

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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The First Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 11, 2015

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

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## PRELUDE

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684

*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

## HYMN

No. 1, verses 1 & 4, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”  
*The congregation standing*

*Old Hundredth*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 36:5–9

*Minister:* Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
Your faithfulness to the clouds.

*People:* Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
Your judgments are like the great deep;  
You save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

*Minister:* How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

*People:* We feast on the abundance of your house,  
And you give us drink from the river of your delights.

*Minister:* For with you is the fountain of life;

*People:* In your light we see light.

## INVOCATION

## 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. 132, “The First Nowell”  
*The congregation standing*

*The First Nowell*

## GREETINGS

## THE PEACE

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

## AT THE OFFERTORY

Cradle Song

*Ned Rorem (b. 1923)*

O my deir hert, young Jesus sweat,  
Prepare thy credil in my spreit,  
A I sall rock thee in my hert  
And never mair from thee depart.

But I sall praise thee ever moir  
With sang is sweat unto thy gloir;  
The knees of my hert sall I bow,  
And sing that richt balulalow!

*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.

## PSALTER

Psalm 29

*Pew Bible, page 467 (OT)*

*To be read responsively; the congregation standing*

## GLORIA PATRI

*See Hymn No. 371*

## FIRST LESSON

Acts 19:1–7

*Pew Bible, page 122 (NT)*

## ANTHEM

Excerpts from “Hear My Prayer” WoO 15

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

Hear my prayer, O God, incline thine ear!  
Thyself from my petition do not hide;  
Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to thee!  
Without thee all is dark, I have no guide.

O for the wings of a dove!  
Far away would I rove!  
In the wilderness build me a nest,  
and remain there for ever at rest.

## SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:4–11

*Pew Bible, page 30 (NT)*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* And also with you.  
*Minister:* Let us pray.  
Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
*People:* For we put our trust in you.  
*Minister:* In you, Lord, is our hope;  
*People:* And we shall never hope in vain.

*Each time the minister says "Lord, in your mercy," the congregation will respond with "Hear our prayer."*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*In unison:*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE GRACE

The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

## HYMN

No. 124, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"  
*The congregation standing*

*Winchester Old*

## SERMON

## HYMN

No. 135, "As with Gladness Men of Old"  
*The congregation standing*

*Dix*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

"Dieu parmi nous" from *La Nativité du Seigneur*

*Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 11, 2015

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## WELCOME

Today is the First Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is Adam Vander Tuig MDiv III, Seminarian in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by David Hysong MDiv III. The second lesson is read by Laura Martin MDiv III. The service is led by the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church, Harvard University and Seminarian Jordan Sharick MDiv III. The music is provided by Thomas Sheehan, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster; the singer is Megan Dirr.

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.

## ORDINATION SERVICE OF ALANNA COPENHAVER

Today at 3:00 p.m., the Metropolitan Boston Association of the United Church of Christ, the Memorial Church, and Wellesley Village Church invite you to the Ordination to Christian Ministry of Alanna Catherine Copenhaver. The service will be held at the Memorial Church. Your prayers and presence are requested. The color of the day is red. Clergy from all traditions are invited to robe and process at 2:30 p.m. Please RSVP to [kelly\\_meier@harvard.edu](mailto:kelly_meier@harvard.edu) or call 617-495-5508.

## WINTER RECESS

Morning Prayers services have ended for the Fall Term and will resume at the start of the Spring Term on Monday, January 26, 8:45 a.m.; 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. The Faith & Life Forum has ended and will resume on February 1. The Church School for Children is on recess and will resume on February 1.

## SUNDAY SERMONS AND MORNING PRAYERS SERVICES ON HARVARD'S ITUNES U

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## NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Commemoration of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Second Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher will be Dr. Walter E. Fluker, Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor of Ethical Leadership, Boston University School of Theology.

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