

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Third Sunday of Advent  
December 11, 2022, 11 am

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### PRELUDE

Fantasy on “Veni Emmanuel”, Op. 72, No. 5 (1980)

*Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)*

### HYMN

No. 91, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*Veni Emmanuel*

*The congregation stands and sings*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Isaiah 40 and Isaiah 2*

*Minister:* A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

*People:* Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;

*Minister:* The uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

*People:* Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together.”

### 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. 95, “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

*Aberystwyth*

*The congregation stands and sings*

### THE PEACE & GREETING

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

## OFFERTORY

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Psalm 146 *Lauda anima mea*  
*Sung by the choir*

*Tone VII.1*

## DOXOLOGY

*The congregation stands and sings.*  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all people here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:1–10

*Pew Bible, page 622 (OT)*

## ANTHEM

Ave maris stella (2019)

*Judith Weir (b. 1954)*

Hail, star of the sea,  
Blessed Mother of God,  
And ever virgin,  
Happy gate of heaven.

O unique Virgin,  
Gentle above all others,  
Set us free from sin,  
Meek and pure.

Receiving that “Hail”  
From the mouth of Gabriel,  
Establish us in peace,  
Transforming the name of Eve.

Grant a pure life,  
Prepare a safe way:  
That seeing Jesus  
We may ever rejoice.

Loosen the chains of the guilty,  
Bring forth light to the blind,  
Dispel out evil,  
Pray for all good things.

To God the Father be praise,  
Glory to Christ on high,  
Honor to the Holy Spirit,  
Three in one. Amen.

*Hymn at Vespers for feasts of the Virgin Mary, sung in Latin*

## SECOND LESSON

Matthew 11:2–11

*Pew Bible, page 9 (NT)*

## ANTHEM

The Long-Expected Hour (publ. 2022)

*Early American melody, arr. Howard Helvey (b. 1968)*

When Jordan hushed his waters still,  
And silence slept on Zion's hill,  
When Bethlehem's shepherds, through the night,  
Watched o'er their flocks by starry light.

Hark! from the midnight hills around,  
A voice of more than mortal sound,  
In distance hallelujahs stole,  
Wild murmuring o'er the raptured soul.

On wheels of light, on wings of flame,  
The glorious hosts of Zion came.  
High heaven with songs of triumph rang,  
While thus they struck their harps and sang:

O Zion, lift thy raptured eye;  
The long-expected hour is nigh;  
The joys of nature rise again;  
The Prince of Glory comes to reign.

*Thomas Campbell (1777–1844), alt.*

## 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## PRAYER RESPONSE

*The congregation remains seated*



Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.

## SERMON

*Kayla August*

## HYMN

No. 96, “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

*Winchester New*

*The congregation stands and sings*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Toccata on “Antioch” (1996)

*Craig Phillips (b. 1961)*

## TODAY’S SERVICE

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