



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship

Sunday, December 22nd, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✦ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

The congregation is invited into silent prayer prior to the service.

Prelude

Berceuse Paraphrase

George Baker (b. 1951)

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**

Tollite hostias (from *Oratorio de Noël*)

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Tollite hostias,
et adorate Dominum
in atrio sancto eius.

Laetentur coeli,
et exultet terra
a facie Domini,
quoniam venit.
Alleluia.

*Bring offerings,
and adore God
in His holy place.*

*Rejoice, heaven,
and exult, all the earth
before the Lord,
who comes.
Alleluia.*

✦ **Hymn 220**

Angels from the realms of glory

REGENT SQUARE

✦ **Collect** (*in unison*)

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Kyrie from Missa 'O quam gloriosum' Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

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 Romans 1:1-7

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul's epistle to the Romans, chapter 1, verses 1-7:

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem O magnum mysterium William Byrd (1543-1623)

O magnum mysterium O great mystery,
et admirabile sacramentum, and wondrous sacrament,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum that the animals should witness the
jacentem in praeseptio. birth of the Lord in the manger.

Fourth Responsory for Matins of Christmas Day

Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

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

♪ **Antiphon** (sung by all)



The God of A-braham praise, all prais-ed be God's name,



who was, and is, and is to be, and still the same!

Cantor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!
In the presence of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might, and come to save us!

People: Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Cantor: O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

People: You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

Cantor: You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

People: Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Cantor: But let your hand be upon those of your right hand,
the ones whom you have made strong for yourself!

People: Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name!
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!
let your face shine, that we may be saved! ♪

✕ **Gloria Patri** (sung by all)

REGENT SQUARE

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 1:18-25

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew,
chapter 1, verses 18-25:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

✦ **Hymn 217** Away in a manger

AWAY IN A MANGER

Sermon

"Gentle Christmas"

Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

"But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children." (1 Thessalonians 2:7)

✦ **Hymn 229** Infant holy, infant lowly

W ZLOBIE LEZY

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.

Response

In der Christnacht, Op. 60, no. 1

Max Bruch (1838-1920)

Dies ist die Nacht, da mir erschienen
des grossen Gottes Freundlichkeit!
Das Kind, dem alle Engel dienen
bringt Licht in meine Dunkelheit,
und dieses Welt und Himmelslicht
weicht hundert-tausend Sonnen nicht!

*This night a wondrous revelation
Makes known to me God's love and kindness;
The Child that merits adoration
Brings light to our darkness;
And though a thousand suns did shine,
Still brighter were that Light divine.*

Caspar Friedrich Nachtenhöfer (1624-1685)

Community Life and Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory

The Lamb

John Tavener (1944-2013)

Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed,
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?
Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee.
He is called by thy name,
For He calls Himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and He is mild;
He became a little child.
I a child, and thou a lamb,
We are called by His name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee!
Little Lamb, God bless thee!

William Blake (1757-1827)

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

PICARDY

The music to this hymn is found on page 296 of the United Methodist Hymnal, verse 5.

Unto God be praise and glory: to the Father and the Son,
To th'eternal Spirit honor now and evermore be done;
Praise and glory in the highest, while unending ages run!

✘ **Offertory Prayer**

✘ **Reception of New Chapter Members** (Hymnal, page 38)

Ms. Suzanne BeDell

✘ **Hymn 238** Angels we have heard on high

GLORIA

✘ **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** Noël Suisse *Louis-Claude Daquin* (1694-1772)

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor in the pew following the postlude.

The preacher is The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.

The choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Ms. Suzanne BeDell to the Marsh Chapel Chapter this morning. Suzanne moved to Boston three years and works for Elsevier in Waltham. Attending the service with her today is her daughter, Claire, of Chicago, Illinois; her son, William, of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and her parents, Jack and Lenora Jost, of Sarasota, Florida.

Carols from Marsh Chapel, a CD of Christmas carols recorded by the Marsh Chapel Choir, is available for purchase in the main office for \$10.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

This year, Marsh Chapel will offer **two services on Christmas Eve**, Tuesday, December 24: one at 12 noon and another at 7:30 p.m. All are warmly invited to attend.

Marsh Chapel is pleased to offer **childcare** during 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).

MARSH CHAPEL: WINTER BREAK

Office Hours: During the Winter break, Marsh Chapel offices will be open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Regular office hours will resume in mid-January.

Weekday Activities: Weekday activities will resume the week of January 20, 2014.

Winter Intersession: The University will close for Winter Intersession on Tuesday, December 24 at 1:00 p.m. and will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2014. During this period, the **chapel offices will be closed and the building will be closed to visitors**. Phone messages left at the chapel will be checked daily.

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

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

TODAY	11 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Main Chapel)
	12:00 noon	Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)
	12:30 p.m.	Thurman Choir Rehearsal (Marsh Room)
TUESDAY	12:00 noon	Dean's Choice: Christmas Eve Service (Main Chapel)
(Christmas Eve)	7:30 p.m.	Dean's Choice: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service (Main Chapel)

Weekday Chapel activities have been suspended while students are on Winter Break. These activities will resume the week of January 20, 2014.

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

The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean, Professor of New Testament, and Chaplain to the University

Br. Lawrence A. Whitney, LC+, MDiv STH'09, University Chaplain for Community Life

The Reverend Brittany Longsdorf, University Chaplain for International Students

Ray Bouchard, MTS STH'95, Director of Marsh Chapel

Scott Allen Jarrett, DMA CFA'08, Director of Music

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The Reverend Soren Hessler, MDiv STH'11, Chapel Associate for Leadership Development

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