

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE KNAFEL CENTER

The Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion

Sunday, December 4, 2016

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude on “Veni, Emmanuel” (1993)

John Bertalot (b. 1931)

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (page 8)

The congregation standing

Veni Emmanuel

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

People, Look East, the Time Is Near (Page 9)

Besançon

GREETING

THE PEACE

All are invited to join in singing.

Children join their teachers in the Church School at the invitation of the worship leader.



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 -



tress - ing. Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.

OFFERTORY

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 hall forward.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Deus, iudicium

Plainchant Tone I.1

Sung by the choir

He shall preserve the souls of the poor, and shall deliver their souls from falsehood.

Give the King thy judgments, O God,
and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

Then shall he judge thy people according unto right,
and defend the poor.

The mountains also shall bring peace,
and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

He shall keep the simple folk by their right,
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrongdoer.

They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth,
from one generation to another.

He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass,
even as the drops that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish;
yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel,
which only doeth wondrous things;
And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever:
and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. Amen, Amen.

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 11:1–10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

KYRIE from Communion Service in E (*Collegium Regale*) (1961) *Harold Darke* (1888–1976)

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 3:1–12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

HYMN

The congregation standing

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (st. 1 & 2) (page 12)

Picardy

SERMON

Playing Hide and Seek with God

HYMN

The congregation standing

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (st. 3 & 4) (page 12)

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

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

AGNUS DEI from Communion Service in E (*Collegium Regale*)

Harold Darke

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.

HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together (page 10)

Let Us Break Bread

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661 (before 1723) *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

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

VENI EMMANUEL 88 88 88

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!

People, Look East, the Time Is Near

Eleanor Farjeon, 1928, alt.

BESANÇON 87 98 87

French melody

harm. Barry Rose, 1986

1 Peo - ple, look east, the time is near of the
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more
5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
nour - ish, that in course the flower may flou - rish. Peo - ple, look
froz - en now for fledg - ing time is chos - en. Peo - ple, look
weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day: Love, the guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day: Love, the rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day: Love, the bird, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day: Love, the star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Let Us Break Bread Together

African American

LET US BREAK BREAD 10 10 with Refrain

*African American melody
harm. Harry Lyn Huff, 2006*

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our

knees) let us break bread to - ge - ther on our knees; (our
knees) let us drink wine to - ge - ther on our knees; (our

knees) when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
knees)

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

Music © 2007 Harry Lyn Huff.

3 Let us praise God to - ge - ther on our knees; (on our

knees) let us praise God to - ge - ther on our knees; (our

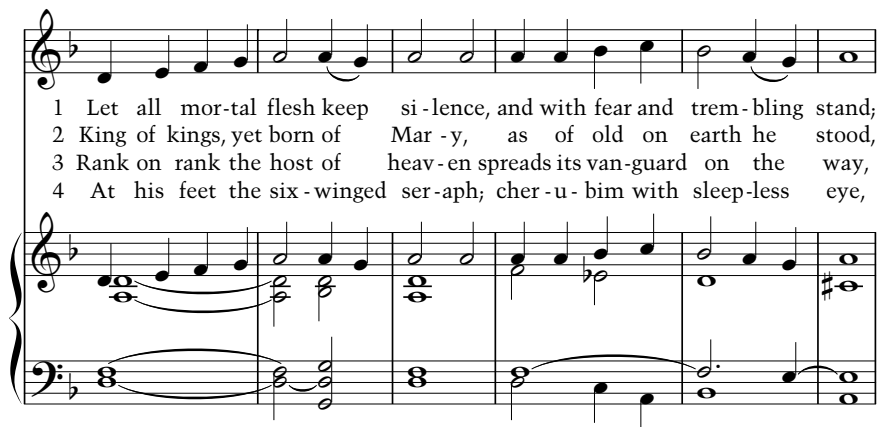
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sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

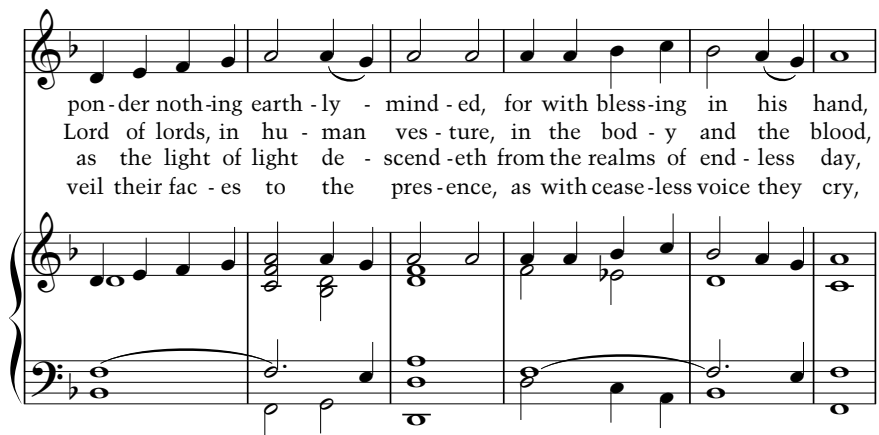
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

σιγησάτω πᾶσα σὰρξ βροτεία
Liturgy of St. James, 4th cent.
trans. Gerald Moultrie, 1864

