

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Word and Sacrament
Sunday, December 4th, 2016 –11:00 a.m.
The Second Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✦ *Please rise, as you are able.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Prelude Prelude and Fugue in A minor, WoO 9 *Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*

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 *arr. Barry Ferguson (b. 1942)*

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. *Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)*

✦ **Hymn** On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry WINCHESTER NEW

The opening hymn appears on the next page.

✦ Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

WINCHESTER NEW

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 ref - uge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944),
 after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.

Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690;
 harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

✘ **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.

✘ **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.

✦ Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.

Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (b. 1920)
Music: *Bereden väg för Herran*, melody from *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697

76. 76. 77 with Refrain

Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

Lector: A lesson from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 11, verses 1-10:

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; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. 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. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Thou shalt know him

Mark Sirett (b. 1952)


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.

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by his crown or by his gown,
But his coming known shall be,
By the holy harmony
Which his coming makes in thee.
Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

Anonymous

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

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

 **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



I will give you as a light to the



na-tions, my sal - va-tion to the ends of the earth.

- Cantor:* Give the king your justice, O God,
 and your righteousness to a king's son.
- People:* *May he judge your people with righteousness,
 and your poor with justice.*
- Cantor:* May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
 and the hills, in righteousness.
- People:* *May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
 give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.*
- Cantor:* May he live while the sun endures,
 and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- People:* *May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
 like showers that water the earth.* (over)

Cantor: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,
until the moon is no more.

People: *Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be his glorious name forever,
may his glory fill the whole earth. ♪*

✘ **Gloria Patri** from "Vespers of 1610" *Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)*

*Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto. Glory to the Father and Son and Holy Spirit.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. world without end. Amen.*

✘ **Gospel Lesson** Matthew 3:1-12

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew,
chapter 3, verses 1-12:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Communion Homily "Sacrament and Discourse" *Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean*

✦ Hymn

Comfort, comfort ye my people

PSALM 42

1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
 Music: *Psalm 42*, melody Claude Goudimel (1514-1572)

87. 87. 77. 88

At the Offertory Magnificat in G major

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

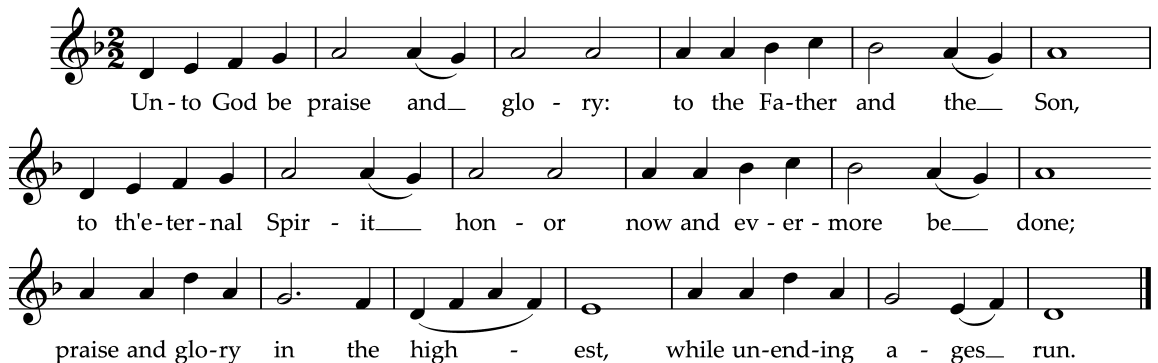
My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm:
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
 as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father...

Canticle of Mary (Luke 1:46-55)

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

PICARDY



Un-to God be praise and glo - ry: to the Fa-ther and the Son,
to th'e-ter-nal Spir - it hon - or now and ev - er - more be done;
praise and glo-ry in the high - est, while un-end-ing a - ges run.

✦ Offertory Prayer

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 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, who looked for that day
when justice shall roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

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 for a single voice part in treble clef. It begins in 4/4 time and features a key signature of one flat (B-flat). 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 consists of five staves of music. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the second line. The third staff contains the third line. The fourth staff contains the fourth line. The fifth staff contains the fifth line. The score ends with a double bar line.

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,
whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations.
You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts
and have mercy on those who fear you from generations to generation.
You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree.
You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away.
Your own Son came among us as a servant,
to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.


He humbled himself in obedience to your will
and freely accepted death on a cross.
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.

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.”

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.

The musical notation is a single staff in 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5. There is a triplet of eighth notes (Bb4, A4, G4) starting on the fourth measure. The piece ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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.

Celebrant: 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...

✠ Agnus Dei *(sung by the choir)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, 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. Healing Prayer Stations are offered at every Sunday Communion. Other invitations regarding Communion are found on the next page of this bulletin.

Motet

Ave verum corpus

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Ave verum Corpus, natum de Maria Virgine: Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: Cujus latus perforatum, unda fluxit sanguine: Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae, miserere mei. Amen	<i>Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals, Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste (of heaven) during our final examining. O sweet, O pure, O Jesu, Son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen</i>
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from the Mass for the feast of Corpus Christi

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.

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple - nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.

Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blue Christmas Service ~ Today, 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.

Religion on Tap ~ Monday, December 5 ~ 7:30 p.m. ~ BU Pub, 225 Bay State Road

Religion on Tap is a casual event where Boston University friends, faculty, staff, and (21+) students from all different faiths and walks of life can join together to have a drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic); talk about faith, God, and life; and be in authentic community together. For more information, contact chaplain Jessica Chicka at jchicka@bu.edu.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS

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

Next 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.

Membership: Those interested in formal affiliation with Marsh Chapel are invited to be received as members at the close of our worship service on December 18, with a preparation brunch and conversation at 9:30 a.m. that day in the Thurman Room. If there are some so inclined, please contact Mr. Bouchard (617.358.3390) or Dean Hill (rahill@bu.edu). We next receive new members on April 15, 2017, during the 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil service.

Stewardship: We invite your generous financial support of Marsh Chapel for 2017: consider endowing the deanship (a \$4 million gift); consider a pledge (cards available, for use at offertory) to estimate, for our planning, your 2017 giving; consider a planned gift (will or bequest, with help from Sharon Wheeler of BU); or consider a percentage of income gift (from 1% up to 10%), as a new discipline in 2017. The Lord loves a joyful giver! We so appreciate your support!

Fellowship: Please plan to join Dean and Mrs. Hill for the annual Christmas Open House, next Sunday, December 11, immediately following worship, at The Castle, 225 Bay State Road.

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	Potluck Lunch (Marsh Room)
	12:30 p.m.	Thurman Choir Rehearsal (Robinson Chapel)
	3:00 p.m.	Blue Christmas Service (Nave)
MONDAY	12:15 p.m.	Monday Meditation (Robinson Chapel)
	6:00 p.m.	Community Dinner (Marsh Room)
	7:30 p.m.	Religion on Tap (BU Pub)
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)
FRIDAY	6:00 p.m.	University Service of Lessons and Carols (Nave)
NEXT SUNDAY	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.	Service of Lessons and Carols (Nave)
	11:50 a.m.	Children's Education (Thurman Room)
	12:00 p.m.	Christmas Open House (The Castle)

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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