

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Word and Sacrament
Sunday, November 29th, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.
The First Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

This Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Robert Cummings Neville, Dean Emeritus of Marsh Chapel, brings us a new sermon titled "Have Courage," which was recorded on Tuesday, November 24. Today's anthems are taken from the Marsh Chapel broadcast archive. The remainder of the service has been compiled from previously broadcast services.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

✠ *Please rise in body or in heart*

Prelude

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.*

✠ Introit

I look from afar

adpt. from G. P. da Palestrina (c. 1525–1594)

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
Tell us, art thou he that should come?
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da-vid's great-er Son!
 2. He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong;
 3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4. To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;

Hail in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth.
 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore him, on the moun - tains, shall peace, the her - ald, go,
 The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.
 and righ - teous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.
 his name shall stand for - ev - er; that name to us is love.

WORDS: James Montgomery, 1821 (Ps. 72)
 MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt;
 adapt. and harm. by W. H. Monk, 1868

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✠ **Collect** (*in unison*)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Lesson Isaiah 64:1–9

Lector: A lesson from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 64, verses 1–9:

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem O frondens virga

Drew Collins (b. 1975)

Based on a chant by Hildegard von Bingen

O frondens virga,
in tua nobilitate stans
sicut aurora procedit:
nunc gaude et letare
et nos debiles dignare
a mala consuetudine liberare
atque manum tuam porrigere
ad erigendum nos.

*O verdant branch
standing in your nobility
as dawn advances
now rejoice and be glad
and deem us, helpless ones, worthy
of freeing us from evil habits
and even stretch forth your hand
to lift us up.*

Hildegard von Bingen (1098–1179)

Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 1, verses 3–9:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 80: 1–7

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

♪ **Antiphon** (sung by all)



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 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! ♪

✦ **Gloria Patri** from "Gloria in excelsis Deo"

Thomas Weelkes (c. 1575-1623)

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Amen *Glory to God in the highest. Amen.*

✦ **Gospel Lesson** Mark 13:24–37

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 13, verses 24–37:
People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

Unison

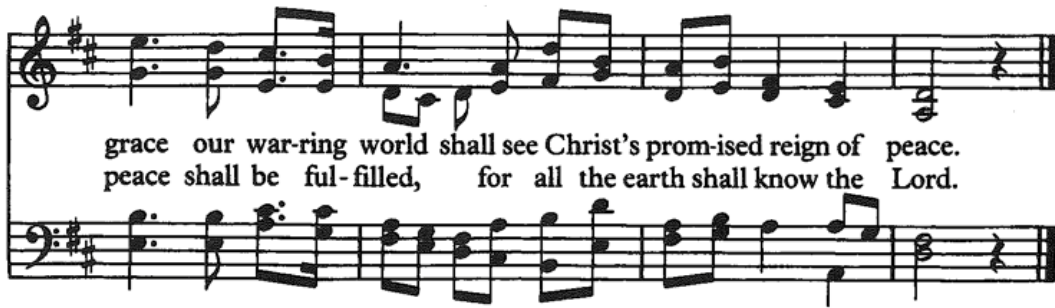
1. O day of
2. Then shall the

peace that dim - ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and
wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de - vour the

dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de - liv - ered
small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly graze, a lit - tle

from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate fall from our hands,
child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies shall learn to love,

our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's
all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of



WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982 (Is. 11:6-7)

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Sermon

“Have Courage”

The Rev. Dr. Robert Cummings Neville
Dean Emeritus of Marsh Chapel

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

from “There is no rose”

Robert Young (b. 1923)

Leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyful birth. *Transeamus*. (Let us follow.)

— Anonymous; 15th century

At the Offertory

My song in the night

arr. Paul Christiansen (1914-1997)

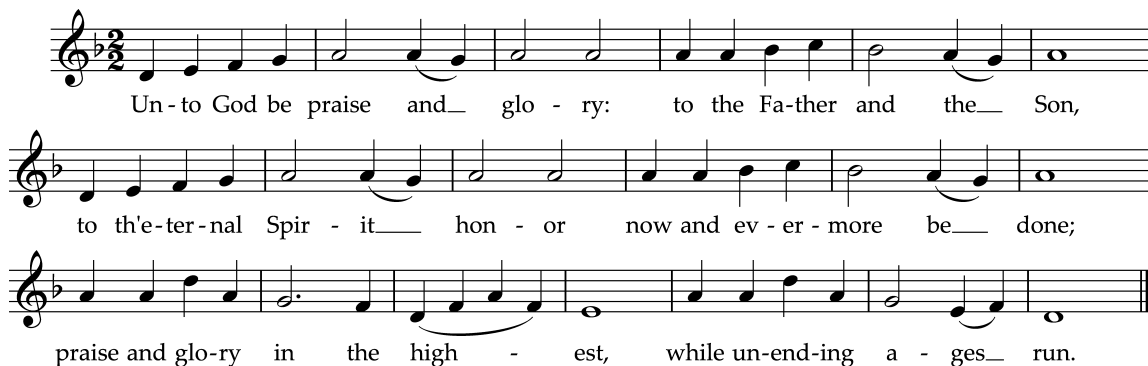
O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night, come to us with Thy tender love, my soul’s delight.
Unto Thee, O Lord, in affliction I call, my comfort by day, and my song in the night.

O why should I wander, an alien from Thee, or cry in the desert Thy face to see?
My comfort and joy, my soul’s delight, O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night.

—Southern Folk Hymn

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

PICARDY



✦ Offertory Prayer

✦ Hymn 213

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

TRURO

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates;
 2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart;
 3. Re - deem - er, come, with us a - bid;e;
 4. Thy Ho - ly Spir - it lead us on

be - hold, the King of glo - ry waits;
 make it a tem - ple, set a - part
 our hearts to thee we o - pen wide;
 un - til our glo - rious goal is won;

the King of kings is draw - ing near;
 from earth - ly use for heaven's em - ploy,
 let us thy in - ner pres - ence feel;
 e - ter - nal praise, e - ter - nal fame

the Sav - ior of the world is here!
 a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 thy grace and love in us re - veal.
 be of - fered, Sav - ior, to thy name!

WORDS: Georg Weissel, 17th cent.; trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1855 (Ps. 24)
 MUSIC: *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

TRURO
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✘ **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**

The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Robert Cummings Neville, Dean Emeritus of the Chapel.

Lessons were read by Ms. Ondine Brent, the Rev. Dr. Jen Quigley, and the Rev. Dr. Victoria Hart Gaskell.

The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.

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

Today's broadcast was recorded by Eddie Muizulis, compiled by Scott Allen Jarrett, and edited by Heidi Freimanis-Cordts.

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| <h2>COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</h2> |
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**The entirety of today's service was recorded prior to broadcast.
We are not currently holding in-person services at Marsh Chapel.**

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We thank you for joining us virtually 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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