



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Word and Sacrament
Sunday, January 5th, 2020 — 11:00 a.m.
The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Prelude

Call to Worship and Greeting

Leader: The Lord is with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwells among us!

People: *Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth!*

✘ **Hymn 152** I sing the almighty power of God

FOREST GREEN

✘ **Collect** (*in unison*)

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

✦ **Gloria in excelsis** (*sung by all*)

1. An-gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2. Come to Beth-le - hem and see Christ whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain
 Glo - - - - - ri - a,
 in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - - - - -
 - - - - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Lesson Jeremiah 31:7-14

Lector: A lesson from the prophet Jeremiah, chapter 31, verses 7-14:

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old

shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Gloria, from Mass in C major, K. 317

W. A. Mozart (1756–1791)

Gloria in excelsis Deo.	<i>Glory to God in the highest,</i>
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.	<i>and on earth peace to all those of good will.</i>
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.	<i>We praise thee, we bless thee,</i>
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.	<i>we worship thee, we glorify thee,</i>
Gratias agimus tibi	<i>we give thanks to thee</i>
propter magnam gloriam tuam.	<i>according to thy great glory.</i>
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,	<i>Lord God, Heavenly King,</i>
Deus Pater omnipotens.	<i>God the Father Almighty.</i>
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.	<i>Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;</i>
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.	<i>Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.</i>
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>Thou who takest away the sins of the world,</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>have mercy upon us.</i>
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>Thou who takest away the sins of the world,</i>
suscipe deprecationem nostram.	<i>receive our prayer.</i>
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,	<i>Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father,</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>have mercy upon us.</i>
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.	<i>For thou only art holy;</i>
Tu solus Dominus.	<i>thou only art the Lord;</i>
Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe.	<i>thou only art the most high, Jesus Christ,</i>
Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris.	<i>with the Holy Ghost, in the glory of God the Father.</i>
Amen.	<i>Amen.</i>

Psalm 147:12–20

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



Praise the Lord who reigns a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor: Praise God, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

People: Who strengthens the bars of your gates,
and blesses your children within you;
who grants peace within your borders,
and fills you with the finest of wheat.

Cantor: God sends out commands to the earth;
God's word runs swiftly.

People: God gives snow like wool, and scatters frost like ashes,
and hurls down hail like crumbs –who can stand against God's cold?

Cantor: God sends out a word, and melts them,
and makes the wind blow, and the waters flow.

People: God declares the word to the tribes of Jacob,
and statutes and ordinances to Israel.

All: God has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know God's ordinances.

Praise our God! ♪

✠ Gloria Patri (sung by all)

REGENT SQUARE



Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Laud and hon - or to the Son,



Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it, Ev - er Three and ev - er One,



One in might and One in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.

✘ Gospel Lesson John 1:1–18

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 1, verses 1–18:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon “Word Become Flesh In A New Year” The Rev. Dr. Victoria Hart Gaskell
Minister for Visitation

✘ **Hymn 192** There's a Spirit in the air ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory O magnum mysterium *Morten Lauridsen* (b. 1943)

O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,
jacentem in praesepio!
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt
portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia!

*O great mystery,
and wondrous sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born
Lord, lying in their manger!
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was
worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!*

Fourth Responsory for Matins of Christmas Day

✦ **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**

✦ **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 faith—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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

✠ 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 and brought forth life on the earth.
You formed us in your image and called us to love and serve you.
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 Jesus Christ to be our Savior.
In him, your *Logos* became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth, and we beheld your glory.

Celebrant: 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)

4
6
9
12

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God of pow'r and might
Heav'n and earth are full of your Glo - ry. Ho -
sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na!
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na!

The musical score is written on five staves in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are placed below the notes. The score includes measure numbers 4, 6, 9, and 12. The key signature changes to two flats (B-flat and E-flat) at measure 9. The time signature changes to 2/4 at measure 9 and back to 4/4 at measure 12. The piece ends with a double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

✦ **Words of Institution**

Celebrant: Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ, 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, dying, and rising,
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.

Celebrant:

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 a 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):

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

Celebrant:

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, to be Christ's presence in the world
even as Jesus was God-with-us.
Give us courage to speak his truth, seek his justice, and 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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, Eternal Trinity, now and forevermore.

All:

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.*

Celebrant: Look! The bread of heaven is given for the life of the world.
Look! The cup of salvation is poured out for the life of the world.
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Let us keep this feast with joy and thanksgiving.

✠ 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

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.*

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 157 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun DUKE STREET

✘ **Benediction**

✘ **Postlude**

The preacher and celebrant is the Reverend Dr. Victoria Hart Gaskell, Minister for Visitation.

The choir is In Choro Novo, conducted by Thérèse Provenzano.

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

TODAY 11:00 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship Service (Nave)
 12:00 p.m. Covered Dish Luncheon (Marsh Room)

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

SATURDAY **10am–12pm** **Marsh Writers Collaborative (Thurman Room)**

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

Calling all writers. Whether you are working on your first book or article or you are a veteran author, the **Marsh Writers Collaborative** has the mission of writers encouraging writers. Our first meeting is Saturday, January 11th, in the Thurman Room of Marsh Chapel, from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Learn more at WritersCollaborative.org.

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).

Dean's Choice: Martin Luther King, Jr./Howard Thurman Sunday, January 19, 2020

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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