



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Word and Sacrament
Sunday, December 3rd, 2017—11:00 a.m.
The First Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645 *J. S. Bach (1685–1750)*
 Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 *J. S. Bach*

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 203** Hail to the Lord's Anointed ELLACOMBE

✘ **Collect** *(in unison)*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

✘ **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.
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.*

✦ Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.

Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (b. 1920)
Music: *Bereden väg för Herran*, melody from *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697

76. 76. 77 with Refrain

Lesson

Isaiah 64:1–9

Lector:

A lesson from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 64, verses 1–9:

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

O frondens virga

Drew Collins (b. 1975)

Based on a chant by Hildegard von Bingen

O frondens virga,
 in tua nobilitate stans
 sicut aurora procedit:
 nunc gaude et letare
 et nos debiles dignare
 a mala consuetudine liberare
 atque manum tuam porrigere
 ad erigendum nos.

*O verdant branch
 standing in your nobility
 as dawn advances
 now rejoice and be glad
 and deem us, helpless ones, worthy
 of freeing us from evil habits
 and even stretch forth your hand
 to lift us up.*

*Hildegard von Bingen (1098–1179)***Lesson**

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 1, verses 3–9:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 b'e 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** from "Vespers of 1610" Claudio Monteverdi (1567–1643)

<p>Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.</p>	<p><i>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.</i></p>
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✠ **Gospel Lesson** Mark 13:24–37

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark,
chapter 13, verses 24–37:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away

until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon "The Adventure of Faith" The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ **Hymn 196** Come, thou long-expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory O lieber Herre Gott *Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)*

O lieber Herre Gott, wecke uns auf,
 Daß wir bereit sein,
 Wenn dein Sohn kommt,
 Ihn mit Freuden zu empfangen
 Und dir mit reinem Herzen zu dienen,
 Durch denselbigen deinen lieben Sohn
 Jesum Christum, unsern Herren, Amen.

*O dear Lord God, awaken us,
 That we may be ready
 When your Son comes,
 To welcome him with joy,
 And to serve you with a pure heart,
 Through the same, your beloved Son,
 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Collect for Advent

✠ **Presentation of the Gifts** (*sung by all*) PICARDY

Un - to God be praise and glo - ry: to the Fa - ther and the Son,
 to th'e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or now and ev - er - more be done;
 praise and glo - ry in the high - est, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

✠ **Offertory Prayer**

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.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day
when justice shall roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
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 on three staves in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God of pow'r and might". The second staff continues with: "Heav'n and earth are full of your Glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff concludes with: "sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na!". The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a fermata at the end of the third staff.

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Bless - ed is He who_ comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na!

✦ Words of Institution

Celebrant:

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
 whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations.
 You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts
 and have mercy on those who fear you from generations to generation.
 You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree.
 You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away.
 Your own Son came among us as a servant,
 to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.

He humbled himself in obedience to your will
 and freely accepted death on a cross.
 By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
 you gave birth to your Church,
 delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
 and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

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

When the supper was over he took the cup,
 gave thanks to you, gave it 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):



Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

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 his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

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 (sung by the choir)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, 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.

Healing Prayer Stations: Marsh Chapel offers prayer for healing at every Sunday Communion service (except the Easter services). If, after partaking of Communion, you are moved to prayer for healing in an area of your life that calls for attention, with the laying on of hands and/or anointing with oil, please join the members of the healing prayer group under the first windows on the pulpit side of the Nave. Please feel free to stay until you are prayed with as the service continues to hold us all in worship.

Communion Motet *Audivi vocem de caelo*

John Taverner (c.1495–1545)

*Audivi vocem de caelo venientem:
venite omnes virgines sapientissime;
oleum recondite in vasis vestris
dum sponsus advenerit.
Media nocte clamor factus est:
ecce sponsus venit.*

*I heard a voice coming from heaven:
come all wisest virgins;
fill your vessels with oil,
for the bridegroom is coming.
In the middle of the night there was a cry:
behold the bridegroom comes.*

Responsory for Advent

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 213** *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*

TRURO

✘ **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

Postlude *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661*

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

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

The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett.

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

TODAY	9:45 a.m.	Morning Study Group (Thurman Room)
	10:35 a.m.	Take Note (Robinson Chapel)
	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
	12:00 p.m.	Covered Dish Luncheon (Marsh Room)
	12:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Thurman Room)
MONDAY	12:15 p.m.	Monday Meditation (Robinson Chapel)
	6:00 p.m.	Community Dinner (Marsh Room)
TUESDAY	3:00 p.m.	Create Space (Marsh Chapel, Lower Level)
	6:00 p.m.	Global Dinner Club (Thurman Room)
WEDNESDAY	5:15 p.m.	Ecumenical Evening Prayer (Nave)
THURSDAY	12:00 p.m.	Silence Practice (Nave)
	12:20 p.m.	Common Ground Communion (Marsh Plaza)
	5:00 p.m.	Mind, Body, and Spirit Yoga (Robinson Chapel)
	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Tree Trimming (Nave)
FRIDAY	6:00 p.m.	University Service of Lessons and Carols (Nave)
NEXT SUNDAY	9:45 a.m.	Morning Study Group (Thurman Room)
	11:00 a.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols (Nave)
	11:50 a.m.	Children's Education (Thurman Room)
	12:00 p.m.	Dean's Open House (STH Community Center)
	12:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Marsh Chapel, Lower Level)
	12:30 p.m.	Thurman Choir Rehearsal (Robinson Chapel)
	12:30 p.m.	Abolitionist Chapel Today (Marsh Chapel, Lower Level)
	3:00 p.m.	Blue Christmas Service (Nave)

Marsh Chapel is pleased to offer **childcare** during our Sunday morning services. Inquiries can be made at 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).

Our **children's education** is available every Sunday during the school semester excluding the first Sunday of the month. Those interested are invited to leave the service during the last hymn for a time of lessons, crafts, and fun.

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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