

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

The First Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 2023, 11 am

## PRELUDE

O Come, Emmanuel: Variations on an Advent Hymn (1995)

*Daniel Pinkham '44 (1923–2006)*

## INTROIT

Drop Down, Ye Heavens (Rorate cæli desuper)

*Plainsong, Tone I*

## HYMN

No. 91, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*Veni Emmanuel*

*The congregation stands and sings*

## 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

## KYRIE

from *Missa secunda*

*Sung by the choir*

*Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)*

## 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*

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 64:1–9

*Pew Bible, page 654 (OT)*

## PSALM

Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19 *Qui regis Israel*  
*Sung by the choir*

*Tone IV*

## SECOND LESSON

Mark 13:24–37

*Pew Bible, page 44 (NT)*

## HYMN

No. 102, “Savior of the Nations, Come”  
*The congregation stands and sings*

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

## SERMON

*The Rev. Matthew Ichibashi Potts*

## SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*Minister:* Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*People:* Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind and all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## OFFERTORY

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Rorate coeli, Op. 176, No. 1 (1893)

*Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)*

*Sung by the choir*

## 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.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The congregation remains standing*

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts.

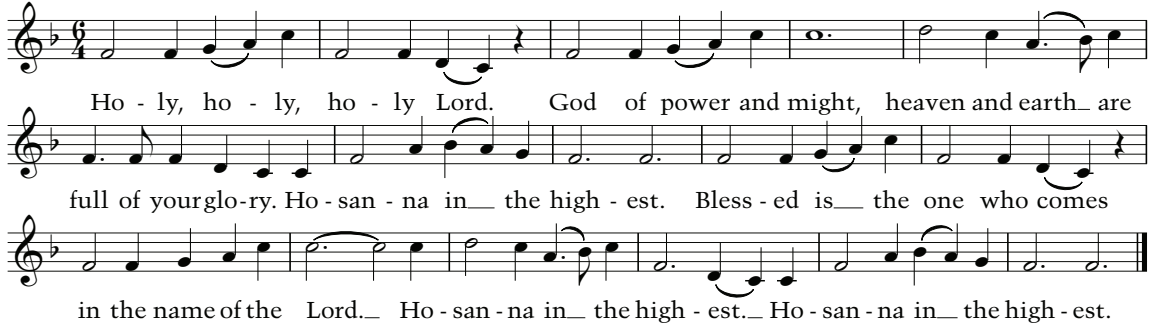
*People:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Minister:* ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth\_ are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in\_ the high - est. Bless - ed is\_ the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord\_ Ho - san - na in\_ the high - est.\_ Ho - san - na in\_ the high - est.

*The congregation remains standing*

*Minister:* ... Therefore, according to his command, O God,

*People:* We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

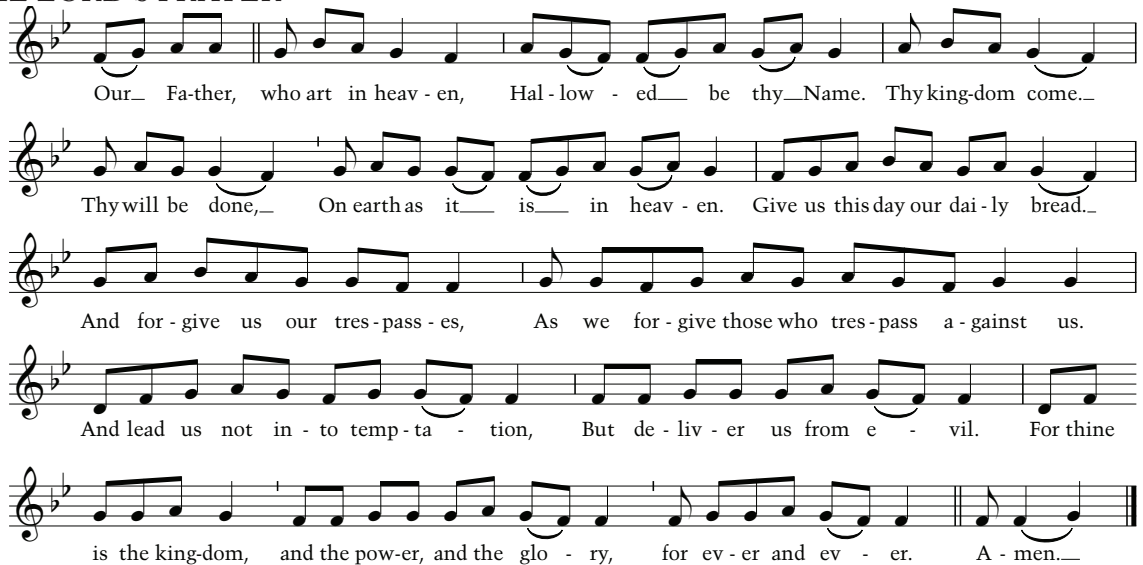
We await his coming in glory.

*The minister continues*

*Minister:* ... By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

*People:* *AMEN.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our\_ Fa-ther, who art in heav - en, Hal - low - ed\_ be thy\_ Name. Thy king - dom come\_

Thy will be done,\_ On earth as it\_ is\_ in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread\_

And for - give us our tres - pass - es, As we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.

And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, But de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine

is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men\_

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Minister:* Behold what you are.

*People:* May we become what we receive.

*The congregation sits*

## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

### AGNUS DEI

from *Missa secunda*

*Sung by the choir*

*Hans Leo Hassler*

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*The congregation stands*

*Minister:* Let us pray.

*People:* Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### BLESSING

### HYMN

No. 100, "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

*The congregation stands and sings.*

*Helmsley*

### DISMISSAL

*Minister:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

## TODAY'S SERVICE

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