



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Worship

Sunday, January 1st, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday/New Year's Day

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Greeting and Call to Worship

The Dean: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Dean: The word became flesh and dwells among us!

People: *Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth!*

✠ **Introit** Up! good Christen folk, and listen *harm. G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)*

Up! good Christen folk, and listen how the merry church bells ring,
And from steeple bid good people come adore the newborn King:
Tell the story how from glory God came down at Christmastide,
Bringing gladness, chasing sadness, showering blessings far and wide,
Born of mother, blest o'er other, *Ex Maria Virgine* (Of Mary the Virgin).
In a stable ('tis no fable), *Christus natus hodie* (Christ is born today).

G. R. Woodward

✠ **Hymn 237** Sing we now of Christmas *FRENCH CAROL*

✠ **Collect** (*in unison*)

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth:
Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory
face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

The music to this hymn is found on page 238 of the United Methodist Hymnal, verses 1 and 3.

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

Lector: A lesson from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 60, verses 1-6:

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem Two Christmas Anthems *William Billings (1746-1800)*

1. Bethlehem

While shepherds watch their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

Nahum Tate

2. Boston

Methinks I see a heav'nly host, of angels on the wing;
Methinks I hear their cheerful notes, so merrily they sing:
Let all your fears be banish'd hence, glad tidings I proclaim,
For there's a savior born to day, and Jesus is his name.

William Billings

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

The antiphon is sung twice, first by choir alone, and then by choir and congregation.

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



I will 'give you as a light to the



na-tions, my sal - va-tion to the ends of the earth.

- Cantor: Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- People: *May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.*
- Cantor: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- People: *May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.*
- Cantor: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon,
throughout all generations.
- People: *May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.*
- Cantor: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,
until the moon is no more.
- People: *May the rulers of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the rulers of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.*
- Cantor: May all rulers fall down before him,
all nations give him service.
- People: *For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.*
- Cantor: He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
- People: *From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight. ♪*

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

✠ **Gospel Lesson** Matthew 2:1-12

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew,
chapter 2, verses 1-12:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

✠ **Hymn 254** We three kings of Orient are

KINGS OF ORIENT

Sermon 'A Turn to Grace'

Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ **Hymn 217** Away in a manger

AWAY IN A MANGER

Community Life and Offertory

At the Offertory Wonderful peace

Gustaf Nordqvist (1886-1946)

*Peace, Peace, wonderful peace,
Peace to the world is given.*

Hush'd are the angels, so still is the night;
Then in the East shone a heavenly light.
Join in the chorus His praises sing!
Glory to God, to the newly born King.

*Peace, peace, wonderful peace.
Peace to the world is given.*

*Peace, peace, bearer of peace.
Men of good will receive Him.*

Holiest of Nights, O most wondrous of days;
Shepherds and kings lift their voices in praise.
Join in the chorus, His praises sing!
Glory to God, to the newly born King.

*Peace, peace, wonderful peace.
Peace to the world is given.*

Norman Luboff

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

GREENSLEEVES

The music to this hymn is found on page 219 of the United Methodist Hymnal, verse 3.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

✘ **Offertory Prayer**

✘ **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Celebrant: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
 who earnestly repent of their sin
 and seek to live in peace with one another.
 Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

✘ **Confession of Sin**

All: *Merciful God*
 we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
 We have failed to be an obedient church. *(over)*

*We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Celebrant: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love towards us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

All: *Glory to God. Amen.*

✘ Exchange of Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

At this point, all may exchange signs of love and peace.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

✘ 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.
Blessed are you, who in Word and Spirit
created all things and called them good,
and in whom we live and move and have our being.
When we turned away and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.

Celebrant: You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets.

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

✦ **Sanctus and Benedictus** (*sung by all*)

Julian J. Wachner (b. 1969)

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef. It begins in 4/4 time and features a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God of pow'r and might Heav'n and earth are full of your Glo - ry. Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na! Bless - ed is He who_ comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na!" The score consists of five staves of music. The first staff starts at measure 1. The second staff starts at measure 4. The third staff starts at measure 6. The fourth staff starts at measure 9 and includes a key signature change to 2/4 time. The fifth staff starts at measure 12 and ends with a double bar line.

✦ **Words of Institution**

Celebrant: Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ, God-with-us,
in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation.

You sent a star to guide the wise to where the Christ was born;
and in your signs and witnesses,
in every age and through all the world,
you have led your people from far places to Christ's light.

Celebrant:

Through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
you took upon yourself our sin and death
and destroyed their power forever.
You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns in glory,
and poured upon us the Holy Spirit,
making us a covenant people.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks and blessed the bread,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took a cup,
and when he had given thanks and blessed it,
he gave the cup 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):



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 the heavenly banquet.

Celebrant: Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who, in the substance of our mortal flesh,
manifested forth his glory,
that he might bring us out of darkness into his own glorious light,
and with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty God, now and forever.

All: *Amen.*

✠ **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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.*

✠ **Agnus Dei** *(responsive)*

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People: *Have mercy on us.*

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People: *Have mercy on us.*

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People: *Grant us your peace.*

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 an alcohol-free grape juice (lectern side). Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Communion Motet O little one sweet

harm. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

O little one sweet, O little one mild, Thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled;
Thou cam'st from heav'n to mortal ken, Equal to be with us poor men,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild, With joy thou hast the whole world filled;
Thou camest here from heaven's domain, To bring men comfort in their pain,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

tr. Percy Dearmer

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

Please remain standing until the procession has left the nave.

Postlude

The preacher and celebrant is Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.

The liturgists are Rev. Victoria Hart Gaskell, OSL, and Sandra Cole.

The conductor and organist is Scott Allen Jarrett.

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

MARSH CHAPEL: WINTER BREAK

The **Interdenominational Protestant Worship service**, held on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. **will not be affected** by any of the closures listed below, and will continue to be held each Sunday during Winter Break.

Office Hours: During the Winter Break, the Marsh Chapel office hours are as follows:

Week of January 1	Offices Open M-F, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Week of January 8	Offices Open M-F, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Week of January 15	Offices Closed January 16 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) Regular office hours resume Tuesday, January 17 Open 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Weekday Activities: Weekday activities will resume the week of January 15, 2012.

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

TODAY **New Year's Day**
11 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Main Chapel)

Weekday Chapel activities have been suspended while students are on Winter Break.
These activities will resume the week of January 15, 2012.

NEXT SUNDAY 11 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Main Chapel)

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.

⏪ Hearing Assist System available –please ask an usher. 79.200 MHz

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