

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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The Second Sunday after Christmas  
Holy Communion and Holy Baptism

Sunday, January 5, 2014

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



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## PRELUDE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223

*Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)*

## HYMN

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

*Old Hundredth*

*The congregation standing*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Minister:* Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.  
There is one body and one Spirit;

*People:* There is one hope in God’s call to us.

*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 these precious children and strengthen us all to be your people in the world, and a blessing to the Earth. Amen.

*The congregation seated*

## THE BAPTISM

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*Minister:* The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents & Godparents respond:*

We present *Gianluca Noah Patrick Morgese* to receive the sacrament of baptism.

*Minister:* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents & Godparents:* I will with God’s help.

*Minister:* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the life of God’s grace and love?

*Parents & Godparents:* I will with God’s help.

*Minister:* Will you continue to honor your own spiritual journey, as a role model for the child you present?

*Parents & Godparents:* I will with God’s help.

*Minister:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?

*Parents & Godparents:* I will with God’s help.

*To the congregation:*

*Minister:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People:* We will.

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

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

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

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

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

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

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

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

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

## BLESSING OF THE WATER

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, O God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the power of God's love, compassion and mercy.

## THE BAPTISM

*Gianluca Noah Patrick Morgese*, 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. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

*Minister:* Let us Pray:

*All:* Eternal and loving God, give this precious child 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:

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

## THE PEACE

## GREETINGS

## AT THE OFFERTORY

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

*Robert MacGimsey (1898–1979)*

Sweet little Jesus Boy,  
We made you be born in a manger.  
Sweet little holy Child,  
We didn't know who you was.

Didn't know you'd come to save us, Lord,  
To take our sins away.  
Our eyes were blind, we couldn't see;  
We didn't know who you was.

You have told us how;  
We are tryin'.  
Master, shown us how,  
Even when you were adyin'.

Just seems like we can't do it right;  
Look how we treated you.  
But please, dear Lord, forgive us,  
We didn't know 'twas you.

*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.

## LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 31:7–14

*Pew Bible, pages 692–693 (OT)*

## ANTHEM

“Schlafe, mein Liebster” from *Christmas Oratorio*, BWV 248     *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

Schlafe, mein Liebster, genieße der Ruh,  
Wach nach diesem vor aller Gedeihen!

*Sleep, my beloved, enjoy your rest,  
And awaken after it for all the fortunate!*

## LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

John 1:1–18

*Pew Bible, page 79 (NT)*

## HYMN

No. 241, “Come Down, O Love Divine”  
*The congregation standing*

*Down Ampney*

## SERMON

In the Beginning

Text: "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it."

*John 1:5*

## HYMN

No. 67, verses 1-4, "Just As I Am, without One Plea"

*Woodworth*

*The congregation standing*

## ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's table.*

### 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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord, you have received us as your daughters and sons, made us citizens of your kingdom and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us on our journey through life. 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 notation is presented on three staves. The first staff is labeled 'Organ' and 'Congregation' and contains the melody for 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, -'. The second staff, starting at measure 7, continues the melody with 'hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The third staff, starting at measure 12, concludes with 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

*The congregation may be seated.*

*The minister continues with the Eucharistic prayer:*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## 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."*

## ANTHEM

Wither's Rocking Hymn

*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*

Sweet baby, sleep; what ails my dear?  
What ails my darling thus to cry?  
Be still, my child, and lend thine ear  
To hear me sing thy lullaby.  
My pretty lamb, forbear to weep;  
Be still, my dear; sweet baby, sleep.

Thou blessed soul, what canst thou fear?  
What thing to thee can mischief do?  
Thy God is now thy father dear;  
His holy spouse thy mother too.  
Sweet baby, then, forbear to weep;  
Be still, my dear; sweet baby, sleep.

When God with us was dwelling here,  
In little babes he took delight:  
Such innocents as then, my dear,  
Are ever precious in his sight.  
Sweet baby, then, forbear to weep;  
Be still, my dear; sweet baby, sleep.

*George Wither (1588–1667)*

## 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*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 5, 2013

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## WELCOME

Today is the Second Sunday after Christmas, Holy Communion, and Holy Baptism. The preacher is the Reverend Kerry Maloney, Director of Religious and Spiritual Life, Harvard Divinity School. The first lesson is read by First Lady Diane Patrick. The second lesson is read by Governor Deval Patrick. Receiving the sacrament of baptism is Gianluca Noah Patrick Morgese. Assisting ministers are the Reverend Dr. Sarah Drummond, the Reverend Dr. Stephanie Paulsell, and the Reverend Preston Hannibal. The organist is Christian Lane. The soloist is Emily Marvosh, contralto.

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.

## WINTER RECESS

Morning Prayers services have ended for the Fall Term and will resume at the start of the Spring Term on Monday, January 27, 8:45 a.m. The Faith & Life Forum has ended and will resume on February 2. The Church School for Children is on recess and will resume on January 19.

## SERMONS AND MORNING PRAYERS SERVICES ON HARVARD'S ITUNES U AND SOUNDCLOUD

Sunday sermons and weekly Morning Prayers services are available on Harvard's iTunes U and SoundCloud. Search for "Harvard Memorial Church" on Apple's iTunes software or on SoundCloud's website at <https://soundcloud.com>. Additionally, past Sunday sermons from the late Peter J. Gomes can now be heard on Harvard's iTunes U and SoundCloud; search for "Peter J. Gomes."

## NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the First Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher will be the Reverend Dr. Claudia Highbaugh, Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life, Connecticut College, New London, CT.

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*For more information on upcoming services and events:*

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