

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022, 11 am

PRELUDE

Allegro comodo, H. 56, No. 1 (1905)
Aria (2021)

Frank Bridge (1879–1941)
Tim Knight (b. 1959)

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

KYRIE

from *Communion Service in E (Collegium Regale)* (1961)
Sung by the choir

Harold Darke (1888–1976)

THE PEACE & GREETING

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

LESSON

Isaiah 11:1–10

Pew Bible, page 600 (OT)

PSALM

Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19 *Deus iudicium*

Sung by the choir

Tone I.1

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1–10

Pew Bible, page 2 (NT)

HYMN

No. 99, “Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

The congregation stands and sings

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SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Ichibashi Potts

THE 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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Never Weather-Beaten Sail (publ. 1933)

Charles Wood (1866–1926)

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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Loving God, Creator of heaven and earth. [...]

Minister: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever 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 we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Minister: ... 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: When the centurion standing there saw how Jesus died, he said:

People: Truly, this is the Son of God.

The congregation sits

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI

from *Communion Service in E (Collegium Regale)* (1961)
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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The congregation stands

Minister: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everliving 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. 94, “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

Genevan 42

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Litanies, JA 119 (1937)

Jehan Alain (1911–1940)

TODAY'S SERVICE

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