



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship

Sunday, December 29th, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

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

Call to Worship and Greeting

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** Tollite hostias (from *Oratorio de Noël*) *Camille Saint-Saëns* (1835-1921)

Tollite hostias, et adorete 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 246** Joy to the world, the Lord is come! ANTIOCH

✦ **Collect** (*in unison*)

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 63:7-9

Lector: A lesson from prophet Isaiah, chapter 63, verses 7-9:

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem O beatum et sacrosanctum diem

Peter Philips (1561-1628)

O beatum et sacrosanctum diem,
in qua Dominus noster de Virgine Maria
pro nobis nasci dignatus est.
Gaudeat itaque universus orbis,
et cantemus illi in sono tubæ,
cithara, psalterio et organo.
Congratulemur cum multitudine Angelorum
exercitus semper suas laudes cantibus:
noë, noë.

*O blessed and most holy day,
on which our Lord deigned
to be born for us of the Virgin Mary.
Therefore let the whole world rejoice,
and let us sing to him with the sound of the trumpet,
strings, harp and organ.
Let us rejoice with the multitude of the heavenly host,
ever singing his praises.
noë, noë.*

Antiphon for Christmas Day

Psalm 148

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

♪ **Antiphon** (sung by all)



- Cantor:* Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise the Lord in the heights!
- People:* Praise the Lord, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
- Cantor:* Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars!
- People:* Praise the Lord, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
- Cantor:* Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded and they were created.
- People:* Who established them forever and ever;
and fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
- Cantor:* Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
- People:* fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!
- Cantor:* Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
- People:* Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
- Cantor:* Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
- People:* Young men and women alike, old and young together!
- Cantor:* Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name alone is exalted; whose glory is above earth and heaven.
- People:* God has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are near their God. Praise the LORD! ♪

✦ **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 2:13-23

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew,
chapter 2, verses 13-23:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

✠ **Hymn 224** Good Christian friends, rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO

Sermon "Sing we now of Christmas" Dean Robert Allan Hill

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

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

This day Christ was born

William Byrd (1540-1623)

This day Christ was born, This day our Saviour did appear,
This day the Angels sing in earth, The Archangels are glad,
This day the just rejoice, saying: Glory be to God on high. Alleluia.

*Translation of the Magnificat Antiphon at
Second Vespers of Christmas Day*

✦ 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

✦ 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

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 conductor and organist is Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.

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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