

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

---

The Second Sunday after Christmas  
Holy Communion

Sunday, January 3, 2016

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



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

---

## PRELUDE

Noel

*Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772)*

## HYMN

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

*Old Hundredth*

*The congregation standing*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Minister:* The Word became flesh and lived among us

*People:* And we have seen his glory.

*Minister:* The true light that enlightens everyone has come into this world.

*People:* Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ. Glory to God forever.

*Adapted from John 1:9–14*

## INVOCATION

## CONFESSION

*In unison:*

Holy God, we confess that we are a distracted people and forgetful of your love. We make selfish choices, hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world. We have sinned against you and are deeply sorry and repent of our disregard of you, each other, and your creation. By the power of your Spirit, forgive, restore, and strengthen us to live in your light and walk in your truth; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## THE PEACE

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

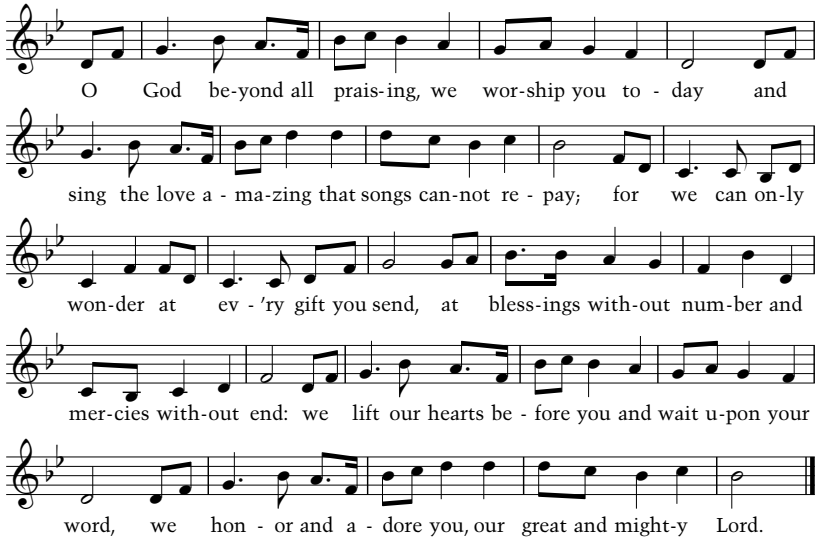
## GREETINGS

## OFFERTORY

Noel

Louis-Claude Daquin

*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.*



O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day and  
sing the love a - ma-zing that songs can-not re - pay; for we can on-ly  
won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and  
mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait u-pon your  
word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1921, alt.

Text: Michael Perry; © by Jubilate Hymns, Ltd. (admin. by Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188).

## FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

*Pew Bible, pages 692-693 (OT)*

## HYMN

No. 130, "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"  
*The congregation standing*

*Regent Square*

## SECOND LESSON

John 1:1-9, 14

*Pew Bible, page 79 (NT)*

## HYMN

No. 122, "Shepherds Came, Their Praises Bringing"  
*The congregation standing*

*Quem pastores laudavere*

## SERMON

Beginning Matters

## HYMN

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

*Antioch*

# ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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

## INVITATION

## COMMUNION PRAYER

*In unison:*

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to you, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our savior. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is labeled 'Organ' and the second and third are labeled 'Congregation'. The music is in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, - hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. 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

*In unison:*

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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Heavenly Father, be present with your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit. May we be nourished and strengthened through this supper. Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of your Son may be united in him. And may we remain faithful in love and hope until we feast joyfully with him in the eternal kingdom. Amen.

## THE GIFT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Through the broken bread, we participate in the body of Christ.

Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are now ready.

## ACT OF COMMUNION

### HYMN

No. 65, "Let Us Break Bread Together"

*The congregation standing*

*Let Us Break Bread*

## THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*In unison:*

We thank you, God, that at this table we have touched, we have tasted, and we have heard the signs of your love for us. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world with courage and peace. As we receive these gifts you give us, may we become the gifts that others need, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

In dulci jubilo

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

---

### OUR MISSION:

*The Memorial Church of Harvard University is a space of grace in the center of the Yard, rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ. Affectionately known as "MemChurch," we pursue partnerships within and beyond Harvard, empowering community members to serve the world as well-informed, compassionate, moral citizens. Through worship and ministry outreach, MemChurch aims to promote justice and mercy by confronting life's challenges, differences, and our own imperfections with courage, empathy, and an ethic of love. By doing so, the Memorial Church seeks to educate minds, expand hearts, and enrich lives.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 3, 2016

---

## WELCOME

Today is the Second Sunday after Christmas, Holy Communion. The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to Harvard University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church. The service is led by the Reverend Alanna Copenhaver, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by David Foster. The second lesson is read by Jerry Ellis.

Liturgy adapted from *The Light, the Word, the Glory of God, Service prayers for the Second Sunday after Christmas*, by Susan A. Blain, Worship Ways, [ucc.org](http://ucc.org), 2016; *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1* edited by Kim Long, Westminster John Knox Press, 2012.

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.

## PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

Prayer request cards are available in the pew card holders or in the church lobby. We would be honored to pray for your specific needs. Please place prayer request cards in the offering plates during worship services or in the prayer request box in the church lobby.

## USHERS NEEDED

Ushers play a vital role in our worship services. If you are interested in being an usher for Winter Recess Sunday Worship, please contact Kelly Robichaud at [kelly\\_robichaud@harvard.edu](mailto:kelly_robichaud@harvard.edu). We would love to have you join us!

## WINTER RECESS

Morning Prayers services have ended for the Fall Term and will resume at the start of the Spring Term on Monday, January 25, 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 7 The Church School for Children is in recess and will resume on January 31.

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

Sunday sermons and weekly Morning Prayers services are available on Harvard's iTunes U in the "Religion & Spirituality" channel. From your iTunes software, search "Harvard Memorial Church" to listen on your iPod, iPhone, iPad, Mac, or PC.

## STAY CONNECTED TO THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

**E-mail List:** Join our e-mail list and stay up-to-date with all the happenings in the Memorial Church. To sign up, visit our website at [memorialchurch.harvard.edu](http://memorialchurch.harvard.edu). **Facebook:** Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/memorialchurch](https://www.facebook.com/memorialchurch). **Twitter:** Follow us on Twitter: [twitter.com/MemChurch](https://twitter.com/MemChurch).

## NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the First Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher will be the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to Harvard University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church.

---

*For more information on upcoming services and events:*

*[memorialchurch.harvard.edu](http://memorialchurch.harvard.edu) • [facebook.com/memorialchurch](https://www.facebook.com/memorialchurch) • [twitter.com/memchurch](https://twitter.com/memchurch)*

*To subscribe to the Memorial Church e-mail list, visit our website: [memorialchurch.harvard.edu](http://memorialchurch.harvard.edu).*

