

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 22, 2013

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

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## PRELUDER

Noels

*Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772)*

## HYMN

No. 91, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*Sung by all, the congregation standing*

*Veni Emmanuel*

## SENTENCES FROM SCRIPTURE

## COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Minister:* Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, O God, by your daily visitation, that your Son, Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The congregation seated*

## CONFESION

*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

## 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.

## HYMN

No. 121, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*The congregation standing*

*Mendelssohn*

## GREETINGS

## THE PEACE

*All are welcome to join in the singing of Hymn 27, Verse 1*

## AT THE OFFERTORY

"Quia fecit mihi magna" from *Magnificat*

*Sung by Thomas Lovering G2, bass*

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: et sanctum nomen ejus.

*For he who is mighty has done great things for me: and holy is his name.*

*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.

## PSALTER

Psalm 80:1–7, 16–18

*To be read responsively; the congregation standing*

*Pew Bible, pages 503–504 (OT)*

## GLORIA PATRI

*See Hymn No. 371*

## LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 7:10–16

*Pew Bible, pages 596 (OT)*

## ANTHEM

The Three Kings

*Sung by Thomas Lovering G2, bass*

*Peter Cornelius (1824–1874)*

*Arranged by Ivor Atkins (1869–1953)*

Three kings from Persian lands afar  
To Jordan follow the pointing star:  
And this the quest of the travelers three,  
Where the newborn King of the Jews may be.  
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;  
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,  
And there in worship they bend the knee,  
As Mary's child in her lap they see;  
Their royal gifts they show to the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem  
The kings are travelling, travel with them!  
The star of mercy, the star of grace,  
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.  
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;  
Offer thy heart to the infant King,

## LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 2:1–8, 13

*Pew Bibles, page 1–2 (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 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. 132, "The First Nowell" (*verses 1–4*)

*The congregation standing*

*The First Nowell*

## SERMON

Hope Beyond Herod

## HYMN

No. 110, "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

*The congregation standing*

*Antioch*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Noel Suisse

*Louis-Claude Daquin*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Anthony L. Bennett, Senior Pastor, Mount Aery Baptist Church, Bridgeport, CT. The Fourth Candle of the Advent Wreath is lit by the West family. The first lesson is read by Dorinda Hale. The second lesson is read by Wendel Meyer. The service is led by Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Ministry Fellow Alanna Copenhaver, and the Reverend Ann Stevenson. Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

On Christmas Eve, Tuesday, 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.

### WINTER RECESS

The Church offices will be closed from December 25 through January 1 for winter recess. There will be no worship service held on Sunday, December 29; the next Sunday service will be on January 5. Morning Prayers services have ended for the Fall Term and will resume at the start of the Spring Term on Monday, January 27, 8:45 a.m. The Faith & Life Forum has ended and will resume on February 2. The Church School for Children is on recess and will resume on January 19.

### NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

The next Sunday Service will be held on January 5. The preacher will be the Reverend Kerry Maloney, Director of Religious and Spiritual Life, Harvard Divinity School.

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