The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

Please rise, as you are able.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude
- Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645
- Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

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
- People look east

- People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
- Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
- People, look east and sing today: love, the guest, is on the way.

Hymn 211
- O come, o come, Emmanuel (sung in unison)

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.
**Kyrie**

from ‘Mass for Five Voices’  
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 2:1-5

*Lector:* A lesson from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 2, verses 1-5:

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Anthem**  
Laetentur coeli – Orietur in diebus  
William Byrd (c.1540 - 1623)

Laetentur coeli, et exultet terra.  
Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice.

Jubilate montes laudem,  
Let the mountains be joyful with praise,

quia Dominus noster veniet,  
because our Lord will come,

et pauperum suorum miserebitur.  
and will show mercy to his poor.

Orietur in diebus  
In your days,

tuis justitia et abundantia pacis:  
justice and abundance of peace shall arise:

et pauperum suorum miserebitur.  
and [the Lord] will show mercy to his poor.

*Isaiah 49:13; Psalm 72:7*
Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul’s epistle to the Romans, chapter 13, verses 11-14:

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

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

 appréci (sung by all)

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, great David’s greater Son!

Cantor: I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

People: Our feet are standing within your gates,
O Jerusalem.

Cantor: Jerusalem built as a city
that is bound firmly together.

People: To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

Cantor: For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

People: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

Cantor: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say,
"Peace be within you."

People: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good. 🎵
**Gloria Patri**

from “Vespers of 1610”

Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.

**Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 24:36-44

*Lector:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 24, verses 36-44:

*People:* Glory to you, O Lord.

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."


*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Hymn 730**

O day of God, draw nigh

ST. MICHAEL

**Sermon**

“Approaching Advent”

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 maketh 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

Thou shalt know him

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by any din of drums,
Nor his manners, nor his airs,
Nor by any thing he wears.

Anonymous

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory

My Lord, what a morning

My Lord, what a morning,
My Lord, what a morning,
Oh, my Lord, what a morning
When the stars begin to fall.
Done quit all my worldly ways,
Gonna join that heavenly band.

Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)

Sung by all

Praise and glory in the highest, while unending ages run.

Offertory Prayer
**Hymn 196**  
Come, thou long-expected Jesus  

**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)

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

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**Community Announcements**

**Blue Christmas Service ~ Next Sunday, December 4 ~ 3:00 p.m. ~ Marsh Chapel Nave**

The Blue Christmas service is a time when we can recognize the “blue” feelings we may 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 and hope of knowing that we are not alone.

**A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**Friday, December 9 ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ Marsh Chapel Nave**

**Sunday, December 11 ~ 11:00 a.m. ~ Marsh Chapel Nave**

Join the Boston University community for the Forty-Third Annual Service of Lessons and Carols. The liturgy takes as its model the famous service from King’s College, Cambridge and is one of the most popular University events of the year. An open house at The Castle follows the Sunday service on December 11.
**THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL**

**TODAY**
- 9:45 a.m.  
  Morning Study Group (Thurman Room)
- 10:35 a.m.  
  Take Note (Robinson Chapel)
- 10:40 a.m.  
  Intercessory Silent Prayer Group (Nave)
- 11:00 a.m.  
  Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
- 12:00 noon  
  Coffee Hour (Marsh 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 (Marsh Room)

**WEDNESDAY**
- 5:15 p.m.  
  Ecumenical Evening Prayer (Nave)
- 5:30 p.m.  
  BU United Methodist Fellowship (Thurman Room)

**THURSDAY**
- 12:00 p.m.  
  Silence Practice (Nave)
- 12:20 p.m.  
  Common Ground Communion (Marsh Plaza)
- 4:45 p.m.  
  Spiritual Life Yoga (Robinson Chapel)

**NEXT SUNDAY**
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- 10:35 a.m.  
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- 10:40 a.m.  
  Intercessory Silent Prayer Group (Nave)
- 11:00 a.m.  
  Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
- 12:00 noon  
  Potluck Lunch (Marsh Room)
- 12:30 p.m.  
  Thurman Choir Rehearsal (Robinson Chapel)
- 3:00 p.m.  
  Blue Christmas Service (Nave)

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.

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).
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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