

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Third Sunday of Advent
The Service of Installation of the Reverend
Matthew Ichihashi Potts as Pusey Minister and Plummer Professor

December 12, 2021
11 am

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

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PRELUDE

Sonata No. 9 in G major, K. 241 (1776)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

Sonata No. 13 in C major, K. 328 (1779)

INTROIT

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Eurydice V. Osterman (b. 1950)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Psalms 51:10–13, KJV

HYMN IN PROCESSION

No. 91, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Veni Emmanuel

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 40 and Isaiah 2

Leader: 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;

Leader: 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.”

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

During this litany, the third Advent candle is lit.

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. 94, "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Genevan 42

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.

OFFERTORY

The offering collected today goes directly to fund Maya Childcare, a US based non-profit which supports the Centro Infantil Bellota (Acorn Childcare Center) in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. The Center provides vital nutrition, care, education, and family support to children, ages two to six, living under conditions of extreme poverty. The Potts family visited the childcare center in 2019 and have worked on behalf of the organization to support its mission for ten years. Please be generous. Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Maya Childcare." You may also donate online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>

Isaiah 12:2–6, *Ecce, Deus*

Tone III

Sung by the choir

Behold, God is my health; in whom I trust, and am not afraid.

For the Lord God is my strength and my praise, he also shall be my refuge.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of the Savior.

And then shall ye say: Let us give thanks unto the Lord and call upon his name,

And declare his counsels among the people,

and keep them in remembrance for his name is excellent.

O sing praises unto the Lord for he doeth great things, as it is known in all the world.

Cry out and be glad, thou that dwellest in Sion,

For great is thy prince: the holy one of Israel.

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

FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Pew Bible, page 830 (OT)

ANTHEM

“How Lovely Are the Messengers” from *St. Paul*, Op. 36 (1836) *Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,

Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Julius Schubring (1806–1889) after Romans 10:15b, 18b

SECOND LESSON

Luke 3:7–18

Pew Bible, page 52 (NT)

ANTHEM

A Dream of Love, Op. 1414 (2021)

Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)

*Written for the service of installation of the Rev. Matthew Ichibashi Potts
as Pusey Minister of the Memorial Church, December 12, 2021*

Mary, in a dream of love
Playing as all children play,
For unsuspecting children may
Express in comic make-believe
The wish that later they will know
Is tragic and impossible;
Hear, child, what I am sent to tell:
Love wills your dream to happen, so
Love's will on earth may be, through you,
No longer a pretend but true.

W. H. Auden (1907–1973)

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.

A LITANY FOR NEW MINISTRY

Minister: God the Father,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Minister: God the Son,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Minister: God the Holy Spirit,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Minister: Holy Trinity, One God,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Minister: We pray to you, Lord Christ

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the Day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: That Matt may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit he may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: For his family, that they may be adorned with every blessing, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: For all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to God.

People: To you, O Lord our God.

Minister: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Following the Lord's Prayer, the Prayer Hymn is repeated.

SERMON

THE INSTITUTION

The institution begins with remarks from President Bacow.

Bishop Gates: Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Presbyter of the Church of God, you have been called to work together with your Bishop and fellow-Presbyters as a pastor, priest, and teacher, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

Now, you have been selected to serve as the Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church of Harvard University. Having committed yourself to this work, do not forget the trust of those who have chosen you. Care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words, and in your life, proclaim the Gospel. Love and serve all people. Nourish them and strengthen them and gather them in goodness and grace.

May the Lord, who has given you the will to do these things, give you the spirit and strength to perform them.

President Bacow: Matt, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Professor Potts: I do.

President Bacow: Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Matt in this ministry?

People: We will.

Bishop Gates: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Bishop Gates: Let us pray. Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Matt, that with patience and understanding he may care for your people; and grant that together they may hear and respond to your living Word, praising you with all they have and do, making neighbors of the estranged and the forlorn, and loving one another as they love themselves. Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of your church. Amen.

THE INDUCTION

President Bacow: Matt, receive these keys, and open the doors of this church to all people.

Bishop Gates: Matt, receive this baptismal ewer and this communion chalice, and administer the sacraments in this place.

Dean Hempton: Matt, receive this Bible, and guide this community with your teaching and preaching.

Professor Paulsell: Matt, receive this psalter, and lead this community in prayer and devotion.

Imam Abdur-Rashid: Matt, receive this oil, and anoint this people for healing and reconciliation.

Mrs. Thiemann: Matt, receive this stole, and serve us as pastor and priest.

Bishop Gates: Matt, let all these things be signs of your ministry in this place.

People: Amen.

The induction continues.

