Stanford Memorial Church
University Public Worship
December 2, 2012
10:00 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent

OPENING VOLUNTARY  Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
(BuxWV 211)  
Dieterich Buxtehude
(ca. 1637 - 1707)

WELCOME  
Dean Scotty McLennan

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*HYMN  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*OPENING WORDS  
Rev. Susan Scott

(Responses of the people are in italics)

Blessed be God: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word and Abiding Spirit.

And blessed be God’s reign, now and forever. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: O God of all the prophets, you herald the coming of the Son of God by wondrous signs in the heavens and on the earth. Guard our hearts from despair so that we, in the company of the faithful and by the power of your Holy Spirit, may be found ready at the coming near of our redemption in Christ, our redeemer and our sustainer. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.
KYRIE  Short Service  Adrian Batten  (ca. 1591 - 1637)

HOLIDAY ORGAN RECITAL  A perennial favorite to launch the holidays in high style – seasonal music played by University Organist, Dr. Robert Huw Morgan.  Sunday, December 9, 1:30 pm, Memorial Church.  Free.

COMMUNITY SERVICE  Ecumenical Hunger Program (EHP) is in need of supplies and volunteers.  There are a number of ways that you help EHP - one time volunteers and regular volunteers – from participating in food and clothing drives to packing emergency food bags for the homeless.  For more information on how you can help, contact Mariisa Danney, 650-323-7781 ext. 19.

HOLY COMMUNION  Those who wish to partake, please prepare at the altar rail.  Communion wafer and chalice will be available for those who wish to commune at the altar rail.  The Eucharist is offered in both kinds.  Communion is open to all who desire it.

COME LEARN MORE ABOUT THE OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS LIFE  Events, read past sermon text and audio, join our weekly email newsletter and much more.  Please visit http://religiouslife.stanford.edu for more information on how you can help, contact Marissa Danney, 650-323-7781 ext. 19.

FREE DOCENT-LED TOURS OF STANFORD MEMORIAL CHURCH  Learn more about the history, inscriptions and construction of this beautiful sacred space.  Fridays, 2:00 pm, please meet inside the vestibule of the church.  A tour is also offered every last Sunday of the month at 11:15 am, please meet inside the vestibule of the church.

LABYRINTH IN STANFORD MEMORIAL CHURCH  If life has you wandering aimlessly in circles, embark on a personal journey that’s stood the test of time for thousands of years.  Enter the labyrinth and discover that walking in circles can actually put direction back in your life - that the rhythm and simplicity of following a clear path can quiet your mind, help you find balance, facilitate meditation, insight and celebration.  All are welcome.  Fridays from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS are available for those who need them.  Please see an usher to obtain this enhanced version of our order of service.

HEARING-ASSISTANCE RECEIVERS  If you are unable to hear the spoken word easily, hearing-assistance receivers are available from our ushers.  Please return the receivers to an usher.

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KZSU REBROADCAST  University Public Worship can be heard on the Internet at http://kzslive.stanford.edu and on the radio at 90.1 FM every Sunday at 11:30 am.

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WE EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE to Kathy Ku (reader and Communion helper) and Sairus Patel (Communion helper and usher) for donating their time to assist during today’s worship service. Those wishing to assist in our worship service as readers, ushers, Communion helpers, please call 650-723-1762 or email dianea1@stanford.edu. We are also looking for volunteers to aid in washing and pressing Communion linens.

WE WELCOME AND EXPRESS OUR THANKS to Reverend Susan Scott who is a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She is a graduate of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. Rev. Scott has served in congregations and at a long-term care facility. She is currently the Decedent Care Chaplain at the Stanford Hospital.

TALKBACK SESSION Dean Scotty McLennan is hosting a sermon talkback session in the Round Room, behind Memorial Church, after this morning’s post-service reception. Bring your refreshments inside 10-15 minutes after the service for a discussion of whatever issues were raised for you by the sermon. We’ll finish by 12:00 noon at the latest.

OFFERINGS today by cash and check are in support of Kara, and will be received at the side and main doors after today’s service. Please make checks payable to Kara. Kara is a nonprofit organization that provides counseling, education and information to individuals and groups who are living with issues of life-threatening illness, limited life expectancy, death and grief.

PLEASE NOTE Checks written to Stanford University will be considered gifts to Stanford Memorial Church to support the programs and events in this Church. These gifts will not be formally acknowledged in writing, unless your gift check is $250.00 or greater. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in giving.

CHRISTMAS EVE HELP WANTED Volunteers are needed to assist at our Christmas Eve services on Monday, December 24. Ushers are needed for the 4:00 pm Family service (shift is 2:15-5:30 pm) and Communion helper/ushers are needed for the 8:00 pm Festival Communion service (shift is 6:45-9:30 pm.) Training will be provided. Please call 650-723-1762 or email dianea1@stanford.edu if you are available to help.

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UPCOMING EVENTS
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COMPLINE TONIGHT Join us for a peaceful 30-minute contemplative musical service featuring the Threshold Choir in the candle-lit ambiance of Memorial Church. This is the last Compline of 2012. Sunday, December 2, 9:00 pm, Memorial Church.

