Hymn at the Procession

The congregation stands at the chiming of the hour.

1. Solo

Once in Royal David’s City
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2. Choir

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

All join in singing the last four stanzas.

The congregation remains standing.
GREETING AND BIDDING PRAYER

The Dean: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
The Dean: Let us pray:

BELOVED IN CHRIST, be it this Christmas-tide our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child: and let us make this Chapel glad with our carols of praise.

But first, because this of all things would rejoice God’s heart, let us pray for the needs of the whole world, and all people; for peace upon the earth Christ came to save; for love and unity within the one Church he did build; and for goodwill among all people, and especially within this university and this city of Boston.

And particularly at this time let us remember the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children.

Lastly let us remember before God them who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself has taught us:

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.

The Dean: The Almighty God bless us with God’s grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

All: Amen.

The congregation is seated.
UP! GOOD CHRISTEN FOLK, and listen
how the merry church bells ring,
And from steeple
bid good people
come adore the newborn King:

Tell the story how from glory
God came down at Christmastide,
Bringing gladness,
chasing sadness,
showering blessings far and wide.

Born of mother, blest o’er other,
Ex Maria Virgine.  
In a stable
(‘tis no fable),
Christus natus hodie.  

Text: G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)
Melody from Piae Cantiones (1582)
Harmonization: G. R. Woodward
God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent’s head:

**They heard the sound** of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ He said, ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.’ God said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?’ The man said, ‘The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.’ Then the Lord God said to the woman, ‘What is this that you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent tricked me, and I ate.’ The Lord God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.’ And to the man, God said, ‘Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, “You shall not eat of it”, cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.’

*Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19*
ADAM LAY YBOUNDEN,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkes¹ finden
Written in their book.²

Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady
Abeen heavené queen.

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen,
Deo gracias!³

¹clergy ²the Bible ³Thanks be to God

Text: Anonymous, 15th century
Music: Boris Ord (1897-1961)
SECOND LESSON

Lector: The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

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

CAROL

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!

Text: G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)
Music: 16th century French melody
Arrangement: David Willcocks (1919-2015)
Hymn

The congregation stands at the invitation of the Director of Music.

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits;
2. Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple set apart
3. Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide;
4. Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is won;

the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.
let us thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in us reveal.
external praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to thy name!

The congregation is seated.

Text: German; Georg Weissel (1590-1635)
Translation: Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)
Tune: TRURO; Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789
Arrangement: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Third Lesson

Lector: The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown:

A Shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen
aus einer Wurzel zart,
wie uns die Alten sungen;
von Jesse kam die Art
und hat ein Blümlein bracht
mitten im kalten Winter,
wohl zu der halben Nacht.

Das Röslein, das ich meine,
davon Jesaias sagt,
hat uns gebracht alleine
Marie, die reine Magd;
aus Gottes ewgem Rat
hat sie ein Kind geboren,
wohl zu der halben Nacht.

Das Blümelein so kleine,
das duftet uns so süß;
mit seinem hellen Scheine
vertreibt die Finsternis:
wahr' Mensch und wahrer Gott,
hilft uns aus allem Leide,
rettet von Sünd und Tod.

A rose has come forth
from a tender root,
as the prophets of old sang to us.
From Isaiah came the lineage,
and it has brought us a flower
in the cold midwinter,
right at the midnight hour.

The little rose that I mean,
about which Isaiah spoke,
has been brought to us by
Mary, the pure virgin.
Fulfilling God’s eternal counsel,
she has borne a child
right at the midnight hour.

The tiny little flower
smells so sweet to us;
with his bright light
he dispels the darkness.
True human and true God,
help us out of all our suffering;
deliver us from sin and death.

Text, v. 1 and 2: Unknown
Text, v. 3: Friedrich Layriz (1808-1859)
Music, v. 1: Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)
Arrangement, v. 2 and 3: Donald Cashmore (1926-2013)
FOURTH LESSON

Lector: Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus:

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:1, 3-7

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

An offering supporting the ministry of Marsh Chapel will be collected during the singing of this carol.

Niño lindo, ante tí me rindo;
Niño lindo, eres tú mi Dios.
Niño lindo, ante tí me rindo;
Niño lindo, eres tú mi Dios.

Esa tu hermosura;
ese tu candor,
El alma me roba,
el alma me roba,
Me roba el amor.

La vida, bien mío,
y el alma también,
Te ofrezco, gustoso,
te ofrezco, gustoso,
Rendido a tus pies.

Beautiful boy, to you I give up;
Beautiful boy, you are my God.
Beautiful boy, to you I give up;
Beautiful boy, you are my God.

That your beauty;
that your candor
steals my soul,
steals my soul,
steals my love.

