STANFORD MEMORIAL CHURCH

Claughton Pellew, *The Nativity*, 1923

CHRISTMAS EVE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

8:00 PM FESTIVAL COMMUNION
OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Grand Dialogue
Louis Marchand
(1689 – 1732)
Nun lob mein Seel den Herren
Michael Praetorius
(1571 – 1621)
In dulci jubilo (BWV 729)
Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685 – 1750)

WELCOME
The Rev. Dr. Joanne Sanders

Those who are able, please stand.

HYMN
Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while field and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessing flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES
(Responses of the people are in bold.)

We now light the two remaining candles in the Advent Wreath. One is for this day, the fourth Sunday in Advent, and it represents purity. But today is also the day we celebrate Christmas, and therefore we also light the fifth and final candle, which represents Christ's birth.

With the company of heaven and with sounds of great joy, you come to us, O God. This is the time of light and resplendent joy.

No photography is allowed in the church during the service. Please ensure that all phones are turned off. Thank you.
OPENING PRAYER

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Savior and our eternal God. Amen.

Please be seated.

READING Isaiah 9: 2 – 7 Bob Christiansen
READING Psalm 96 Elaine Ray
ANTHEM Angels We Have Heard on High Traditional French Carol
Arr. Daniel Hughes

Please stand.

GOSPEL Luke 2: 1-20 Derrick Johnson

Please be seated.

SERMON Sing to the Lord a New Song The Rev. Professor Jane Shaw

Please stand.

HYMN O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
   Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
   yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
   the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
   and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
   For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
   while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.

3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
   So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
   No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
   where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
   cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
   We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
   O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of light and life, enliven us for your purposes
that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.
Lead us and all people into ways of justice and peace
that we may respect one another in freedom and truth.
Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the whole of creation,
that we may care for the earth’s resources.
Inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others
that all may act with integrity and courage.
Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as Christ loves us.
Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.
Make us willing agents of your compassion.
Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.
Give to the departed eternal rest.
And let light perpetual shine upon them.
Give comfort to all who mourn.
Bring them peace in their time of loss.
We thank you, O God, for the blessings of this life.
We praise your name and exalt you forever.
In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, gracious God, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Christ the incarnate Word. Amen.

THE PEACE
The peace of God be with you.
And also with you.
Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in royal David's city
   Stood a lowly cattle shed,
   Where a mother laid her baby
   In a manger for his bed;
   Mary was that mother mild,
   Jesus Christ her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven,
   Who is God and Lord of all,
   And his shelter was a stable
   And his cradle was a stall;
   With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
   Lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. And through all his wondrous childhood,
   He would honor and obey,
   Love, and watch the lowly maiden
   In whose gentle arms he lay;
   Christian children all must be
   Mild, obedient, good as he.

4. For He is our childhood's pattern,
   Day by day like us he grew,
   He was little, weak and helpless,
   Tears and smiles like us he knew,
   And He feeleth for our sadness,
   And He shareth in our gladness.

5. And our eyes at last shall see Him,
   Through His own redeeming love,
   For that Child so dear and gentle
   Is our Lord in Heav'n above,
   And He leads His children on
   To the place where He is gone.

6. Not in that poor lowly stable,
   With the oxen standing by,
   We shall see him, but in heaven,
   Set at God's right hand on high;
   When like stars his children crowned
   All in white shall wait around.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, O God,
in every place and at all times.
You made us, all the people of the world,
and everything that is.
You give us the daylight.
Your Word lights up our minds.
On this night we celebrate that Jesus was born among us
to be light in our darkness.
In him the light which shines for all
has come into the world,
and he has become one with us
that we might become one with you.
Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we give you praise and thanks, singing:

\[\text{Schubert Sanctus}\]

\[\text{Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,}\]

\[\text{Holy holy, holy Lord}
\]

\[\text{God of power and might.}\]

\[\text{Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.}\]

\[\text{Hosanna in the highest.}\]

\[\text{Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.}\]

\[\text{Hosanna in the highest.}\]
Please be seated.

Loving God, you never forget us or turn away from us, even when we fail you. You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us. He healed those who were sick, cared for those who were poor, and cried with those who mourned. He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive. For all your love we give you thanks in the way that Jesus showed us.

On the night before he died, while he was having supper with his friends, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body, broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant, poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed in him. And now, we offer you these gifts: in them we give you ourselves. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ, and that, sharing your life, we may travel in your company to our journey's end. With all your people we give you thanks and praise through the Son and in the Spirit, now and forever. Amen.
The Lord's Prayer

As Christ has taught us, so we are bold to pray:

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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We are many who share in one body, because we all share in one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

(Adapted from the Scottish Liturgy 1982 and the Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada 1985.)

DISTRIBUTION
All are welcome at God’s holy table, to receive the bread and wine in this church. Hold out your hands to receive the bread to eat. Please dip the bread in the cup of wine. The following words will be used when you are given the bread and wine, ‘The bread of Life’ and ‘The cup of Hope’ to which the response, each time, is Amen.

If you would prefer simply to receive a blessing then please come forward to the communion assistants, and simply cross your arms across your chest.

Gluten free wafers are available. Please request one when you come forward for Communion.
ANTHEMS

Buenas noches, Mariquita
Good night, my dear Mary

Traditional Chilean villancico
Arr. Daniel Hughes

Maria Wiegenlied
Amid the roses, Mary sits and rocks her child Jesus
(1873 – 1916)

Max Reger

Gesú Bambino
Pietro Yon
In the humble hut, in cold and poverty,
The Holy Infant is born, who the world will adore. Arr. Daniel Hughes

Please stand.

