



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship

Sunday, November 27th, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

The First Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People: *Blessed be the name of the Lord.*

✠ **Introit** I look from afar Music: *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 102** Now thank we all our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

✠ **Collect** (*in unison*)

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Kyrie from 'Mass for Five Voices'

Music: *William Byrd* (c. 1540-1623)

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 Isaiah 40:1-11

Lector: A lesson from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 40, verses 1-11:

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem Lux Arumque

Music: *Eric Whitacre* (b. 1970)

Text: *Edward Esch; translated into Latin by Charles Anthony Silvestri*

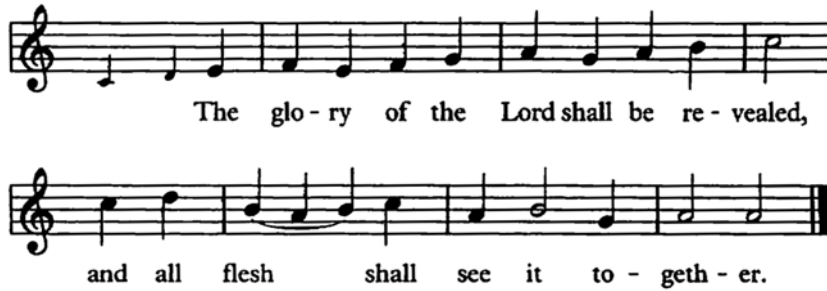
Lux,
calida gravisque pura velut aurem
et canunt angeli molliter
modo natum.

Light,
warm and heavy as pure gold
and the angels sing softly
to the new-born baby.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

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

♪ Antiphon (sung by all)



The glo - ry of the Lord shall be re - vealed,
and all flesh shall see it to - geth - er.

- Cantor: LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- People: *You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.*
- Cantor: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.
- People: *Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.*
- Cantor: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
- People: *Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.*
- Cantor: The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
- People: *Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps. ♪*

✠ **Gloria Patri** from "Vespers of 1610" Music: Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*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.*

✘ **Gospel Lesson** Mark 1:1-8

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark,
chapter 1, verses 1-8:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

✘ **Hymn 131** We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing KREMSER

Sermon 'Precursors' Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

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

My song in the night

Music: *arr. Paul Christiansen (1914-1997)*Text: *Southern Folk Hymn*

O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night, come to us with Thy tender love, my soul's delight.
 Unto Thee, O Lord, in affliction I call, my comfort by day, and my song in the night.

O why should I wander, an alien from Thee, or cry in the desert Thy face to see?
 My comfort and joy, my soul's delight, O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night.

Community Life and Offertory**At the Offertory**

O thou, the central orb

Music: *Charles Wood (1866-1926)*Text: *Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)*

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
 Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
 Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright
 Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
 Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
 As stars about thy throne, set in the height
 Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight
 Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
 Our nature all shall feel eternal day
 In fellowship with thee, transforming day
 To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

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

PICARDY

The music to this hymn may be 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**❖ **Hymn 202**

People, look east; the time is near

BESANÇON

✘ **Benediction**

✘ **Response** God be in my head

Music: *arr. John Rutter* (b. 1945)

Text: *Old English Prayer from Sarum Primer*

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.

Please remain standing until the procession has left the nave.

Postlude Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*The preacher is Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.
The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Daniel Gostin and Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett.
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.*

DEAN'S CHOICE:

Blue Christmas Service
Next Sunday, December 4; 3:00 p.m.
Main Chapel

This service is a time when we can acknowledge the "blue" feelings we have during the Christmas season, acknowledge the reasons for them, and offer these feelings to God.

In the midst of the surrounding holiday cheer, some of us mourn a loved one, or feel particularly lonely in our challenges, or struggle with the dark and the cold. In this service, we share in song, scripture, prayer, candlelight, reflection, and the solace of knowing that we are not alone.

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	Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)
	12:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Thurman Room)
	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)
NEXT SUNDAY	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)

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.

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