

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021
11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Chorale Fantasia on “Nun komm der Heiden Heiland”

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665–1697)

HYMN IN PROCESSION

No. 91, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Veni Emmanuel

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

During the singing of this hymn, the second Advent candle is lit.

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.”

Minister: Come, let us set out in the light of the Lord.

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”

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

THE PEACE & GREETING

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

FIRST LESSON

Baruch 5:1–9

ANTHEM

Never Weather-Beaten Sail (1910)

Charles Wood (1866–1926)

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore,
Never tired pilgrim limbs affected slumber more,
Than my weary sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest!

Ever blooming are the joys of heav'n's high paradise,
Cold age deafs not there our ears nor vapor dims our eyes:
Glory there the sun outshines; whose beams the blessed only see:
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee.

Thomas Campion (1567–1620), alt.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 3:1–6

Pew Bible, page 52 (NT)

ANTHEM

This Is the Record of John

Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord.

John 1:19–23

PRAYER HYMN

The congregation remains seated.

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to
see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following the Prayers of the People the Prayer Hymn is repeated.

SERMON

OFFERTORY

The offering collected today goes directly to fund Project Manna, an outreach ministry of Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church in Cambridge. Project Manna offers nutritional assistance to enhance the quality of life and decrease the incidence of hunger for low-income families and individuals. Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Project Manna." You may also donate online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>

Luke 1:68–77, *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Tonus peregrinus

Sung by the choir

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, and to remember his holy covenant;
The perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham,
That he would give us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest:
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people for the remission of their sins.

DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

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 RITE OF EUCHARISTIC FAST

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

The minister continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, all holy God, creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

SANCTUS

The congregation remains masked while singing.



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

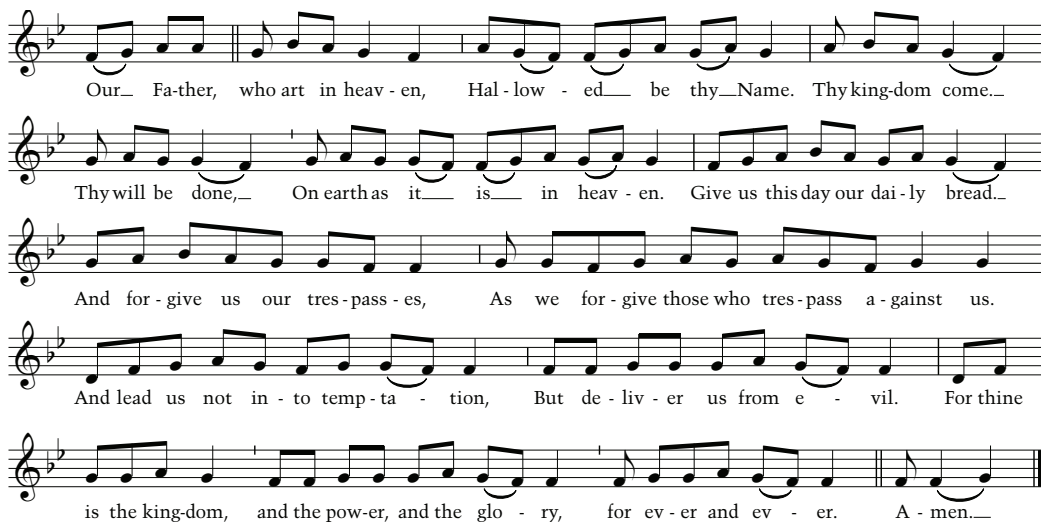


Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

The minister continues in prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The congregation remains masked while singing.



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.