BENEDICTION

HYMN

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

Helmsley

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Toccata-Rondo, Op. 1076 (2014)

Carson Cooman '04

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 12, 2021

WELCOME

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent and the Service of Installation of the Reverend Matthew Ichihashi Potts as Pusey Minister and Plummer Professor. 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. The worship leaders are the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration in the Memorial Church; the Reverend Calvin T. Jones, Assistant Minister in the Memorial Church; and the Reverend Emmanuel K. Akyeampong, Ellen Gurney Professor of History and Professor of African and African American Studies and Minister for Worship and Formation in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Alden Fossett '21 and the second lesson by Jessica Young Chang MDiv III. The third Advent candle is lit by the Potts family. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir under the direction of Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster; David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster; and members of the Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra: Sarah Darling and Madeline Stewart, violins; Veronica Koven-Matasy, viola; and Andrew Koutroubas, cello.

Offering gifts to Matt Potts during the induction ceremony today are Lawrence S. Bacow, the 29th President of Harvard University; Alan M. Gates, the 16th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts; David N. Hempton, Alonzo L. McDonald Family Professor of Evangelical Theology, John Lord O'Brien Professor of Divinity, and Dean of Harvard Divinity School; Stephanie Paulsell, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies at Harvard Divinity School, Co-Faculty Dean of Eliot House, and Interim Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church (2019–21); Khalil Abdur-Rashid, Muslim Chaplain at Harvard University; and Beth Thiemann, spouse of the late Ronald F. Thiemann, Benjamin Bussey Professor of Theology, Dean of Harvard Divinity School, and Matt's doctoral adviser. The stole Mrs. Thiemann presents has been made by Matt's mother, Miyoko Potts.

MUSIC NOTES

Eurydice V. Osterman was born in Atlanta, Georgia and was educated at Andrews University and at the University of Alabama. From 1978 until her retirement in 2016, Osterman was a member of the faculty of Oakwood University in Huntsville where she was the primary theory teacher and director of the Oakwood College Choir. She also served for periods as director of the Aeolians and as chair of the music department. *Create in Me a Clean Heart* begins meditatively, intensifying during the imploring central section, before settling back into peace at its close.

Felix Mendelssohn made the most significant contribution to the nineteenth-century revival of the oratorio form with his two masterpieces *Elijah* and *St. Paul*. The composer

began work on a third large-scale oratorio, *Christus*, based on the life of Christ, but his untimely death prevented its completion. The composer's first oratorio, *St. Paul*, was premiered in 1836 at the Lower Rhine Music Festival in Düsseldorf; the gently flowing music of "How Lovely Are the Messengers" seems to depict the patter of feet running to spread the good news of Isaiah's prophecy.

Composer in Residence Carson Cooman's *A Dream of Love* was written for today's service of installation. It is a setting of an Advent text chosen by the Reverend Matthew Potts for this occasion—a stanza from W. H. Auden's lengthy *For the Time Being: A Christmas Oratorio* (1941–42). As is often the case with Auden's poetry, the mood changes are densely packed into even a short text, and the musical setting reflects that.

Members of the Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra, led by Sarah Darling '02, join the Harvard University Choir for some of today's musical offerings. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's charming Church Sonatas are often termed "Epistle Sonatas," as they were originally intended for performance between the Epistle and the Gospel readings during the Mass in Salzburg Cathedral. The festive postlude was written for Latvian-Brazilian organist Kris Rizzotto who premiered it on their summer 2014 South American recital tour. The work is a toccata in a traditional French romantic style, but with a contemporary American harmonic vocabulary; two intervening rondo episodes alternate with the main toccata texture.

MORNING PRAYERS

Our daily service of Morning Prayers takes place at 8:30 am. Morning Prayers has ended for the Fall Term and will resume for the Spring Term on January 24.

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. The service is free, but seating is limited, and no further tickets are available. 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, 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. While no more tickets are available, the Sunday service will be broadcast live on Harvard's radio station, WHRB 95.3 FM. The Monday service will be available in a video livestream on YouTube via Memorial Church's website.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND JANUARY SERVICES

A Christmas Eve service will be held on Friday, December 24 at 5 pm. The preacher will be the Reverend Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Faculty of Divinity. Due to current COVID-19 safety protocols, we are not able to invite members of the community to join the impromptu community choir this year. There will be no Sunday service on December 26 or January 2. Sunday services will resume on January 9.

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 are 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@y2yharvardsquare.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 whrb.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 Fourth Sunday of Advent. The preacher is the Reverend Calvin T. Jones, Assistant Minister in the Memorial Church.

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