

# MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant  
Service of Worship

Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 –11:00 a.m.

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

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The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

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✦ *Please rise, as you are able.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The congregation is invited into silent prayer prior to the service.*

### Prelude

Pastorella in F major, BWV 590

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

### 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!*

### ✦ 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, stanzas 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.

**Lesson** 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

*Lector:* A lesson from the First Book of Samuel, chapter 2, verses 18-20 and 26:

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

**Anthem** I sing of a Maiden

*Patrick Hadley (1899-1973)*

Jacquelyn Stucker and Kim Leeds, sopranos

1. I sing of a maiden  
That is makeless;<sup>1</sup>  
King of all kings  
To her son she ches.<sup>2</sup>

2. He came all so still  
Where his mother was, <sup>1</sup>*matchless*  
As dew in April  
That falleth on the grass. <sup>2</sup>*chose*

3. He came all so still  
To his mother's bower,  
As dew in April  
That falleth on the flower.

4. He came all so still  
Where his mother lay,  
As dew in April  
That falleth on the spray.

5. Mother and maiden  
Was never none but she:  
Well may such a lady  
God's mother be.

*Anonymous, 15<sup>th</sup> century*

**Lesson** Colossians 3:12-17

*Lector:* A lesson from St. Paul's epistle to the Colossians, chapter 3, verses 12-17:

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in

word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 148

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)

Let all things their cre - a - tor bless: Al - le -  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*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 hon - or to the Fa - ther, Laud and hon - or to the Son,  
Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it, Ev - er Three and ev - er One,  
One in might and One in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.

✦ **Gospel Lesson** Luke 2:41-52

*Lector:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke,  
chapter 2, verses 41-52:

*People:* *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

*Lector:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

✦ **Hymn 216** Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

ES IST EIN ROS

**Sermon** "A New Year Outlook"

Dean Robert Allan Hill

✦ **Hymn 218** It came upon the midnight clear

CAROL

## Call to Prayer (sung by all)

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)



Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - eous-ness;

make thy way plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord,

thou, Lord on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

## 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.

## Community Life and Offering

### At the Offertory Gesù bambino

Pietro A. Yon (1886-1943)

MaryRuth Lown, soprano; Sam Kreidenweis, baritone

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night  
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light.  
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced,  
And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.

*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him*

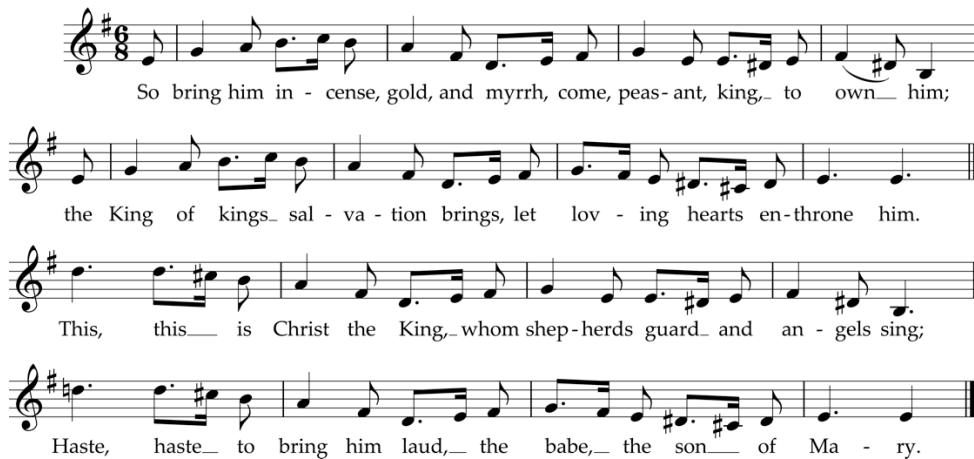
*O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night  
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light.  
Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell  
From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.

Pietro A. Yon  
Trans. Frederick H. Martens

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

GREENSLEEVES



So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant, king, to own - him;  
the King of kings - sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.  
This, this is Christ the King, - whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

✦ **Offertory Prayer**

✦ **Hymn 224**

Good Christian friends, rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

✦ **Benediction**

*Please remain standing until the procession has left the nave.*

**Postlude**

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*The preacher is the Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.  
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.*

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

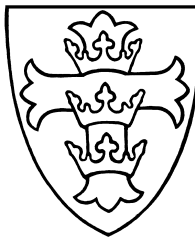
The Dean, Chaplains, and staff of Marsh Chapel wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season!

**Winter Intersession:** The University will close for Winter Intersession on Thursday, December 24 at 1:00 p.m. and will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2016. During this period, the **chapel offices will be closed and the building will be closed to visitors.** Phone messages left at the chapel will be checked daily.

The **Interdenominational Protestant Worship service**, held on Sundays at 11:00 a.m., **will not be affected** by any of the closures listed here, and will continue to be held each Sunday during Winter Break.

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