

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Holy Communion
The Second Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, January 4, 2015

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES UPON ENTERING
THE SANCTUARY OF THE MEMORIAL CHURCH.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Noël sur les flûtes

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772)

HYMN

No. 1, verses 1 & 4, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”
The congregation standing

Old Hundredth

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 36:5–9

Minister: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
Your judgments are like the great deep;
You save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: We feast on the abundance of your house,
And you give us drink from the river of your delights.

Minister: For with you is the fountain of life;

People: In your light we see light.

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. 113, “O Little Town of Bethlehem”
The congregation standing

St. Louis

GREETINGS

THE PEACE

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

AT THE OFFERTORY

“Laudate Dominum” from *Vesperae solennes de confessore*, K. 339

Sung by Ketti Muschler

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes;

laudate eum, omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus,
et veritas Domini manet in æternum.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,

et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations:

Praise him, all ye people.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us:

And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

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.

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 Church forward.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 31:7–14

Pew Bible, page 692 (OT)

SOLO

"A Song of Wisdom" from *Bible Songs*, Op. 113
Sung by Ketti Muschler

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

I came forth from the mouth of the Most High,
and covered the earth as a mist.
I dwelt in high places,
and my throne is in the pillar of the cloud.

Alone I compassed the circuit of heaven,
and walked in the depth of the abyss.
In the waves of the sea, and in all the earth,
and in every people and nation,
I got a possession. With all these I sought rest.
And I took root in a people that was glorified,
in the portion of the Lord's own inheritance.

I was exalted like a cedar in Libanus,
and as a cypress on the mountains of Hermon.
I was exalted like a palm tree on the sea shore,
and as a fair olive tree in the plain.

And my branches are branches of glory and grace,
and my flowers are the fruit of glory and riches.
Come unto me, ye that are desirous of me,
and be ye filled with my fruits.

And I came out as a stream from a river.
I said, I will water my garden,
and will water abundantly my garden bed;
And lo, my stream became a river,
and my river became a sea.
For my thoughts are filled from the sea,
and my counsels from the great deep.

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

John 1:1–8; 14–16

Pew Bible, page 79 (NT)

HYMN

No. 122, "Shepherds Came, Their Praises Bringing"
The congregation standing

Quem pastores laudavere

SERMON

Grace Upon Grace

Text: "From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."

John 1:16

HYMN

No. 110, "Joy to the World!"

The congregation standing

Antioch

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 truly right, good and joyful, to give you thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit, you replenish us and call us to the fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we lift our voices as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is labeled 'Organ' and the second and third staves are labeled 'Congregation'. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Organ Congregation

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, -

7
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

12
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The congregation may be seated.

The minister continues with the Eucharistic prayer:

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.

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. At the giving of the bread and the cup, the people respond with "Amen." Those wishing to receive grape juice please proceed to the server on either end of the Sanctuary.

HYMN

No. 65, "Let Us Break Bread Together"

The congregation standing

Let Us Break Bread

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In dir ist Freude, BWV 615

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 4, 2015

WELCOME

Today is Holy Communion and the Second Sunday after Christmas. The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church, Harvard University. The service is led by Ministry Fellow Alanna Copenhaver and Seminarian Jorden Sharick. The first lesson is read by Jerry Ellis. The second lesson is read by Babita Kuruvilla.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance. Following the service, the congregation is invited to a reception in the Memorial Room.

ORDINATION SERVICE OF ALANNA COPENHAVER

On Sunday, January 11 at 3:00 p.m., the Metropolitan Boston Association of the United Church of Christ, the Memorial Church, and Wellesley Village Church invite you to the Ordination to Christian Ministry of Alanna Catherine Copenhaver. The service will be held at the Memorial Church. Your prayers and presence are requested. The color of the day is red. Clergy from all traditions are invited to robe and process at 2:30 p.m. Please RSVP to kelly_meier@harvard.edu or call 617-495-5508.

WINTER RECESS

Morning Prayers services have ended for the Fall Term and will resume at the start of the Spring Term on Monday, January 26, 8:45 a.m.; you can listen to recordings of previous Morning Prayers services on our website, www.memorialchurch.harvard.edu, or listen on SoundCloud or iTunes. The Faith & Life Forum has ended and will resume on February 1. The Church School for Children is on recess and will resume on February 1.

SUNDAY SERMONS AND MORNING PRAYERS SERVICES ON HARVARD'S ITUNES U

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the First Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher will be Adam Vander Tuig MDiv III, Seminarian in the Memorial Church.

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