HYMN

No. 65, "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let Us Break Bread

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue on the Magnificat, BWV 733

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 5, 2021

WELCOME

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. The preacher is the Reverend Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Faculty of Divinity, Harvard University. The worship leaders are the Reverend Calvin T. Jones, Assistant Minister in the Memorial Church; Laurie Sedgwick MDiv III; and Cheyenne Boon MDiv II. The second Advent candle is lit by the Lepionka family. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir under the direction of Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster and David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

MUSIC NOTES

Charles Wood taught at the Royal College of Music, London, where his pupils included Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells. Wood only started composing music for the church in his later years, but it is for this repertoire that he is primarily remembered today. The beautiful anthem *Never Weather-Beaten Sail* sets words by the English composer, poet, and lutenist Thomas Campion, which are particularly appropriate for the season of Advent.

Orlando Gibbons was born into a musical family: his father was a civic musician who migrated between Oxford and Cambridge, and his brother, Edward, was a Lay Clerk in the choir of King's College, Cambridge, where the young Orlando would receive his early musical education as a chorister. He is first listed on the payroll of the Chapel Royal in 1603, and two years later he would become the senior chapel organist—a post he would hold for the rest of his life. He became one of the king's private virginalists in 1619, and in 1623 he was appointed organist of Westminster Abbey. When he died suddenly of apoplexy in 1625, England lost its most gifted organist and composer—a musician renowned both for his keyboard dexterity and his ability to write with equal facility for both sacred and secular forces. *This Is the Record of John* is one of the most famous of all Tudor verse anthems, in which a dialogue occurs between the solo voice and the five-part choir.

The German-Danish composer Nicolaus Bruhns was a pupil of Dietrich Buxtehude. Though his life was short, and very few of Bruhns's compositions survive, the pieces that exist are recognized as some of the finest works in the North German organ tradition. His fantasia on the familiar Advent chorale is a continuous work, though it is divided into clear sections; each section develops a different phrase from the chorale's melody. The postlude is Johann Sebastian Bach's fugue on the *Magnificat* chant ("Meine seele erhebet den Herren.") Written in the old-fashioned style of a sixteenth-century fantasia, the complete iteration of the melody is saved until the very end, when it appears as a *cantus firmus* in the pedals.

MORNING PRAYERS

Our daily service of Morning Prayers takes place at 8:30 am. Monday: Choy Yuk-ling; Tuesday: Brenda Tindal; Wednesday: Matthew Ichihashi Potts; Thursday/Friday: no service (end of term)

THE 112TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

The 112th Annual Christmas Carol Services will be held in the Memorial Church Sanctuary on Sunday, December 12 at 5 pm, and on Tuesday, December 14 at 8 pm. Tickets will be available through the Harvard Box Office beginning December 1. The service is free, but seating is limited. Doors will open an hour prior to each service. The wellbeing of our community remains our primary commitment. All attendees must be masked. All attendees will be asked to present their Harvard ID at the door, or show proof of vaccination, or show a proof of negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours. In addition, all attendees must attest to their current health status.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The wellbeing of our visitors, students, and staff remains our top commitment at the Memorial Church. Harvard University continues to closely monitor the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and it is an ever-changing situation.

We are taking important steps to protect against COVID-19. We grateful for your assistance helping us to take these precautionary measures to prevent the spread of infection and to prioritize the wellbeing of our community, especially the most vulnerable in our midst.

We ask that all visitors, students, and staff abide by the following:

- All individuals will be masked indoors.
- All individuals/households will attest to the state of their health upon arrival. Individuals will be asked to leave if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and/or exhibiting symptoms with COVID-19.
- All individuals will refrain from public consumption of food and beverage indoors.

Please review the latest guidance for on-campus activity before attending services or other events on campus. Seating with physical distancing is available.

Guidance may be subject to additions and changes based upon the distribution of the disease and local disease dynamics. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this time.

