

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship

Sunday, December 17th, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✦ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Noël Suisse

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772)

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 211

O come, O come, Emmanuel (stanzas 1–4 only)

VENI EMMANUEL

✦ Collect (*in unison*)

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Kyrie from 'Mass for Four Voices'

William Byrd (c. 1540–1623)

Kyrie eleison, *Lord, have mercy,*
Christe eleison, *Christ, have mercy,*
Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*

Assurance of Pardon

The Dean: 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 Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

Lector: A lesson from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 61, verses 1–4 and 8–11:

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem Dixit Maria

Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)

Dixit Maria ad angelum:
Ecce ancilla Domini,
fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

*Mary said to the Angel:
Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord,
be it to me according to your word.*

Luke 1:38

Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

Lector: A lesson from Paul's first epistle to the Thessalonians, chapter 5, verses 16–24:

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.


Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



For the night weep - ing may tar - ry;
with the morn - ing light comes joy.

Cantor: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;

Cantor: Then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."

People: The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

Cantor: Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

People: May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

Cantor: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. ♪

✘ **Gloria Patri** from “Vespers of 1610”

Claudio Monteverdi (1567–1643)

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Glory to the Father and Son and Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

✘ **Gospel Lesson** John 1:6–8, 19–28

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John,
chapter 1, verses 6–8 and 19–28:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

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. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

✘ **Hymn** (*see inside back cover*)

Sermon “He Is The Way”

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

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 and The Lord’s Prayer

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY **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.

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).

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Dean, Chaplains, and staff of Marsh Chapel wish everyone 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.

Marsh Chapel is currently accepting donations for **Cradles to Crayons**, a Boston-based organization that helps low income and homeless children, infants to age 12. Your donations of new clothing, winter coats, shoes, and personal hygiene items can be dropped at the Sunday service through Sunday, December 17. For any questions please contact Jay Reeg at jayreeg@rcn.com.

Winter Intersession: The University will close for Winter Intersession on Monday, December 25 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.

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 ref - uge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944),
 after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.

Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690;
 harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

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 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and on Sunday mornings.

Marsh Chapel Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WBUR 90.9 FM.

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