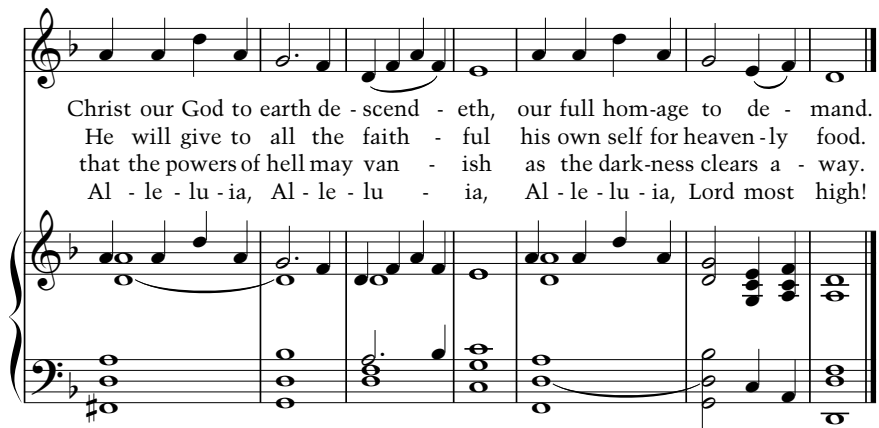
PICARDY 87 87 87
French melody, 17th cent.
accomp. The English Hymnal, 1906



1 Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence, and with fear and trem-bling stand,
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar-y, as of old on earth he stood,
3 Rank on rank the host of heav-en spreads its van-guard on the way,
4 At his feet the six-winged ser-aph; cher-u-bim with sleep-less eye,



pon-der noth-ing earth-ly - mind-ed, for with bless-ing in his hand,
Lord of lords, in hu-man ves-ture, in the bod-y and the blood,
as the light of light de-scend-eth from the realms of end-less day,
veil their fac-es to the pres-ence, as with cease-less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de-scend-eth, our full hom-age to de-mand.
He will give to all the faith-ful his own self for heaven-ly food.
that the powers of hell may van-ish as the dark-ness clears a-way.
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Lord most high!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 4, 2016

WELCOME

Today is the Second Sunday in 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 Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church; the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church; and seminarians Patrick Jackson '92, MDiv III; Jane Moran MDiv II; and David Price MDiv III. The first lesson is read by Douglas Maggs '17. The second lesson is read by Makinde Ogunnaike '17. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir, under the direction of Edward E. Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster, Thomas M. Sheehan, Associate University Organist and Choirmaster. The offering is bid by David Price MDiv III, Grants Committee Co-Chair 2016–17. The first two candles of the Advent Wreath are lit by the Kerorsa 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: DECEMBER 5 – 9, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Rosemarie Smurzynski MTS '80; Tuesday: Barbara Lewis;
Wednesday: Tom Forster-Smith; Thursday: Erin Driver-Linn PhD '01; Friday: Cody Sanders

CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of ages three through twelve. Classes are held in the lower level of the Knafel Center during Sunday services and emphasize biblical themes and scripture. The confirmation class will also meet during this time. At the conclusion of the worship service, parents are asked to promptly pick up their children. To register, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website. Contact Church School Director Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) to register for this class, or for more information about Church School programs. Church School will end for the Fall Term on December 13th and will begin for the Spring Term on January 29th.

THE 107TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

The 107th 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) on Christmas Day at 11:00 a.m.

MUSIC NOTES

English organist and composer Harold Darke is probably most famous for his three settings of the Office of Holy Communion and his setting of Christmas text “In the Bleak Midwinter.” The E major is the most well-known of the communion services, having been written for the choir of King’s College, Cambridge. The “Kyrie” and “Agnus Dei” are quite similar, both using the threefold repetitive structure of those prayers as inspiration for their musical construction.

John Bertalot is the former organist of St. Matthew’s Church, Northampton; Blackburn Cathedral; both in England, and Trinity Church, Princeton, New Jersey. He is also an extremely prolific composer, having written several large-scale works and many small organ pieces, of which today’s prelude is an example.

“Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland” is one of Martin Luther’s most famous chorales, based on St. Ambrose’s chant “Veni redemptor gentium.” Bach treats the chorale with a perpetual motion figure in the manuals, representing the unrest inherent to Advent, with the chorale melody in long notes in the pedal.

HARVARD VIOL CONSORT

The Harvard Viol Consort has been named the recipient of this year’s Gian Lyman Silbiger Grant awarded by the Viola da Gamba Society of New England. This student group, created by Professor Kate van Orden with the assistance of viola da gambist, Laura Jeppesen, is created anew each fall semester in Music 181r: “Performance and Culture: Renaissance Music.” The goal of this class, which combines academic research with hands-on study of the viola da gamba, is to teach students to become cultivated amateurs and to find the ease of a Renaissance viol player. The Silbiger grant will enable students enrolled in this class to perform with professional local viol players, Jane Hershey, Michael Sponseller, and James Williamson in the worship service next Sunday, December 11. The music will include works by Orlando Gibbons and William Byrd.

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!

PHILLIPS BROOKS HOUSE HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

Phillips Brooks House is collecting new, unwrapped gifts this holiday season for children in need from Boston & Cambridge. Gifts can be dropped off during the week at: Phillips Brooks House; University Hall, 1st Fl.; CGIS South Lobby; 1033 Mass Ave. Mezzanine; or 124 Mt. Auburn St. We will also take any gifts brought to next Sunday's service to one of the drop-off points.

TACTUS ENSEMBLE: EARLY MUSIC CONCERT

Tactus Ensemble, a chamber choir directed by UChoristers David Hughes and Maxime Rischard G3, will perform a concert of renaissance polyphony for Advent and Christmas at 8 p.m. on Tuesday December 6, in the Swedenborg Chapel at 50 Quincy Street. Admission is free and open to all—please come!

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 *whrb.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 Third Sunday of Advent. The preacher will be the Reverend Dr. Bill Leonard; James and Marilyn Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies and Professor of Church History, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

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