregation standing

No. 100, st. 1 & 2, “Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending”

Helmsley

SERMON

Stay Woke

Text: “Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn...”

Mark 13:35

HYMN

No. 100, st. 3 & 4 “Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending”

The congregation standing

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 *Mass for Four Voices*, SV 257

Claudio Monteverdi

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 maris stella, SV 206:12 (1610)

Claudio Monteverdi

Ave maris stella,
Dei mater alma,
Atque semper virgo,
Felix cæli porta.

*Hail O star of the ocean,
God's own Mother blest,
Ever sinless virgin,
Gate of heavenly rest.*

Sumens illud AVE
Gabrielis ore,
Funda nos in pace,
Mutans EVÆ nomen.

*Taking that sweet AVE,
Which from Gabriel came,
Peace confirm within us,
Reversing EVA's name.*

Solve vincla reis,
Profer lumen cæcis,
Mala nostra pelle,
Bona cuncta posce.

*Break the sinner's fetters,
Make our blindness day,
Chase all evils from us,
For all blessings pray.*

Sit laus Deo Patri,
Summo Christo decus
Spiritui Sancto,
Tribus honor unus. Amen.

*Praise to God the Father,
Honor to the Son,
In the Holy Spirit,
Be the glory One. Amen.*

HYMN

No. 65, "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let Us Break Bread

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

Johann Sebastian Bach

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 3, 2017

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 Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church; and seminarians Aric Flemming MDiv II, Jane Moran MDiv III, and Michael Robinson MDiv III. The first lesson is read by Aba Sam '21. The second lesson is read by Eric Wang '19. 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 Jenny Hoffman and Daniel Larson family will light the first candle of Advent, representing hope.

A crying room is available for young children and infants in the lower level of the church. Parents and their children are welcome to use the 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.

FAITH FORMATION

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of ages three through fifteen. New this year is our Teen Class. All classes are held during Sunday services in the Fall and Spring Terms. To register or learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website. All families are kindly asked to register their children.

For adults in the MemChurch community, the Faith and Life Forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. These programs are held Sunday mornings during the Fall and Spring Terms in the Buttrick Room from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Speakers include scholars, pastors, and other public figures whose work enhances our awareness of the pivotal role religion plays across space and time. We will conclude the Forum for the Fall Term next Sunday, December 10, with Keri L. Day, Associate Professor of Constructive Theology and African American Religion, Princeton Theological Seminary.

Contact Ministry Fellow, Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) for more information about faith formation at MemChurch.

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: DECEMBER 4 – 8, 8:45 A.M.

This Friday, December 8, will be the last day of Morning Prayers for the Fall Term.

Monday: Dana Born; Tuesday: Michelle Bentsman MDiv III; Wednesday: Scott Ely '18
Thursday: Martin B. Copenhagen; Friday: Lucy Forster-Smith

PEACEFUL PIPES ORGAN MUSIC SERIES

This Wednesday, December 6, a program of contemplative and meditative organ music will be offered in Appleton Chapel at 12:15 p.m.

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.

108TH CHRISTMAS CAROLS SERVICES

The 108th Annual Christmas Carol Services will be held next Sunday, December 10, at 5 p.m. and the following Tuesday, December 12, at 8 p.m.

TACTUS ENSEMBLE PRESENTS “UT ANIMALIA”

Following the success of last season’s “Songs of War,” Tactus Ensemble presents a program of vocal polyphony inspired by the animal world. This concert will feature sacred and secular works by Josquin des Prez, Victoria, Palestrina, Lassus, Weelkes, and other composers. Tactus Ensemble is a chamber choir specializing in Renaissance music, directed by David Hughes and Maxime Rischard G4. The concert will take place at 8pm this Tuesday, December 5, in Appleton Chapel. Admission is free and open to all.

COLLECTING 850 TOYS FOR OUR 85TH

Please join with the Church School in supporting Phillips Brooks House’s 2017 Holiday Gift Drive. Our goal this year is to collect 850 new toys in honor of the 85th anniversary of the church! This annual event provides gifts to children of all ages in Cambridge and Boston, many of whose families are without necessary resources. Gifts should be new and unwrapped. Contributions can be placed in the large, gift-wrapped boxes in the narthex and downstairs in the Student Oasis until Sunday, December 17.

MUSIC NOTES

Claudio Monteverdi represents the pinnacle of Italian Renaissance composition, and guided the transformation to the early Baroque style: the Harvard University Choir is celebrating Monteverdi's compositions throughout the academic year, in honor of the 450th anniversary of the composer's birth. He revolutionized the music of the theater and the church with a dramatic use of instruments and voices, combined with a daring harmonic palette. From 1613 until his death in 1643, Monteverdi held the esteemed post of choirmaster of St. Mark's Basilica, Venice: unfortunately, much of the sacred music he wrote for Venice—including several important works mentioned in contemporary letters and documents—is now lost. Most of what does survive was published in the massive 1641 collection *Selva morale e spirituale* (A Moral and Spiritual Forest). Alongside some of his most famous and popular works, such as *Beatus vir*, stands a Mass for Four Voices, deliberately written in the restrained *a cappella* style characteristic of the masses of Palestrina. The choir also presents selections from the Marian hymn *Ave maris stella* found in Monteverdi's 1610 *Vespers*; two eight-part verses frame a pair of smaller-scale ones, interspersed with instrumental *ritornelli*.

To welcome in the new liturgical year, today's organ music comprises two settings of the Advent hymn, "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" ("Savior of the Nations, Come") from Bach's collection of large-scale chorale preludes known as the Great Eighteen. The prelude is plaintive in mood with florid elaborations of the melody in the treble; while the postlude is an energetic toccata which presents the chorale melody in the pedals.

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, 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 Dr. Keri L. Day, Associate Professor of Constructive Theology and African American Religion, Princeton Theological Seminary.

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