



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Word and Sacrament
Sunday, December 4th, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.
The Second Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude Präludium in G minor, BuxWV 149 *Dietrich Buxtehude* (c.1637-1707)

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Dean: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: *Blessed be the name of the Lord.*

✠ **Introit** I look from afar *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 (verses 1-2 and 5-7) 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.

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.

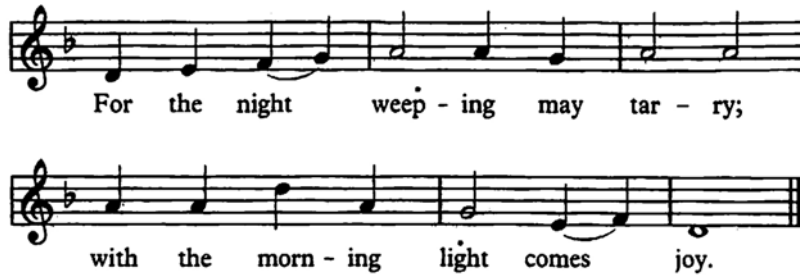
*Mary said to the Angel:
Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord,
be it to me according to your word.*

Luke 1:38

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;
then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."*
- Cantor: The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.
- People: *Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.*
- Cantor: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
- People: *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)

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| Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto. | <i>Glory to the Father and Son and Holy Spirit.</i> |
| Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. | <i>As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.</i> |

✘ **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.

Sermon 'Grace upon Grace' Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

"From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." – John 1:16

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

Community Life and Offertory

At the Offertory The Lamb has come for us from the House of David

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

The Lamb has come for us from the House of David,
The priest and pontiff from Abraham.
He became for us both Lamb and pontiff,
Giving His Body for sacrifice,
His Blood for sprinkling.
Blessed is His accomplishment.

Mary carried Him as a child,
The priest carried Him as an offering.
The cross carried Him as one slain!
Heaven carried Him as God!
Praise to His Father.

Whom have we, Lord, like you, the Great One
Who became small, the wakeful who slept?
The pure one who was baptized,
The living one who died,
The King who abased himself to ensure honour for all.
Blessed is your honour.

St. Ephraim (c. 306-373)

✘ **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**

✘ **Invitation and Confession**

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.

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.*

At this point, all may exchange signs of love and peace.

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)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God of pow'r and might

4 Heav'n and earth are full of your Glo - ry. Ho-

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

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

12

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.

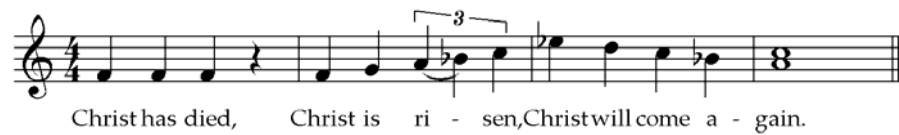
He humbled himself in obedience to your will
and freely accepted death on a cross.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he was betrayed, 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 ended, 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: *(over)*

(Sung by all):



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 you 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.

Communion Motet Jesus Christ the apple tree

Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree

His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while:
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit does make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs (1810)

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.

*Those so moved and desiring to make a public affirmation of faith and be received today as members of
Marsh Chapel may come forward during the singing of the following hymn, to meet Dean Hill at the
communion rail.*

❖ **Hymn 200**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

WOODLANDS

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

Dean and Mrs. Christopher and Melinda Muller

❖ **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 Prelude on 'Hyfrydol' *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

Following the service, all are invited to attend a potluck lunch downstairs in the Marsh Room.

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

The celebrant is Rev. Dr. Cameron Partridge, University Chaplain for Episcopal Students.

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

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.

*This autumn, we have been delighted to administer
the Sacrament of Holy Baptism to these children:*

Name	Date of Baptism
Oskar Denn Heikkila	9/25/11
Catherine Evelyn Mara Bryant	10/2/11
Maya Elizabeth Foy	10/23/11
Adriana Rose Balderas	11/13/11
Grant Shelton Westgate	11/13/11
Ryan Michael Champigny	11/27/11

DEAN'S CHOICE:

University Service of Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 9th, 2011; 6:00 p.m.

Marsh Chapel

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

TODAY	9:45 a.m.	Study Group: <i>Unprotected Texts</i> (Thurman Room)
	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Main Chapel)
	12:00 noon	Potluck Lunch (Marsh Room)
	12:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Thurman Room)
	3:00 p.m.	Blue Christmas Service (Main Chapel)
	4:00 p.m.	Servant Team Meeting and Dinner (Thurman Room)
MONDAY	6:00 p.m.	Community Dinner
TUESDAY	12:00 noon	Community Lunch
WEDNESDAY	5:00 p.m.	Ecumenical Evening Prayer (Main Chapel)
	6:00 p.m.	BeYou: VocationCare (Thurman Room)
THURSDAY	12:30 p.m.	Common Ground Communion (Marsh Plaza)
FRIDAY	6:00 p.m.	University Service of Lessons and Carols (Main Chapel)
NEXT SUNDAY	9:45 a.m.	Study Group: <i>Unprotected Texts</i> (Thurman Room)
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	12:00 noon	Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)
	12:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Thurman Room)
	4:00 p.m.	Servant Team Meeting and Dinner (Thurman Room)

Marsh Chapel is pleased to offer **child care** 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).

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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