



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Word and Sacrament
Sunday, December 24th, 2017 — 11:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✦ *Please rise, as you are able.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Dean: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: *Blessed be the name of the Lord.*

✦ **Introit** I look from afar *adpt. from G. P. da Palestrina (c. 1525–1594)*

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

✦ **Hymn 220** Angels from the realms of glory REGENT SQUARE

✦ **Collect** (*in unison*)

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

✦ **Gloria in excelsis** (*sung by all*)

1. An-gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Christ whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a,
 in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - - - - -
 - - - - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector: A lesson from the book of Isaiah, chapter 9, verses 2-7:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Cantor: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.

People: *For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.*

Cantor: For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

People: *Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*

Cantor: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: *Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.*

Cantor: Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.


People: *Say among the nations, "The LORD is king! The world is firmly established;
it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."*

Cantor: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it.

People: *Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD;
for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth. ♪*

✘ **Gloria Patri** (*sung by all*)

REGENT SQUARE



Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Laud and hon - or to the Son,

Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it, Ev - er Three and_ ev - er One,

One in might and One in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.

✘ **Gospel Lesson** John 1:1–14

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John,
chapter 1, verses 1–14:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

✘ **Hymn 246** Joy to the world, the Lord is come! ANTIOCH

Sermon “Christmas Nuptials” The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✘ **Hymn 234** O come, all ye faithful (stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 6) ADESTE FIDELES

Community Life and Announcements

At the Offertory Nativity Carol *John Rutter* (b. 1945)

Born in a stable so bare,
Born so long ago;
Born 'neath light of star
He who loved us so.

*Far away, silent he lay,
Born today, your homage pay,
For Christ is born for aye,
Born on Christmas Day.*

Cradled by mother so fair,
Tender her lullaby;
Over her son so dear
Angel hosts fill the sky.

Wise men from distant far land,
Shepherds from starry hills
Worship this babe so rare,
Hearts with his warmth he fills.

Love in that stable was born
Into our hearts to flow;
Innocent dreaming babe,
Make me thy love to know.

Text by the composer

✦ **Presentation of the Gifts** (*sung by all*)

GREENSLEEVES



So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant, king, to own him;
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

✦ **Offertory Prayer**

✦ **Exchange of Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always!

People: And also with you.

All may exchange signs and words of God's peace.

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

✦ The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets.

In the fullness of time
you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior,
and at his birth the angels sang
glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

✦ Sanctus and Benedictus *(sung by all)*

Julian J. Wachner (b. 1969)

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God of pow'r and might
Heav'n and earth are full of your Glo - ry. Ho-

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God of pow'r and might' are written below the staff. A measure rest of 4 measures is indicated by a '4' below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics 'Heav'n and earth are full of your Glo - ry. Ho-' are written below the staff.

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sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na!

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Bless - ed is He who_ comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na!

✦ Words of Institution

Celebrant:

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
 As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem
 and there found no room,
 so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected.
 As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born,
 so by the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
 you gave birth to your Church,
 delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
 and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

As your Word became flesh, born of woman, on that night long ago,
 so, on the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
 gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
 gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
 poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
 as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(Sung by all):



Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

Celebrant:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All:

Amen.

✠ The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant:

The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us,
and taught us when we pray to be bold and say:

All:

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements

Marsh Chapel at Boston University is an interdenominational faith community and all are welcome and invited to participate in Communion today. If you do not feel comfortable receiving the elements of Communion, you may, if you wish, come forward and receive a blessing instead. Simply let the server know when you approach. If you are unable to come forward, we will come to you with Communion or for a blessing—just raise your hand after the others have finished. We provide both wine (pulpit side) and alcohol-free grape juice (lectern side). Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Carols at Communion

Hymn 184	Of the Father's love begotten (stanza 1 only)	DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
Hymn 230	O little town of Bethlehem (stanza 1 only)	ST. LOUIS
Hymn 221	In the bleak midwinter (stanza 1 only)	CRANHAM
Hymn 217	Away in a manger (all stanzas)	AWAY IN A MANGER
Hymn 218	It came upon the midnight clear (stanzas as necessary)	CAROL

We continue to sing carols together until the choir begins to receive communion.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(in unison)*

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✘ **Hymn 251** Go, tell it on the mountain GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

✘ **Benediction**

✘ **Response** God be in my head *arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)*

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.
God be at mine end and at my departing.

Old English Prayer from Sarum Primer

Postlude Postlude on "Mendelssohn" *David Willcocks (1919–2015)*

*The preacher and celebrant is The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.
The Marsh Chapel Thurman Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.*

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Dean, Chaplains, and staff of Marsh Chapel wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday season!

Marsh Chapel offers **two services on Christmas Eve**: an Interdenominational Protestant Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. and the Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 7:30 p.m.

Winter Intersession: The University is currently closed for Winter Intersession and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. During this period, the **chapel is closed to visitors**. The Interdenominational Protestant Worship service, held each Sunday at 11:00 a.m., **will not be affected** by the Winter Intersession, and will continue to be held every Sunday.

Marsh Chapel is pleased to offer **childcare** during our Sunday morning services. Inquiries can be made in the main office on the lower level of the building.

We are happy to provide **free parking for the Sunday morning service** (11:00 a.m.) in the lot behind the College of Arts and Sciences (accessible via Bay State Road).

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

TODAY	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Eve Service with Communion
(Christmas Eve)	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour
	7:30 p.m.	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion

Both Christmas Eve services feature the same sermon, liturgy, and music.

Weekday Chapel activities have been suspended while students are on Winter Break.

NEXT SUNDAY	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour

WELCOME TO MARSH CHAPEL

We thank you for joining us this morning for worship, and hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Marsh Chapel, or have other questions, please feel free to contact any of the Chaplains or Associates listed below.

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