

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday of Advent  
December 10, 2023, 11 am

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## PRELUDE

Magnificat, Tone VI

*Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)*

## 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

## CANTICLE

Remember, O Thou Man

*Sung by the choir*

*Thomas Ravenscroft (ca. 1588–1635)*

## 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 40:1–11

*Pew Bible, page 626 (OT)*

## PSALM

Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13 *Benedixisti, Domine*  
*Sung by the choir*

*Tone I*

## SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:1–8

*Pew Bible, page 30 (NT)*

## HYMN

No. 94, “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”  
*The congregation stands and sings*

*Genevan 42*

## SERMON

*The Rev. Calvin T. Jones*

## 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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“For He Shall Give His Angels” from *Elijah*, Op. 80 (1845–46)

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

*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.

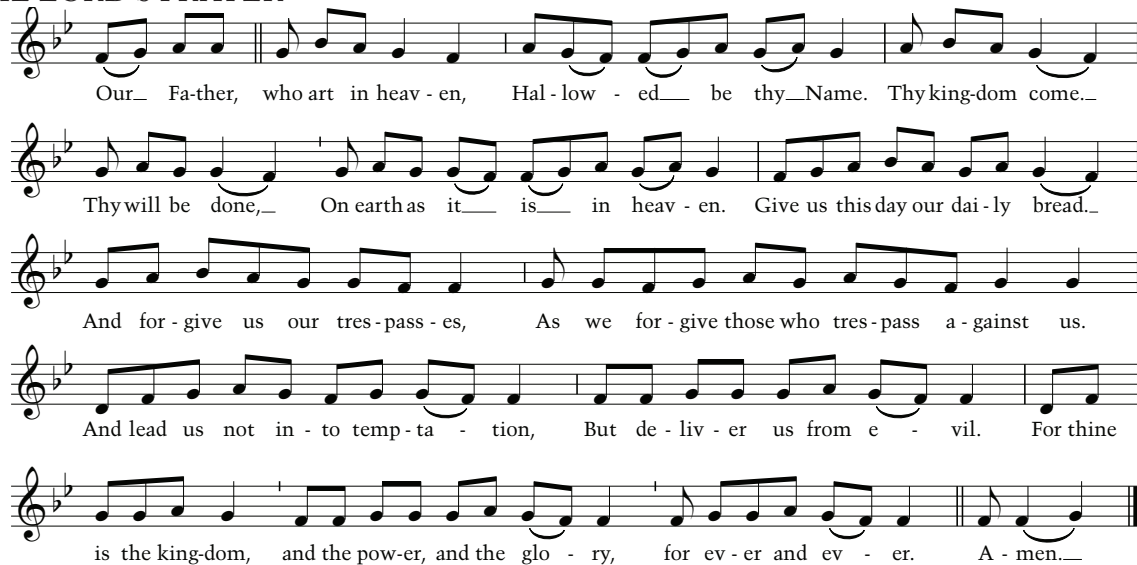
We await his coming in glory.

*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

### ANTHEM AT COMMUNION

Abendfeier in Venedig (1848)

*Sung by the choir*

*Clara Schumann (1819–1896)*

### 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. 95, “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

*The congregation stands and sings.*

*Aberystwyth*

### DISMISSAL

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

Rhapsody on a German Carol, Op. 1237 (2017)

*Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)*

## TODAY'S SERVICE

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