The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
The Dean: The Word became flesh and dwells among us!
People: Glory to God in the highest and peace to God’s people on earth!

Introit

Ding dong! merrily on high
Ding dong! merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky is riven with angel singing:
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Hymn 245

The first Noel the angel did say

Collect (in unison)

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
**Lesson**  
1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26

*Lector:* A lesson from the first Book of Samuel, chapter 2, verses 18–20 and 26:

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Anthem**  
Surge, illuminare, Jerusalem  
*William Byrd* (c. 1540–1623)

Surge, illuminare, Jerusalem,  
quia venit lumen tuum,  
et gloria Domini super te orta est, alleluia.  

*Arise, shine, Jerusalem,*  
*for your light is come,*  
*and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you, alleluia.*  

*Isaiah 60:1*
Lesson Romans 12:9–13

Lector: A lesson from Paul’s Epistle to the Romans, chapter 12, verses 9–13:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

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

Psalm 148

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

Cantor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights!
People: Praise the Lord, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
Cantor: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars!
People: Praise the Lord, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
Cantor: Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded and they were created.
People: Who established them forever and ever;
      and fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
Cantor: Praise the LORD from the earth,
      you sea monsters and all deeps,
People: fire and hail, snow and frost,
      stormy wind fulfilling God’s command!
Cantor: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
People: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
Cantor: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
People: Young men and women alike, old and young together!
Cantor: Let them praise the name of the LORD, 
    whose name alone is exalted; whose glory is above earth and heaven.
People: God has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, 
    for the people of Israel who are near their God. Praise the LORD! 🎉

♫ Gloria Patri (sung by all) ♫

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, 
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one; 
One in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.


Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, 
  chapter 2, verses 41–52:
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

♫ Hymn 219 ♫ What child is this ✨

♫ Hymn 237 ♫ Sing we now of Christmas ✨

Sermon “A Call to Faith” The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

♫ Hymn 237 ♫ French Carol
Call to Prayer (sung by all)  
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

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  
O little one sweet  
harm. J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

O little one sweet, O little one mild, Thy Father’s purpose thou hast fulfilled;  
Thou cam’st from heav’n to mortal ken, Equal to be with us poor men,  
O little one sweet, O little one mild.  
tr. Percy Dearmer

Community Life and Offering
At the Offertory
Resonet in laudibus (Chant and Motet)
Jacob Handl (Motet) (1550–1591)

Chant
Resonemus laudibus
Let us make the church resound
Cum jocunditatibus
with the merry praises
Ecclesiam fidelibus.
of the faithful.
Apparuit quem genuit Maria.
He whom Mary bore hath appeared.

Deus fecit hominem
God made man
Ad saum imaginem
in his own image
Et similitudinem.
and likeness.
Appanuit quem genuit Maria.
He whom Mary bore hath appeared.

Ergo nostro concio
Therefore let our company
In chordis et organo
bless the Lord
Benedicat Domino,
with strings and instrument,
Appanuit quem genuit Maria.
He whom Mary bore hath appeared.

Motet
Resonet in laudibus
Let Sion resound
cum jucundis plausibus
with the joyful acclaim
Sion cum fidelibus:
of the faithful:
Apparuit quem genuit Maria.
He whom Mary bore hath appeared.

Sunt impleta quae predixit Gabriel.
The prophesies of Gabriel have been fulfilled.
Eia, eia, Virgo Deum genuit
The virgin has given birth to God
quod divina voluit clementia.
as divine mercy willed.

Hodie apparuit in Israel:
Today a king has appeared in Israel,
Ex Maria Virgine est natus Rex.
born of the virgin Mary.

❖ Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)
GREENSLEEVES

The music to this hymn is found on page 219 of the United Methodist Hymnal, verse 3.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

❖ Offertory Prayer
**Hymn 224**  Good Christian friends, rejoice  

**Benediction**

**Response**  God be in my head  

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**

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The preacher is the Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.
The 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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**THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL**

The Dean, Chaplains, and staff of Marsh Chapel wish everyone a Happy New Year and a safe holiday season!

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

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.  Community Luncheon (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).

To receive our monthly newsletter, **Common Ground**, please email Heidi Freimanis-Cordts, Director of Hospitality, at hrf@bu.edu.
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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