CANDLELIGHTING

(During the singing of “Silent Night” the ministers will light the first candle at each pew. When lighting candles, keep the lighted candle upright and tip the unlighted candle.)

HYMN

Silent Night

1. Silent night, holy night,
   All is calm, all is bright
   Round yon Virgin mother and child,
   Holy infant so tender and mild,
   Sleep in heavenly peace,
   Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night,
   Shepherds quake at the sight;
   Glories stream from heaven afar,
   Heav’nly hosts sing “Alleluia!”
   Christ, the Savior is born,
   Christ, the Savior is born!

3. Silent night, holy night,
   Son of God, love’s pure light,
   Radiant beams from thy holy face
   With the dawn of redeeming grace,
   Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
   Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!

4. Silent night, holy night,
   Wondrous star, lend thy light;
   With the angels let us sing,
   Alleluia to our King;
   Christ, the Savior is born,
   Christ, the Savior is born!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
O God, grant that this season the Child of Bethlehem may be born not only in our memories, but anew in our hearts and in our purpose. May the star that first pointed the way be the light that will lead us out of darkness. Amen.
HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
   O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
   Come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

   **Refrain:**
   O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
   O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

2. God from God, Light from Light eternal,
   Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
   Only begotten Son of the Father;

   **Refrain**

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
   Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
   Glory to God, glory in the highest;

   **Refrain**

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
   Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
   Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

   **Refrain**

BENEDICTION

You are invited to be seated to enjoy the closing voluntary after the clergy have departed.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Laissez pâitre vos bêtes

Michel Richard de Lalande

(1657 – 1726)
OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

CASH OFFERINGS collected at the front and side doors tonight will be equally divided to support the following organizations: Kara, Job Train, Puente de la Costa Sur, Lucille Packard Children’s Hospital Chaplaincy, Thistle Farms, and Ronald McDonald House at Stanford.

CHECK OFFERINGS will be accepted as gifts to Stanford Memorial Church to support the programs and events throughout the year. Please write your check to “Stanford University.” Gifts $250.00 or greater will be formally acknowledged in writing. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in giving.

FOR YOUR SAFETY and MEMORIAL CHURCH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
Please take a moment to locate your nearest exit. In addition to the front entrance, there are side doors marked with ‘EXIT’ signs. In the event of a severe emergency, please stay calm and wait for instructions to evacuate carefully. (Reminder: during a minor, rolling earthquake – Stay Calm, Stop, Drop, and Hold under a pew, table, chair, against a wall until the rolling stops. An evacuation in this situation is unlikely.)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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The Rev. Dr. Joanne Sanders

PREACHER
The Rev. Professor Jane Shaw

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Dr. Robert Huw Morgan

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The Choral Project
Daniel Hughes, Director

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Thank you to our special guests, The Choral Project. Founded by Artistic Director Daniel Hughes in 1996, they have been hailed by San Jose Mercury News as “a Bay Area jewel,” stating that “there is nothing subtle about why this is one of the best choirs you will ever hear.” This group of multi-talented singers has earned an outstanding reputation for performing high-level choral literature and bridging the gap between text and music, singer and spectator. They performed throughout the world in concert performances and choral festivals to great acclaim. They are widely recognized for presenting and preserving great works of choral literature from a wide range of traditions from around the world that express the region’s diversity. The group is equally committed to innovative and dramatic presentations in concert, as well as promoting the choral art through the premieres of new works. For more information, visit: www.sjcp.org
Roger W. Heyns Lecture in Religion and Society

The Venerable Tenzin Priyadarshi

“Religious and Ethical Dimensions of Artificial Intelligence”

Thursday, February 1, 2018
5:00-6:00 pm
Levinthal Hall
(Humanities Center)

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Established at Memorial Church in 1994, the Roger W. Heyns Lecture in Religion and Society, is an annual event that features a major speaker focusing on the problems and challenges facing religion and community.

The Venerable Tenzin Priyadarshi is an innovative thinker, philosopher, educator and a polymath monk. He is Director of the Ethics Initiative at the MIT Media Lab and President & CEO of The Dalai Lama Center for Ethics and Transformative Values at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Venerable Tenzin’s unusual background encompasses entering a Buddhist monastery at the age of ten and receiving graduate education at Harvard University with degrees ranging from Philosophy to Physics to International Relations. He is a Tribeca Disruptive Fellow and a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University.

For his full biography, visit http://religiouslife.stanford.edu/heyns.
Compline

Stanford Memorial Church
Winter Quarter 2018
Select Sundays, 9:00 - 9:30 pm

Join us for a quiet, reflective service of chant, sung in the candlelit ambiance of Memorial Church.

January 14 The Threshold Choir
January 21 St. Bede’s Episcopal Church Choir
January 28 Memorial Church Choir
February 4 Convivium
February 11 Valley Presbyterian Church
February 25 Early Music Singers

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*Sundays, 10:00 am, Stanford Memorial Church*

Weekly University Public Worship service includes sermons by the Dean, Senior Associate Dean and Associate Deans for Religious Life, and guest preachers; and music, featuring University Organist, Dr. Robert Huw Morgan, and the Memorial Church Choir; Communion twice monthly; multi-faith services periodically during the year; baptisms twice per year. All are welcome.

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