My good life,
and also my soul,
I offer you gladly,
offer you gladly,
surrendered at your feet.

Text and Music: Traditional Venezuelan
Arrangement: Julian J. Wachner (b. 1969)
The congregation stands at the invitation of the Director of Music.

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
2. O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth;
3. (sung by choir alone) cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
   (sung by choir alone) for Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,
   We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
   the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to-night.
   while mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wonderring love.
   (sung by choir alone) O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

The third verse, as sung by the choir:
How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv’n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav’n.
No ear may hear his coming; but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

The congregation is seated.
FIFTH LESSON

Lector: The shepherds go to the manger:

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!’ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Luke 2:8-16

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

CAROL

This day Christ was born, This day our Savior did appear,
This day the Angels sing in earth, The Archangels are glad,
This day the just rejoice, saying: Glory be to God on high. Alleluia.

Text: Translation of the Magnificat Antiphon at Second Vespers of Christmas Day
Music: William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)
The wise men are led by the star to Jesus:

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
THE FIRST KING was very young,
   O balow, balow la lay,
With doleful ballads on his tongue,
   O balow, balow la lay,
He came bearing a branch of myrrh
Than which no gall is bitterer,
   O balow, balow la lay,
Gifts for a baby King, O.

The second king was a man in prime,
   O balow, balow la lay,
The solemn priest of a solemn time,
   O balow, balow la lay,
With eyes downcast and reverent feet
He brought his incense sad and sweet,
   O balow, balow la lay,
Gifts for a baby King, O.

The third king was very old,
   O balow, balow la lay,
Both his hands were full of gold,
   O balow, balow la lay,
Many a gaud and glittering toy,
Baubles brave for a baby boy,
   O balow, balow la lay,
Gifts for a baby King, O.

The Three Kings
Text: Dorothy L. Sayers (1893-1957)
Music: Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)
SEVENTH LESSON

Lector: Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation:

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 1:1-14

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

CAROL

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Text: German, Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)
Translation: John F. Young (1820-1885)
Music: Franz Gruber (1787-1863)
Arrangement: Malcolm Sargent (1895-1967)
The congregation stands at the invitation of the Director of Music.

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
2. God of___ God,___ Light of___ Light,___
3. Sing, choirs of Angels, sing in exultation,
4. Child, for us sinners, poor and in a manger,
5. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin’s womb;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above;
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Je-su, to thee be glory given.

Come and behold him, born the King of Angels:
Very God, begotten not created:
Glory to God in the highest:
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
COLLECT

The Dean: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
The Dean: Let us pray:

O GOD, YOU MAKE US GLAD by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Dean:

MAY HE WHO BY HIS INCARNATION gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of Almighty God be upon you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

The congregation remains standing.
Hymn

1. Hark! the herald-angels sing—Glory to the new-born King;
2. Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the ever-last-ing Lord,
3. Hail the heav’n-born prince of peace! Hail the Sun of right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer-cy mild,—God and sin-ners re-con-ciled:
Late in time be-hold him come,—Off-spring of a vir-gin’s womb:
Light and life to all he brings,—Ris’n with heal-ing in his wings;

Joy-ful all ye na-tions rise,—Join the tri-umph of the skies,
Veiled in flesh the God-head see,—Hail th’in-car-nate De-i-ty!
Mild he lays his glo-ry by,—Born that we no more may die,

With th’an-gel-ic host pro-claim, Christ is born in Beth-le-hem.
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je-sus, our Em-man-u-el.
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec-ond birth.

Hark! the herald-angels sing—Glory to the new-born King.

Please remain standing until the procession has left the nave.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Text altered by George Whitefield (1714-1770) and others
Tune: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Harmonization, stanza 1: William H. Cummings (1831-1915)
Harmonization, stanza 2: Scott Allen Jarrett (b. 1975)
Fanfare and harmonization, stanza 3: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Voluntary at the Procession

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

After today’s service, Bob and Jan Hill will host an Open House at The Castle, 225 Bay State Road. The entire Marsh Chapel community is warmly invited to attend.
MARSH CHAPEL CHOIR
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Organist

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Eric Berlin
Richard Watson

Horn
Whitacre Hill

Tuba
Takatsugu Hagiwara

Trombone
Greg Spiridopoulos

CHRISTMAS AT MARSH CHAPEL

Sunday December 11 11:00 a.m. A Service of Lessons and Carols
Sunday December 18 11:00 a.m. The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Saturday December 24 1:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday December 25 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service
Sunday January 1 11:00 a.m. New Year’s Day - First Sunday after Christmas
Friday January 6 The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday January 8 11:00 a.m. The First Sunday after the Epiphany

The 11:00 a.m. Sunday Interdenominational service will be held every week during the winter intersession.
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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