

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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The Second Sunday of Advent  
Holy Baptism & Holy Communion

Sunday, December 7, 2014

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

Fantasy on *Veni Emmanuel*

*Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)*

## HYMN

No. 91, verses 1 & 2, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*Veni Emmanuel*

*Sung by all, the congregation standing*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

## HYMN

No. 91, verses 3 & 4, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*Veni Emmanuel*

*Sung by all, the congregation standing*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Minister:* We gather to celebrate the God who is present among us.

*People:* The Lord our God is our strength and song, and is even now our salvation.

*Minister:* We gather to celebrate with all the world that the Lord is God.

*People:* With joy we gather around God’s fountain of grace  
to be refreshed and renewed.

*Minister:* We gather to celebrate with songs of praise  
for the Lord our God’s eternal presence  
is forever with us and all peoples.

*People:* We sing with joy:  
We come to worship our Mighty God!  
Praise God’s holy name!

*The congregation seated*

## THE BAPTISM

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*Minister:* Let us pray.

Gracious God, by our baptism, you welcome us into the household of faith and open the way to new life; in this world and the next. Receive these who are baptized today and strengthen us all to be your people in the world, and a blessing to the Earth. Amen.

The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents & Godparents respond:*

We present *Elene Lorainne–Virginia Reddell & Patrick–John Wyatt Reddell* to receive the sacrament of baptism.

*Minister:* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents & Godparents:* We will with God’s help.

*Minister:* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the life of God’s grace and love?

*Parents & Godparents:* We will with God's help.

*Minister:* Will you continue to honor your own spiritual journey, as a role model for the child you present?

*Parents & Godparents:* We will with God's help.

*Minister:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?

*Parents & Godparents:* We will with God's help.

*To the congregation:*

*Minister:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People:* We will.

*Minister:* Let us pray for all who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth:

*Leader:* Open their heart, O God, to your grace and truth.

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

## BLESSING OF THE WATER

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, O God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the power of God's love, compassion and mercy.

## THE BAPTISM

### PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

*Minister:* Let us pray:

*All:* Eternal and loving God, give to all receiving the sacrament of Baptism an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

*Minister:* Let us welcome the newly baptized:

*All:* We receive you, with joy, into the household of God, and into the priesthood of all believers.

## THE PEACE

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

## GREETINGS

*Children now join their teachers in the Church School.*

## AT THE OFFERTORY

I'm Pressing On the Upward Way

*arr. Ji Eun "Dominika" Hwang*

*Violins: Ji Eun "Dominika" Hwang", Morgan Weidinger; Violas: Madison Hockaday, Choeun Kim*

*Here an offering is received for the work of the Church within and beyond the University. Ushers will begin the collection from the back of the Church forward.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 40:1–11

*Pew Bible, page 626 (OT)*

KYRIE from *Office of Holy Communion, Collegium Regale*

*Herbert Howells (1892–1983)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 1:1–8

*Pew Bible, page 30 (NT)*

## HYMN

No. 131, "Jesus, the Light of the World"  
*The congregation standing*

*We'll Walk in the Light*

## SERMON

Why We Can't Wait!

Text: "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight...'"

*Mark 1:3*

## HYMN

No. 128, "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"  
*The congregation standing*

*Es ist ein Ros*

# ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper without regard to denomination.*

## 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 truly right, good and joyful, to give you thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit, you replenish us and call us to the fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we lift our voices as we sing:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is labeled 'Organ' and 'Congregation'. The melody is in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, -'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The third staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Organ Congregation

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, -

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hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The congregation may be seated.*

*The minister continues with the Eucharistic prayer:*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Albert H. Malotte (1895–1964)*

*Sung by the choir*

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The minister says:*

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Holy food for the journey of life.

## AT THE COMMUNION

*Communicants will proceed to the foot of the chancel steps at the direction of the ushers and will return to their seats by the side aisles. At the giving of the bread and the cup, the people respond with "Amen." Those wishing to receive grape juice please proceed to the server on either end of the Sanctuary.*

## AGNUS DEI from *Office of Holy Communion, Collegium Regale*

*Herbert Howells*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

## ANTHEM

*Never Weather-Beaten Sail*

*Charles Wood (1866–1926)*

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore,  
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more;  
Then 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 Heaven'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)*

## HYMN

No. 65, "Let Us Break Bread Together"  
*The congregation standing*

*Let Us Break Bread*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata on Veni Emmanuel*

*Andrew Carter (b. 1939)*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 7, 2014

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## WELCOME

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent, Holy Baptism, and Holy Communion. The preacher this morning is Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church. The service is led by Professor Jonathan L. Walton; the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to Harvard University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church; Ministry Fellow Alanna Copenhaver; and Seminarians Omar Rouchon, Laura Martin, Lauren Seganos, and David Hysong. The first lesson is read by Caroline Hubbard '17. The second lesson is read by Kenyatta Smith '15. The Second Candle of the Advent Wreath is lit by the Rossano family. Receiving the sacrament of Baptism are Elene Lorainne-Virginia Reddell and Patrick-John Wyatt Reddell.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance. Following the service, the congregation is invited to a reception in the Memorial Room.

## MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: DECEMBER 8–10, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Mark Jordan; Tuesday: Michael Goetz; Wednesday: Ashleigh Cote '15

Wednesday, December 10, will be the last Morning Prayers service and MemCafé of Fall Term. Morning Prayers will resume at the start of Spring Term on Monday, January 26. In the meantime, you can listen to recordings of previous Morning Prayers services on our website, [www.memorialchurch.harvard.edu](http://www.memorialchurch.harvard.edu), or listen on SoundCloud or iTunes.

*Following each service of Morning Prayers on Wednesdays, free coffee and snacks will be available at MemCafé from 9:00–10:15 a.m. on the steps of the church across from Widener Library. All are welcome!*

## FAITH & LIFE FORUM

Today is the last Faith & Life Forum of Fall Term; the Forum will resume at the beginning of Spring Term on February 1, 2015.

## CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Next Sunday, December 14, will be the last Church School before the Winter break. Church School will resume at the beginning of Spring Term on Sunday, February 1, 2015.

## HOLIDAY GIVING

Please help us collect gifts and donations for two worthy causes this holiday season. Donation boxes will be placed at the back of the church starting Sunday, November 30; we will also accept donations throughout the week in the boxes located downstairs in the Church's reception office.

**Phillips Brooks House Holiday Gift Drive:** We will be collecting presents this holiday season for children in Boston and Cambridge. Place items such as books, toys, art supplies, board games, and sports equipment in the boxes provided. Gifts should be new and unwrapped. Donations accepted through Sunday, December 14.

**Harvard Real Estate Holiday Gift Drive for Rosie's Place:** Rosie's Place goal is to distribute \$25 gift cards and a toiletry gift set (full size lotion, body spray and body wash) to women who visit Rosie's Place for services during the holiday season. All donations should be new and unwrapped. Most-needed items: \$25 gift cards (Stop & Shop, Old Navy, Walgreens, Payless, Bed, Bath & Beyond, CVS, etc.); full-size toiletries; lotion and body spray gift sets; comforters, blankets, and sheets; movie passes; make-up or beauty products; and sets of scarves, hats, and gloves. Donations accepted through Wednesday, December 10.

## THE 105<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

The 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Carol Services will be held in the church on Sunday, December 14 at 5:00 p.m., and on Monday, December 15 at 8:00 p.m. Doors open one hour before each service. Admission is free; an offering for charity is collected. The Sunday, December 14 carol service will be broadcast live on WHRB Radio (95.3 FM, [www.whrb.org](http://www.whrb.org)). The broadcast begins with the organ prelude at 4:30 p.m. It will also be re-broadcast on Sunday, December 21 at 3:30 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

On Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m., a service will be held to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord with hymns and Holy Communion. Professor Jonathan L. Walton will preach. Singers are welcome to join in the community choir for the Christmas Eve service; rehearsal is before the service at 3:30 p.m.

### MUSIC NOTES

Herbert Howells was born in Gloucestershire, England, and studied with Charles Stanford and Charles Wood at the Royal College of Music. He was the most important English composer of the generation to succeed Elgar, Vaughan Williams, and Holst, and his contribution to the renaissance of English choral music in the twentieth century is unparalleled. In 1941 Howells was appointed Acting Organist of St. John's College, Cambridge, and in 1943 he composed his famous morning and evening Canticles for King's College, Cambridge (the *Collegium Regale* service). In 1956 Howells revisited the themes of this now-classic work in his Holy Communion service which once again displays the composer's natural aptitude for counterpoint, and his flair for sheer beauty of vocal harmony; this morning the Harvard University Choir presents the elegiac *Kyrie* and the haunting *Agnus Dei*.

Charles 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.

The plainsong Advent melody "Veni Emmanuel" forms the basis of this morning's organ music, in interpretations by two English composers. Kenneth Leighton held university appointments at Leeds and Oxford before becoming Reid Professor of Music at Edinburgh in 1970; his *Fantasia on Veni Emmanuel* highlights the composer's distinctive harmonic vocabulary. Andrew Carter studied music at Leeds University before moving to York, where he sang in the famous Minster choir. His *Toccata on Veni Emmanuel* is in the manner of the grand French Toccata, inspired by Jean Guilloù's playing of the organ of Saint Eustache, Paris.

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### NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. The preacher will be the Reverend Dr. Stephanie Paulsell, Houghton Professor of the Practice of Ministry Studies, Harvard Divinity School and Affiliated Minister in the Memorial Church.

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