MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship
Sunday, December 23rd, 2018 — 11:00 a.m.
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

鹪 Hearing Assist System available—please ask an usher. 79.200 MHz
鹪 Please rise, as you are able.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude Berceuse Paraphrase George Baker (b. 1951)

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.

鹪 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)

鹪 Hymn 250 Once in royal David’s City IRBY

鹪 Collect (in unison)

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Kyrie

(from ‘Mass for Five Voices’)

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

Micah 5:2–5a

*Lector:* A lesson from the Book of Micah, chapter 5, verses 2–5:

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Dixit Maria

(Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612))

*Dixit Maria ad angelum:* Mary said to the Angel:
Ecce ancilla Domini, Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord,
fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum. be it to me according to your word.

Lesson

Hebrews 10:5–10

*Lector:* A lesson from Paul’s Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 10, verses 5–10:

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the
law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

The Magnificat

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

Cantor: "My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
People: for he has looked with favor
on the lowliness of his servant.
Cantor: Surely, from now on
all generations will call me blessed;
People: for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
Cantor: His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
People: He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
Cantor: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
People: he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
Cantor: He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
People: according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever." ♫

(Luke 1:46b–55)
Gloria Patri
from Magnificat (Collegium Sancti Johannis)  
Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel Lesson  
Luke 1:39–45

Lector:  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke,  
chapter 1, verses 39–45:

People:  
Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Lector:  
The Gospel of the Lord.

People:  
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 200  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
WOODLANDS

Sermon  
“Simply Christmas”  
The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

Hymn 230  
O little town of Bethlehem  
ST. LOUIS

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 makest 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

Wie soll ich dich empfangen

Wie soll ich dich empfangen
Und wie begegn' ich dir?
O aller Welt Verlangen,
O meiner Seelen Zier!
O Jesu, Jesu, setze
Mir selbst die Fackel bei,
Damit, was dich ergötze,
Mir kund und wissend sei!

How shall I embrace you,
and how encounter you?
O desire of the whole world,
O adornment of my soul!
O Jesus, Jesus place
the torch near me yourself,
so that what gives you pleasure
be known and familiar to me!

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory

Alma Redemptoris Mater

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quae pervia caeli porta manes,
et stella maris, succurre cadenti,
surgere qui curat populo:
Tu quae genuisti, natura mirante,
tuum sanctum Genitorem:
Virgo prius ac posterius,
Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud Ave,
peccatorum miserere.

Loving Mother of the Redeemer,
who remains the accessible Gateway of Heaven
and Star of the Sea, give aid to a falling people
that strives to rise;
O Thou who begot the holy Creator,
while all Nature marveled,
Virgin before and after
receiving that “Ave” from the mouth of Gabriel,
have mercy on sinners.

Marian Antiphon at Compline
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**

**Hymn 246** Joy to the world, the Lord is come  **ANTIOCH**

**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** Vom Himmel hoch, da komm’ ich her  *Johann Pachelbel* (1653–1706)

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The preacher is the 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.
The Dean, Chaplains, and staff of Marsh Chapel wish everyone a happy holiday season!

**TODAY**
- 11:00 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship Service (Nave)
- 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)
- 12:30 p.m. Thurman Choir Rehearsal (Robinson Chapel)

**MONDAY**
- 1:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service (Nave)
- (Christmas Eve) 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service (Nave)

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

**NEXT SUNDAY**
- 11:00 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship Service (Nave)
- 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)

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).

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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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