

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Sunday of the Epiphany
January 7, 2024, 11 am

PRELUDE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, Op. 67, No. 49 (1902/03)

Max Reger (1873–1916)

HYMN

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

The congregation stands and sings

Old Hundredth

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 36 & Lamentations 3

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.

Minister: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God’s mercies never come to an end;

People: They are new every morning;
great is God’s faithfulness.

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. 133, “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star!”

The congregation stands and sings

Wie schön leuchtet

THE PEACE AND GREETINGS

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

OFFERTORY

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Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, Op. 65, No. 44 (1906–08)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and sings.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1–5

Pew Bible, page 1 (OT)

HYMN

No. 136, “We Three Kings”

Kings of Orient

The congregation stands and sings

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:4–11

Pew Bible, page 30 (NT)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

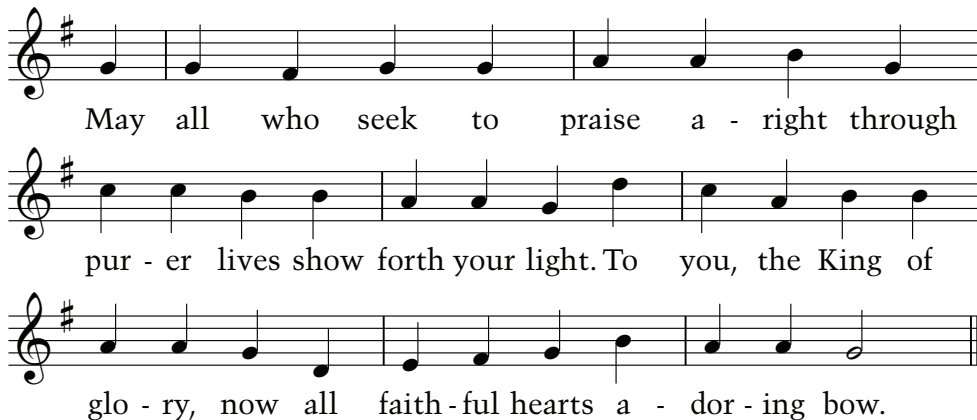
THE LORD’S PRAYER

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



May all who seek to praise a - right through
pur - er lives show forth your light. To you, the King of
glo - ry, now all faith - ful hearts a - dor - ing bow.

SERMON

The Rev. Calvin T. Jones

HYMN

No. 140, "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

Salzburg

The congregation stands and sings

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BWV 739

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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