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS The Memorial Church Choir, directed by Dr. Robert Huw Morgan, and the Stanford Chamber Chorale, directed by Stephen M. Sano, present a seasonal

*THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

*HYMN

Come My Way, My Truth, My Life

*THE HOLY COMMUNION

This is the table of God
on which is set tokens of love and hope
and to which the Holy One calls
all who want to share in that life.
So come –
whether your faith is strong or weak,
whether your hope shines brightly or is dimmed.
Come, ready to receive –
for all are welcome
at this feast of love.

Generous God
whose story and song are
now and always
the hope of the world:
We praise you for the stories
of creation and incarnation,
redemption and resolution –
the unending words of love.
We rejoice in your song
of yearning and calling,
waiting and welcoming,
gathering and cherishing –
the eternal music of hope.
And we join our voices now
in that great song
of love and adoration
that creation sings back to you.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS  Short Service  Batten

(Congregation may be seated)

This bread is a sign of hope,
it holds a story
of dying and rising,
of breaking and sharing,
of nourishment and strengthening,
of being more than enough.
It is both the story of what it is in itself
and the story of which it reminds us –
that, on the night before his death,
Jesus took bread and broke it with friends.
Take and eat, do this for the remembrance of me.

This wine is a sign of hope,
it holds a story
of dying and rising,
of pouring and sharing,
of refreshment and renewal,
of being more than enough.
It is both the story of what it is in itself
and the story of which it reminds us –
that, on the night before his death,
Jesus took wine and poured it for friends.
Drink this cup, poured out for you and for all.

UNIVERSITY PUBLIC WORSHIP
SERVICE SCHEDULE

December 9*
Rev. Joanne Sanders
Second Sunday of Advent

December 16
Dean Scotty McLennan
Third Sunday of Advent

December 23
Rev. Joanne Sanders
Christmas Carol-Sing

December 30
Rev. John Harrison

* Service with Communion
And we too are a sign of hope, for we too hold a story of death and rising, of old and new, of offered life taken into the hands of God, who wastes nothing, and there becoming more than enough. It is both the story of who and what we each are and the greater story of which we are a part – the ongoing story of God’s reign and life on earth.

And so, as we do in this place what Christ did in an upper room, send down your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that the story of hope – of death and rising of new life and the fruit of the kingdom – may continue on in us, and through us. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus (Choir only)

God, the source of all hope, offers to us now these signs of hope and invites us to share in their story.

The bread of life.
The cup of hope.

(Adapted from a communion liturgy from Iona Abbey, Scotland on the theme of hope.)
AGNUS DEI
Short Service
Batten

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal Spirit, Living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you, to the very secrets of our hearts, and all that rises to trouble us. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Living flame, burn into us. Cleansing wind, blow through us. Fountain of water, well up within us, that we may love and praise in deed and truth. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN  Now is the Time Approaching

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY  Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
(Johann Sebastian Bach
(BWV 661) (1685 - 1750)

(You are invited to remain seated during the closing voluntary.)
Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

George Herber, 1633, alt.

John 8:32; 14:1-7, 15:11

Unison

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life; such a way as gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all strife;
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a move; Such a feast as mends in length;
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can part;

In the medieval Western church, seven “Gregorian antiphons, the basis for this hymn, were sung consecutively on the seven days before Christmas, ending with what appears above as the first stanza.”

Tune: THE CALL 7.7.7.
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1911

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Israël Caesarien Catholiciarum, 1710
Based on ancient antiphons from Advent Vesper
Transt, John Mason Neale, 1851, and others; alt.
St. 2, 7, transl. Henry Slowe Coffin, 1916; alt.

Unison

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israël.
2 O come, O Wisdom from on high, and or der all things far and nigh; To us the path of came to all on Sinai high, And from its peak a
3 O come, O Lord of hosts, who own from Satan’s tyranny. From depths of hell your o’pen wide your heavenly home; Make safe the path to
4 O come, O Key of David, come, and run your captives Israël That mourns in lonely
5 O come, O Word of the Father, who come, O Word of the Father, who, and reign from sea to sea. Our God come, O Word of the Father, who come, O Word of the Father, who, and reign from sea to sea. Our God

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL L.M. with refrain
Melody from a 15th-century French “Processional”
Arr. Thomas Helmore, 1854

Shortly before his death, the poet George Herber extracted his manuscript of The Tempel (including this hymn) to a friend for publication. The musical setting by English compser Ralph Vaughan Williams is from Five Mystical Songs from George Herber.
Clear out the cluttered heart

“Let every heart prepare him room”—Isaac Watts, 1719

Clear out the cluttered heart,
lest like the crowded inn,
there is no room, no way to part
a path to let Christ in.

Then use the opened space
for faith, for hope, for prayer,
for nurturing a life of grace
toward strangers needing care.

An unexpected guest,
arriving late at night,
whom you provide with food and rest,
will fill your heart with light.

And with that light comes more,
a gift that can’t be priced:
the joy of learning through your door
you welcomed in the Christ.

Text: Troeger
Tune: St. Michael