

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

The First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2022, 11 am

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### PRELUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 (ca. 1748)

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

### INTROIT

Drop Down, Ye Heavens (Rorate cæli desuper)

*Plainsong, Tone I*

### 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. 102, “Savior of the Nations, Come”  
*The congregation stands and sings*

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

## THE PEACE & GREETING

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

## OFFERTORY

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Psalm 122 *Laetatus sum*  
*Sung by the choir*

*Tone I.2*

## 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 2:1–5

*Pew Bible, page 591 (OT)*

## ANTHEM

How Long, Dear Savior, O How Long (“Northfield”)

*Jeremiah Ingalls (1764–1838)*

How long, dear Savior, O how long  
Shall this bright hour delay,  
Fly swifter round the wheel of time,  
And bring the welcome day.

From the third heaven, where God resides,  
That holy, happy place,  
The new Jerusalem comes down,  
Adorned with shining grace.

*Isaac Watts (1674–1478)*

## SECOND LESSON

Matthew 24:36–44

*Pew Bible, page 24 (NT)*

## ANTHEM

Hark, the Glad Sound! (“Raymond”)

*John G. McCurry (1702–1751) after Stephen Jenks (1772–1856)*

Hark the glad sound: the Savior comes,  
the Savior promised long;  
let every heart prepare a throne  
and every voice a song.

He comes the prisoner to release,  
in Satan’s bondage held;  
the gates of brass before him burst,  
the iron fetters yield.

*Philip Doddridge (1593–1632)*

## 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. Matthew Ichibashi Potts*

## HYMN

No. 100, “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

*Helmsley*

*The congregation stands and sings*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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*Johann Sebastian Bach*

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