The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

Please rise, as you are able.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Chaplain: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
The Chaplain: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

* Hymn 103 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

* Collect (in unison)

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Kyrie from Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena Healey Willan (1880-1968)

All are invited to enter into a time of silent confession during the singing of the Kyrie.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

The Chaplain: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: Thanks be to God.
Lesson  
Acts 19:1-7

*Lector:* A lesson from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 19, verses 1-7:

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.
*People:* Thanks be to God.

Anthem  
Carol of the Bells  
arr. Peter J. Wilhousky (1902-1978)

Hark! how the bells, sweet silver bells,  
All seem to say, "throw cares away."
Christmas is here bringing good cheer,  
To young and old, meek and the bold.

Ding, dong, ding, dong, that is their song,  
With joyful ring, all caroling.
One seems to hear words of good cheer  
From everywhere, filling the air.

Oh, how they pound, raising the sound,  
O'er hill and dale, telling their tale.
Gaily they ring, while people sing,  
Songs of good cheer, Christmas is here!

Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas!  
Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas!  
On, on they send, on without end,  
Their joyful tone to every home.  

*Text by the arranger*
Psalm 29

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

♫ Antiphon (sung by all)

With joy the Lord of Hosts proclaim;
ex - tol the great al - might - y name.

Cantor: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
         ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
People:  Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
         worship the LORD in holy splendor.
Cantor: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
         the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.
People:  The voice of the LORD is powerful;
         the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
Cantor: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
         the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
People:  He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
         and Sirion like a young wild ox.
Cantor: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
         The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
         the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
People:  The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;
         and in his temple all say, “Glory!”
Cantor: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
         the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
People:  May the LORD give strength to his people!
         May the LORD bless his people with peace! ♫

☼ Gloria Patri (sung by all)

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.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY
Gospel Lesson  Mark 1:4-11

Lector:  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 1, verses 4-11:

People:  Glory to you, O Lord.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

People:  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon  ‘By Water and The Spirit’  Mr. Soren Hessler
Chapel Associate for Undergraduate Ministry

Hymn 393  Spirit of the living God (sung through twice)  LIVING GOD

Call to Prayer  Lead me, Lord (sung by all)  LEAD ME, LORD

The music to this hymn is found on page 473 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
That makest me dwell in safety.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

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.
Community Life and Offertory

At the Offertory  O magnum mysterium  Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

O magnum mysterium,  O great mystery,
et admirabile sacramentum,  and wondrous sacrament,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,  that animals should see the new-born
jacentem in praesepio!  Lord, lying in their manger!
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt  Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was
portare Dominum Christum.  worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!  Alleluia!

Fourth Responsory for Matins of Christmas Day

✿ Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)  LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The music to this hymn is found on page 94 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

✿ Offertory Prayer

✿ Hymn 539  O Spirit of the living God  FOREST GREEN

✿ Benediction

Please remain standing until the procession has left the nave.

Postlude

The preacher is Mr. Soren Hessler, Chapel Associate for Undergraduate Ministry.
The choir is In Choro Novo, conducted by Dr. Thérèse Provenzano.
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.
IN CHORO NOVO
Dr. Thérèse Provenzano, Conductor
Jenny Chou, Accompanist

Anna Allen       Haley Kulow       Ben Pannell
Tim Armour       Leigh Larkin     Susan Richelson
Morrie Bailey    Shelley Lipschultz Jodie Rosenblatt
Ruthanne Brown  Ann Maguire      Magen Slesinger
Jacie Feinberg   Earl Marmar      Mike Spellman
Suzanne Fischer  Bonnie Matterand Alex White
Eric Greenberg   Kirsten McAullife Stewart Wood
Anthony Gregory  Lauren McCarty   Aileen Zogby
Tom Hanold       Anita Miller

DR. THÉRÈSE PROVENZANO

Thérèse Provenzano, Doctor of Musical Arts, earned undergraduate honors degrees in her majors of Music, English, Biology and Education from Brandeis University; Master of Music degrees with high honors in both music education/conducting and piano performance and a Masters in Biology from the University of Michigan; and the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Music Education from Boston University. She studied piano with pianist Paul Badera-Skoda in Vienna, received the Phyllis Lee Coffey Award in Music at Brandeis, was a Dean’s scholar at Boston University, and, in 1999, was awarded the Distinguished Arts Educator in Music for the state of Massachusetts by the Alliance for Arts Education. In Winter 2001, Dr. Provenzano had the honor of studying with world-renowned musician/conductor, Sir Neville Marriner.

Dr. Provenzano is currently employed as Choral Director for the Weston Public Schools and The Community Chorus. She also adjudicates and conducts at state and national choral festivals and competitions.

In addition to her music, Dr. Provenzano also participates in whale research on Cape Cod and works with the rehabilitation of injured wild animals at Wild Care in Brewster.
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** 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 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**  
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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The Chapel Office is open 9 am – 4:30 pm weekdays, and on Sunday Mornings.

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