

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022, 11 am

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Theme and Variations) (2021)

Marianne Kim (b. 1972)

HYMN

No. 91, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
The congregation stands and sings

Veni Emmanuel

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. 103, "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
The congregation stands and sings

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THE PEACE & GREETING

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

OFFERTORY

Your offering supports the work of the Memorial Church, especially our ministries to students and to our neighbors in need through the Grants Committee. Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church. You may also donate online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>

Variations on a Basque Noël, Op. 1212 (2017)

Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)

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 7:10–16

Pew Bible, page 596 (OT)

HYMN

No. 129, “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Divinum mysterium

The congregation stands and sings

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 1:18–25

Pew Bible, page 1 (NT)

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

The Rev. Calvin T. Jones

HYMN

No. 109, "People, Look East, the Time Is Near"

Besaçon

The congregation stands and sings

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Noël grand jeu et duo, Op. 2, No. 10

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772)

TODAY'S SERVICE

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