Things are a bit different. Some of the details of our worship life have been altered to accommodate pandemic restrictions. Some of our programming has been adjusted to keep everyone safe. But what we hope you find entirely familiar is the love and openness and welcome with which we hope to fill our church each day.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith & Life Forum of the Memorial Church explores matters of faith and public life. The Forum takes place in the Buttrick Room in the lower level of the Memorial Church from 9:30–10:30 am on Sundays. Each week we explore themes such as love, justice, suffering, and salvation in relation to the world in which we live. We learn from scholars and practitioners of religion, religious intellectuals, writers, activists, and artists whose work captures conceptions of the sacred and wrestles with the mysterious dimensions of life. All are welcome to join. Participants will need to register and attest to their health in order to participate in the weekly forum gatherings. There is both a virtual and in-person component. Please visit our website to learn more.

CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of age three through sixteen. All classes are held during Sunday Services in the Fall and Spring Terms. To participate in the Church School program, parents or guardians need to register their children, and to attest to the state of their children's health weekly. Please visit our website to learn more or email Assistant Minister, Calvin Jones (calvon_jones@harvard.edu), with any questions.

The Rev. Jones and the Church School team are excited to announce the launch of our newly designed MemChurch School digital platform. Our children and families will have access to fun, exciting, and educational episodes, steeped in stories of love and humanity. Take a virtual journey to a digital place where the Bible comes to life. You can find episodes at: <https://bit.ly/3iUtEWW>

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a way to get more involved with the Memorial Church? Student Deacons might be the answer! Student Deacons is a volunteer, ecumenical Christian program involving both undergraduate and graduate students. Their service involves a ministry of hospitality and welcome during Sunday services and in the wider MemChurch community. If you're looking for a new opportunity for spiritual growth, please contact Student Program Coordinator, Anna Burnham (anna_burnham@harvard.edu), for more information!

PBHA STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

The Phillips Brooks House Association is seeking student volunteers who will be in the Cambridge area anytime between December 19–January 23 for assistance at the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter and Y2Y. For more information, contact: hshs.volunteer@gmail.com and volunteer@y2yharvardssquare.org

SUPPORT PHILLIPS BROOKS HOUSE TOY AND JOY DRIVE

Please be a blessing to a child during the holiday season by supporting the Phillips Brooks House Toy and Joy Drive. This amazing drive supports over a dozen community partners this holiday season. There are a wide range of items to choose from including books, sports equipment, games, toys, and arts supplies. Please see Holiday Wish Lists on the Phillips Brooks website: <https://publicservice.fas.harvard.edu/toyandjoydrive>

SUPPER AT SPARKS HOUSE

Colette and Matt Potts would like to invite vaccinated members of the congregation to join them for small group, casual suppers at Sparks House over the coming months. If you would like to gather with Colette, Matt, and a few other Memorial Churchgoers for conversation and fellowship, please contact Elizabeth Montgomery (elizabeth_montgomery@harvard.edu). As Elizabeth gathers names, we will begin scheduling suppers to match the Pottses' and others' schedules over the coming months.

STUDENT OASIS

The Student Oasis in the lower level of the Memorial Church is a tranquil and relaxing space for study, for meeting friends and fellow students, even cooking a favorite meal in the full-service kitchen. Located in the heart of Harvard Yard, the Oasis is open daily to Harvard students during the academic term. For more information and the hours of operation, visit <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/studentoasis>

LISTEN TO SUNDAY WORSHIP AND MORNING PRAYERS

Sunday services are broadcast on Harvard's radio station, WHRB 95.3 FM in term; a live stream of the service is available at wbrb.org. Recordings of Sunday Worship Services and Sunday Sermons are available on our website, memorialchurch.harvard.edu, during the week following the service. Sunday Sermons and Morning Prayers are also available on SoundCloud at <http://bit.ly/sundaysermons> and <http://bit.ly/morningprayers> respectively, and on iTunes—search “Harvard Memorial Church” from your iTunes app.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent and the Service of Installation of the Reverend Matthew Ichihashi Potts as Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church. The preacher is the Reverend Stephanie Paulsell, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School and Co-Faculty Dean of Eliot House.

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