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

Prelude

Call to Worship and Greeting

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

Hymn 103 Immortal, invisible, God only wise St. Denio

Collect (in unison)

Gracious God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth. We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears, new decisions and old controversies, new dreams and old weaknesses. God of hope, you create all the possibilities of the future. God of love, you accept the mistakes of the past. God of our faith, we enter this place with thanksgiving and praise and we come into your presence with glad and joyful hearts. Bless this new year to our good and our lives to your service, we pray. Amen.
Lesson Isaiah 60:1–6

Lector: A lesson from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 60, verses 1–6:

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Ubi caritas

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Where there is charity and love, God is there.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Let us revere and love the living God.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
Amen.

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Antiphon at the Mandatum on Holy Thursday

Lesson Ephesians 3:1–12

Lector: A lesson from Paul’s Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 3, verses 1–12:

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church
the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14

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

I will give you as a light to the nations, my salvation 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.
Cantor: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,
until the moon is no more.
People: May the rulers of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the rulers of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.
Cantor: May all rulers fall down before him,
all nations give him service.
People: For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.

Cantor: He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

People: From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight. ♫

※ 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 endless ages run.

※ Gospel Lesson  Matthew 2:1–12

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew,
chapter 2, verses 1–12:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**

“The Hospitality of Strangers”

The Rev. Victoria Hart Gaskell
Minister for Visitation

**Hymn 248**

On this day earth shall ring

PERSONENT HODIE

**Community Life and Offering**

**At the Offertory**

Baba Yetu (The Lord’s Prayer)  

*Baba yetu, yetu uliye mbinguni yetu, yetu, amina.*  
*Baba yetu, yetu, uliye mjina lako elitukuzwe.*  
*Utupe leo chakula chetu*  
*tunachohitaji utusamehe*  
*Makosa yetu, hey! Kama nasi tunavyowasamehe*  
*Waliotukosea usitutie katika majaribu, lakini*  
*Utoukoe, na yule Mwovu, milele!*  
*Ufalme wako ufike utakalo*  
*Lifanyike duniani kama mbinguni. Amina.*

**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. Amen.

**Offertory Prayer**
**Offertory Sentences**

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, Great God of the universe, Source of all our provision. Bless and multiply these our gifts of money—symbol of our time, resources, life energy, and devotion—that the giving may become receiving, and the receiving may become giving.

*People:* Blessed be God, now and forevermore.

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, Great God of the universe, you are the giver of this bread: product of earth and air, fire and water, the life energy of plants, animals, and humans. Let it become for us the bread of life.

*People:* Blessed be God, now and forevermore.

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, Great God of the universe, you are the giver of this fruit of the vine: product of earth and air, fire and water, the life energy of plants, animals, and humans. Let it become for us the drink of your eternal realm.

*People:* Blessed be God, now and forevermore.

*Celebrant:* As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and the fruit of the vine, so, O God, may your whole Church be gathered together in this season from the corners of the earth to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

*People:* Joy to the world! The Lord is come!

**Exchange of Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ is with you always!

*People:* And also with you.

All may exchange signs and words of God’s peace.
FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord is 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,
Gracious, Loving, Holy God, creator of heaven and earth.

You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth.
You formed us in your image
and called us to love and serve you in the world.

When we were unfaithful and turned from your ways,
you did not forsake us; your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign
God, and sent prophets to call us back to your way.

In the fullness of time, you sent your only Son, Jesus Christ,
in whom you have revealed yourself.

You sent angels and a star to guide the first witnesses
to where the Christ was born, and through the Holy Spirit,
in your signs and witnesses in every age and through all the world,
you have led your people from far places to his light.

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.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
and giving voice to all creation,
we praise your name and join the unending hymn:
Sanctus and Benedictus *(sung by all)*

Julian J. Wachner (b. 1969)

**Words of Institution**

*Celebrant:* Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ your child and heir, our Lord. Born in humility, he came to rule over all. Helpless as an infant, he showed the power of your love. Poor in the things of this world, he brought the wealth of your grace. Rejected by many, he welcomed all who sought him. In his life, ministry, 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.

We remember how, when Jesus sat at supper with his friends, he took bread. And when he had given thanks and blessed it, he gave it to his friends and said, “Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Each time you eat this, remember me.”
Likewise, after supper he took a cup.
And when he had given thanks and blessed it,
he gave it to his friends and said,
“This is the cup of the new covenant, sealed in my blood,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Each time you drink this, remember 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):

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\begin{align*}
\text{Christ has died,} & \quad \text{Christ is risen,} \\
\text{Christ will come again.} & 
\end{align*}
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Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of grain and grape.
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.

Empower us by your Spirit, O God,
to be Christ’s presence in the world even as Jesus was God-with-us.
Give us courage to speak his truth, to seek his justice,
and to love with his love.
Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory
and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your servant church,
all glory and honor are yours, Eternal God, now and forevermore.

\textit{Amen.}
The Lord’s Prayer

Celebrant: The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and taught us when we pray to be bold and say:

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.

Agnus Dei (responsive)

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People: Grant us your peace.

Distribution of the Elements and Healing Prayer

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.

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.

Hymn 188

Christ is the world’s light

Christe sanctorum

Benediction

Postlude

The preacher and celebrant is the Rev. Victoria Hart Gaskell, Minister for Visitation.
The choir is In Choro Novo, conducted by Thérèse Provenzano.
The organist is Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.
Marsh Chapel at Boston University is an interdenominational faith community and all are welcome and invited to participate in Communion today. If you do not feel comfortable receiving the elements of Communion, you may, if you wish, come forward and receive a blessing instead. Simply let the server know when you approach. If you are unable to come forward, we will come to you with Communion or for a blessing—just raise your hand after the others have finished. We provide both wine (pulpit side) and an alcohol-free grape juice (lectern side). Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

**Healing Prayer Stations:** Marsh Chapel offers prayer for healing at every Sunday Communion service (except the Easter services). If, after partaking of Communion, you are moved to prayer for healing in an area of your life that calls for attention, with the laying on of hands and/or anointing with oil, please join the members of the healing prayer group under the first windows on the pulpit side of the Nave. Please feel free to stay until you are prayed with as the service continues to hold us all in worship.

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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.  Community Luncheon (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.  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).

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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