

✠ **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 *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 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

Isaiah 7:10–16

Lector: A lesson from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 7, verses 10–16:

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem

Schlafendes Jesuskind

Hugo Wolf (1860–1903)

Sohn der Jungfrau, Himmelskind! am Boden,
Auf dem Holz der Schmerzen eingeschlafen,
Das der fromme Meister, sinnvoll spielend,
Deinen leichten Träumen unterlegte;
Blume du, noch in der Knospe dämmernd
Eingehüllt die Herrlichkeit des Vaters!
O wer sehen könnte, welche Bilder
Hinter dieser Stirne, diesen schwarzen
Wimpern sich in sanftem Wechsel malen!

Son of the Virgin, Heavenly Child!
Asleep on the ground, on the wood of suffering,
Which the pious painter, in meaningful play,
Has laid beneath Thy gentle dreams;
O flower, still the Glory of God the Father!
Though still hidden in the dark bud!
Ah, if one could see what pictures,
Behind this brow and these dark
Lashes, are reflected in gentle succession!

Lesson Romans 1:1-7

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul's epistle to the Romans, chapter 1, verses 1-7:

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



The God of A-braham praise, all prais-ed bē God's name,



who was, and is, and is to be, and stīll the same!

Cantor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!
In the presence of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might, and come to save us!

People: Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Cantor: O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

People: You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

Cantor: You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

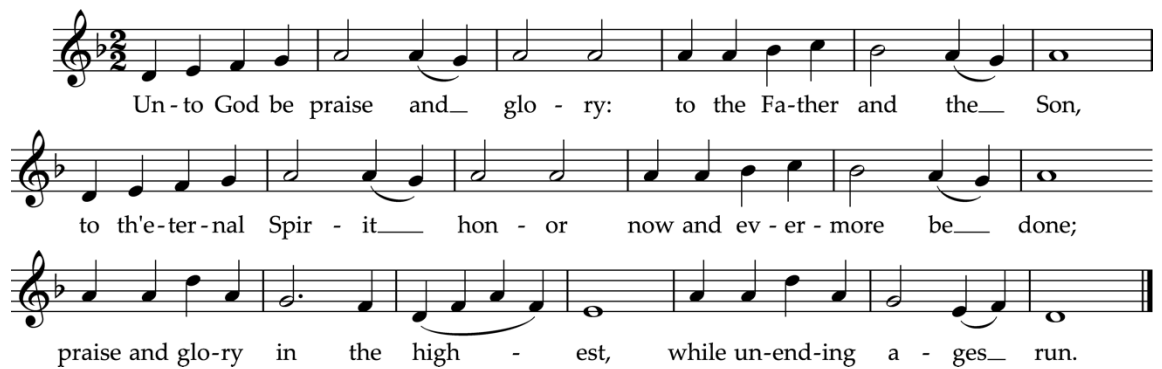
People: Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Cantor: But let your hand be upon those of your right hand,
the ones whom you have made strong for yourself!

People: Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name!
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!
let your face shine, that we may be saved! 🎵

✠ **Gloria Patri** (*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.

✠ **Gospel Lesson** Matthew 1:18-25

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 1, verses 18-25:
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he

did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

✘ **Hymn 228** He is born, the holy Child IL EST NÉ

Sermon "Angel Voice" The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✘ **Hymn 229** Infant holy, infant lowly W ZLOBIE LEZY

Call to Prayer (*sung by all*) *Samuel Sebastian Wesley* (1810–1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - eous-ness;
make thy way plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord,
thou, Lord on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

Prayers of the People and 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

Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.

Christina Rossetti (1830–1894)

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory Ding dong! merrily on high

arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

Ding dong! merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!


E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,
And io, io, io, by priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

G. R. Woodward (1843–1934)

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

GREENSLEEVES



So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas- ant, king, to own_ him;
the King of kings_ sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.
This, this_ is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard_ and an - gels sing;
Haste, haste_ to bring him laud, the babe, the son_ of Ma - ry.

✦ **Offertory Prayer**

✘ **Hymn 250** Once in royal David's city IRBY

✘ **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)

The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.

The soprano soloist is Sarah Yanovitch.

The conductor and organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

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)

TUESDAY (Christmas Eve)	1:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service (Nave)
	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).

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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The Chapel Office is open 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and on Sunday mornings.

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