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

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Chaplain: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
The Chaplain: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Hymn 660 God is here! as we your people

Collect (in unison)

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Kyrie from Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

The Chaplain: 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 42:1-9

Lector: A lesson from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 42, verses 1-9:

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it; I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

Anthem O bone Jesu G. P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)

O bone Jesu, miserere nobis,
quia tu creasti nos,
tu redemisti nos sanguine
tuo pretiosissimo.

O good Jesus, have mercy upon us,
for thou hast created us,
thou hast redeemed us
by thy most precious blood.

from the Psalms; extra-liturgical

Lesson Acts 10:34-43

Lector: A lesson from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 10, verses 34-43:

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as
judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 29**

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

♫ **Antiphon (sung by all)**

*With joy the Lord of Hosts proclaim;*  
*exalt the great almighty name.*

**Cantor:** Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
    ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**People:** Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
    worship the LORD in holy splendor.

**Cantor:** The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
    the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

**People:** The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
    the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

**Cantor:** The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
    the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**People:** He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
    and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**Cantor:** The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.  
    The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
    the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**People:** The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;  
    and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**Cantor:** The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
    the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

**People:** May the LORD give strength to his people!  
    May the LORD bless his people with peace! ♫
**Gospel Lesson**  Matthew 3:13-17

*Lector:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 3, verses 13-17:

*People:* Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."


*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**  "Baptism: Political Theology"  Br. Lawrence A. Whitney, LC†

University Chaplain for Community Life

**Hymn 517**  By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered  INTERCESSOR
Call to Prayer (sung by all)

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.

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

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  

Little innocent Lamb  


Little Lamb, little Lamb, little innocent Lamb,  
I'm a-gonna serve God till I die.  
Little Lamb, little Lamb, little innocent Lamb,  
I'm a-gonna serve God till I die.

1. Hypocrite, hypocrite, tell you what he do,  
He'll talk about me, and he'll talk about you.

2. Devil, he's got a slippery shoe,  
Now if you don't mind, he gonna slip it on you  
Cause there ain't no dying over there,  
In that heavenly land, there'll be joy! joy! joy!

3. Just take one brick from Satan's wall,  
Satan's wall gonna tumble and fall.

Traditional Spiritual

Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)  
adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.  
A-men.

Offertory Prayer

Hymn 604  
Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker  
CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Benediction

Postlude

The preacher is Br. Lawrence A. Whitney, LC†, University Chaplain for Community Life.
The choir is In Choro Novo, conducted by Dr. Thérèse Provenzano.
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.
The 11:00 a.m. Sunday Interdenominational service will be held every week during the winter break.

**TODAY**

11:00 a.m.  Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
12:00 noon  Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)

**Weekday Chapel activities have been suspended while students are on Winter Break.**

**NEXT SUNDAY**

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12:00 noon  Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)

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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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