

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 8, 2013

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

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PRELUDE

Prelude on “Veni Emmanuel”
Fantasy on “Veni Emmanuel”

John Bertalot (b. 1931)
Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)

HYMN

No. 91, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Sung by all, the congregation standing

Veni Emmanuel

SENTENCES FROM SCRIPTURE

COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us all pray.

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way of our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The congregation seated

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

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.

HYMN

No. 95, “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”
The congregation standing

Aberystwyth

GREETINGS

Children now join their teachers in the Church School.

THE PEACE

AT THE OFFERTORY

Magnificat, Tone 6

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

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.

PSALTER

Psalms 72:1–7; 18–19

Pew Bible, pages 496–497 (OT)

To be read responsively; the congregation standing

GLORIA PATRI

See Hymn No. 371

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 11:1–10

Pew Bible, pages 600–601 (OT)

ANTHEM

Lovely Vine

Jeremiah Ingalls (1764–1838)

I. Behold a lovely vine
Here in the desert ground;
The blossoms shoot and promise fruit
And tender grapes are found.

IV. Ye trees which loft stand,
And stars with sparkling light;
Ye Christians hear both far and near,
'Tis joy to see the sight.

II. Its circling branches rise
And shade the neighboring lands;
With lovely charms she spreads her arms
With clusters in her hands.

V. Shall feeble nature sing,
And man not join the lays?
With lofty voice proclaim the joys
And join in songs of praise!

III. This city can't be hid,
It's built upon a hill;
The dazzling light it shines so bright
It doth the valleys fill.

VI. Glory to God on high,
For his redeeming grace;
The blessed dove came from above
To save our ruined race.

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 3:1–12

Pew Bible, page 2 (NT)

ANTHEM

Keep Your Lamps

Georgia Sea Islands Spiritual
arr. André Thomas (b. 1952)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,

The time is drawing nigh.

Children don't get weary

'Til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over,

The time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,

The time is drawing nigh.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Create in us clean hearts, O God.

People: And sustain with your Holy Spirit.

Each time the minister says "Lord, in your mercy," the congregation will respond with "Hear our prayer."

THE GRACE

The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

HYMN

No. 96, "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Winchester New

The congregation standing

SERMON

Pursuing the Prophetic

Text: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near"

Matthew 3:2

HYMN

No. 99, "Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

Merton

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on "Veni Emmanuel"

Alec Rowley (1892–1958)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 8, 2013

WELCOME

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Bill J. Leonard, James and Marilyn Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies and Professor of Church History, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC. The service is led by Seminarians Adam Cory Vander Tuig MDiv II and David Wayne Hysong MDiv II. The first lesson is read by Cassandra Baker, Wake Forest University Alumni Association. The second lesson is read by Jerry Baker HDS '71, Trustee, Wake Forest University. The Second Candle of the Advent Wreath is lit by the Berberian & Escobar family.

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.

MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: DECEMBER 9 – 11, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Elisa New; Tuesday: Gregory Tristram; Wednesday: Perry Hewitt

Wednesday, December 11 will be the last Morning Prayers service of Fall Term. Morning Prayers will resume at the start of Spring Term on Monday, January 27. In the meantime, you can listen to recordings of previous Morning Prayers services on our website, www.memorialchurch.harvard.edu, or listen on SoundCloud or iTunes.

Following Wednesday's service, free coffee and snacks will be available at MemCafé from 9:00–10:15 a.m. on the steps of the Memorial Church across from Widener Library. All are welcome!

THE 104TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

The 104th Annual Carol Services will be held in the church on Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m., and on Monday, December 16 at 8:00 p.m. Doors open one hour before each service. Admission is free; an offering for charity is collected. The Monday service will be broadcast live on WHRB Radio (95.3 FM, www.whrb.org). The broadcast begins with the organ prelude at 7:30 p.m. It will also be re-broadcast on Sunday, December 22 at 11:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

On Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m., a service will be held to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord with hymns and Holy Communion. Professor Jonathan L. Walton will preach. Singers are welcome to join in the community choir for the Christmas Eve service; rehearsal is before the service at 3:30 p.m.

PHILLIPS BROOKS HOUSE HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

The Phillips Brooks House (PBH) Annual Holiday Gift Drive has begun and will continue through December 15. PBH is collecting new books, games, toys, art supplies, and sports equipment for local children in need. Faculty, staff, students, departments, and members of the Harvard Community are invited to donate gifts for children of all ages. Gifts should be new and unwrapped. A gift box is located at the back of the church. We will also accept toys throughout the week in the boxes located downstairs in the church's reception office. For more information, contact Robert Bridgeman at bridgemanrobert@gmail.com.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith & Life Forum seeks to deepen our devotional lives by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency concerning communities of faith. Held every Sunday morning during the Term before the 11:00 a.m. worship service, the presentations take place in the Pusey Room of the Memorial Church from 9:30–10:30 a.m., but you are invited to gather for coffee and conversation at 9:00 a.m. The next Faith & Life Forum, “Painting Harvard with a Broader Brush,” will be held on Sunday, December 15. Artist Steve Coit will give the presentation.

MUSIC NOTES

Jeremiah Ingalls is remembered primarily for his collection of early New England folk-hymns, *The Christian Harmony* (1805), which opens with the beautiful tune “Lovely Vine.” A setting of words by Joshua Smith based on the Gospel of John, the text contemplates the divinity of God reflected in the natural world, and contains much familiar Advent imagery — the blossoming vine, the redeeming grace of the blessed dove, and the approaching dazzling light.

André Thomas is Director of Choral Activities at The Florida State University and a noted composer, conductor, and arranger of spirituals for choirs. *Keep Your Lamps* is a traditional spiritual from the Georgia Sea Islands, which takes as its theme the parable of the wise and foolish virgins from the Gospel of Matthew.

The plainsong advent melody “Veni Emmanuel” forms the basis of this morning’s organ music, in interpretations by three English composers. John Bertalot was organist of Blackburn Cathedral from 1964–1983, before moving to America as organist of Trinity Church, Princeton, and Associate Professor at Westminster Choir College. Kenneth Leighton held university appointments at Leeds and Oxford before becoming Reid Professor of Music at Edinburgh in 1970. Based in London, Alec Rowley studied at the Royal Academy of Music, and later taught at Trinity College; he was the organist of several notable churches in that city, including St. Margaret’s, Westminster.

NEXT SUNDAY’S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. The preacher will be the Reverend Dudley C. Rose, Associate Dean for Ministry Studies and Lecturer on Ministry, Harvard Divinity School.

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