



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Word and Sacrament

Sunday, January 5th, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

The Second 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

In dulci jubilo, BuxWV 197

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Noël X (*Grand Jeu et Duo*)

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

Call to Worship and Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: The word became flesh and dwells among us!

People: *Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth!*

✦ **Hymn 234** O come, all ye faithful (stanzas 1-3 only)

ADESTE FIDELES

✦ **Collect** (*in unison*)

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, you Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

✦ **Gloria in excelsis** (*sung by all*)

The music to this hymn is found on page 238 of the United Methodist Hymnal, stanza 1.

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!

Lesson Wisdom of Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 24:1-12

Lector: A lesson from the Wisdom of Sirach, chapter 24, verses 1-12:

Wisdom praises herself, and tells of her glory in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth, and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory: "I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and covered the earth like a mist. I dwelt in the highest heavens, and my throne was in a pillar of cloud. Alone I compassed the vault of heaven and traversed the depths of the abyss. Over waves of the sea, over all the earth, and over every people and nation I have held sway." Among all these I sought a resting place; in whose territory should I abide? "Then the Creator of all things gave me a command, and my Creator chose the place for my tent. He said, 'Make your dwelling in Jacob, and in Israel receive your inheritance.' Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me, and for all the ages I shall not cease to be. In the holy tent I ministered before him, and so I was established in Zion. Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my domain. I took root in an honored people, in the portion of the Lord, his heritage.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Ding dong! merrily on high

arr. David Willcocks (b. 1919)

Ding dong! merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing:

Ding dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,

And io, io, io, by priest and people sungen.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;

May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

G. R. Woodward (1843-1934)

Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21

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

♪ Antiphon (sung by all)



O come, thou Wis - dom from on high,
and or - der all things far and nigh.

- Cantor:* A holy people and blameless race
wisdom delivered from a nation of oppressors,
People: She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord,
and withstood dread kings with wonders and signs.
Cantor: She gave to holy people the reward of their labors;
she guided them along a marvelous way;
People She became a shelter to them by day,
and a starry flame through the night.
Cantor: She brought them over the Red Sea,
and led them through deep waters;
People: but she drowned their enemies,
and cast them up from the depth of the sea.
Cantor: Therefore the righteous plundered the ungodly;
they sang hymns, O Lord, to your holy name,
and praised with one accord your defending hand;
People: for wisdom opened the mouths of those who were mute,
and made the tongues of infants speak clearly. ♪

✕ 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** John 1:1-18

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

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon "Wisdom and the Incarnate" The Reverend Soren Hessler
Chapel Associate for Leadership Development

✘ **Hymn 383** This is a day of new beginnings (stanzas 1-3 and 5 only) BEGINNINGS

Community Life and Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory In the bleak mid-winter *arr. Roger Emerson (b. 1950)*

In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter long ago.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air –
But His mother only in her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved with a tender kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,
If I were a Wise Man I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him: give him my heart.

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894), alt.

✦ **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**

✦ **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.*

All may exchange signs and words of God's 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 created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the 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.
In the fullness of time
you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior,
and at his birth the angels sang
glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth.
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 a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time. It consists of five lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God of pow'r and might Heav'n and earth are full of your Glo - ry. Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na! Bless - ed is He who_ comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na!" The score includes bar lines, rests, and various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes).

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!

9 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.
As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem
and there found no room,
so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected.
As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born,
so 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.

As your Word became flesh, born of woman, on that night long ago,
so, 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."

Celebrant: 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 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** (*responsive*)

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People: *Have mercy on us.*

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People: *Have mercy on us.*

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People: *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.

This is the first Communion of the liturgical season of Christmas. 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 in the Nave.

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 224** Good Christian friends, rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO

✠ **Benediction**

Please remain standing until the procession has left the nave.

Postlude Fugue in C major (Jig), BuxWV 174 *Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

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

The preacher and co-celebrant is Rev. Soren Hessler, Chapel Associate for Leadership Development.

The co-celebrant is Rev. Jen Quigley, Chapel Associate for Vocational Discernment.

The choir is In Choro Novo, conducted by Dr. Thérèse Provenzano.

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.

IN CHORO NOVO

Dr. Thérèse Provenzano, Conductor

Eve Budnick, Accompanist

Anna Allen	Shelley Lipschultz	Johanna Riddle
Tim Armour	Ann Maguire	Jodi Rosenblatt
Morrie Bailey	Earl Marmar	Steve Rovniak
Ashlie Berg	Kirsten McAullife	Elaine Sangiolo
Jenny Bluhm	Anita Miller	Mike Spellman
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Susan Dillon	Joanna Raskin	David Stitt
Suzanne Fischer	Susan Richelson	Aileen Zogby
Eric Greenberg		

DR. THÉRÈSE PROVENZANO

Thérèse Provenzano, Doctor of Musical Arts, earned undergraduate honors degrees in her majors of Music, English, Biology and Education from Brandeis University; Master of Music degrees with high honors in both music education/conducting and piano performance and a Masters in Biology from the University of Michigan; and the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Music Education from Boston University. She studied piano with pianist Paul Badera-Skoda in Vienna, received the Phyllis Lee Coffey Award in Music at Brandeis, was a Dean's scholar at Boston University, and, in 1999, was awarded the Distinguished Arts Educator in Music for the state of Massachusetts by the Alliance for Arts Education. In Winter 2001, Dr. Provenzano had the honor of studying with world-renowned musician/conductor, Sir Neville Marriner.

Dr. Provenzano is currently employed as Choral Director for the Weston Public Schools and The Community Chorus. She also adjudicates and conducts at state and national choral festivals and competitions.

In addition to her music, Dr. Provenzano also participates in whale research on Cape Cod and works with the rehabilitation of injured wild animals at Wild Care in Brewster.

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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