



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship
Sunday, December 20th, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

This Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of Marsh Chapel,
brings us a new sermon titled "Echoes of Faith," which was recorded on Wednesday, December 16th.
Today's anthems are taken from the Marsh Chapel broadcast archive.
The remainder of the service has been compiled from previously broadcast services.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✦ 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.

✦ Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
2. O come, thou Day - spring come — and cheer our spir - its by thy jus - tice here;
3. O come, De - sire of na - tions bind all peo - ples in one heart — and mind.



that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God — ap - pear.
dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and death's dark sha - dows put — to flight.
From dust thou brought us forth to life; de - li - ver us from earth - ly strife.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

WORDS: 9th century Latin; translation from *The Hymnal* (1940); text further adapted by Laurence Hull Stookey (b. 1937)

MUSIC: VENI EMMANUEL, 15th century French, melody adapted by Thomas Helmore (1811–1890)

Arranged by Philip Ledger (1937–2012)

✦ **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 'Mass for Four Voices'

William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

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| Kyrie eleison, | <i>Lord, have mercy,</i> |
| Christe eleison, | <i>Christ, have mercy,</i> |
| Kyrie eleison. | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |

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.*

Anthem Dixit Maria

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

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| Dixit Maria ad angelum: | <i>Mary said to the Angel:</i> |
| Ecce ancilla Domini, | <i>Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord,</i> |
| fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum. | <i>be it to me according to your word.</i> |

- Luke 1:38

Lesson Romans 16:25-27

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul's epistle to the Romans, chapter 16, verses 25-27:

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



Cantor: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

People: *I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;*

your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Cantor: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:

People: *'I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'*"

Cantor: Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said:
"I have set the crown on one who is mighty,
I have exalted one chosen from the people.

People: *I have found my servant David;
with my holy oil I have anointed him;*

Cantor: my hand shall always remain with him;
my arm also shall strengthen him.

People: *The enemy shall not outwit him,
the wicked shall not humble him.*

Cantor: I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.

People: *My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him;
and in my name his horn shall be exalted.*

Cantor: I will set his hand on the sea
and his right hand on the rivers.

People: *He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation!' ♪*

✘ **Gloria Patri** from Magnificat (Collegium Sancti Johannis)

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

✘ **Gospel Lesson** Luke 1:26-38

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 1, verses 26-38:
People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

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

Choir: 1. Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
And manifest thy virgin birth:
Let every age adoring fall;
Such birth befits the God of all.



2. Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, But of the Spi - rit, thou art still
3. The vir - gin womb that bur - dergained With vir - gin ho - nor all un - stained;
4. The cra - dle here shall glit - ter bright, And dark - ness breathe a new - er light,
5. All laud, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose ad - vent sets thy peo - ple free,



The Word of God in flesh ar - rayed, The pro - mised fruit to man displayed.
The ban - ner there of vir - tue glow; God in his tem - pled wells be - low.
Where end - less faith shall shine ser - ene, And twi - light nev - er in - ter - vene.
Whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore, And Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more.

WORDS: St. Ambrose (340–397); Translated by John Mason Neale (1818–1866) and others

MUSIC: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, Traditional melody; Adapted by Micahel Praetorius (1571–1621)

Arrangement: David Willcocks (1919–2015)

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Sermon

“Echoes of Faith”

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill
Dean of Marsh Chapel

Meditation

Schlafendes Jesuskind

Hugo Wolf (1860–1903)

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| Sohn der Jungfrau, Himmelskind! am Boden, | <i>Son of the Virgin, Heavenly Child!</i> |
| Auf dem Holz der Schmerzen eingeschlafen, | <i>Asleep on the ground, on the wood of suffering,</i> |
| Das der fromme Meister, sinnvoll spielend, | <i>Which the pious painter, in meaningful play,</i> |
| Deinen leichten Träumen unterlegte; | <i>Has laid beneath Thy gentle dreams;</i> |
| Blume du, noch in der Knospe dämmernd | <i>O flower, still the Glory of God the Father!</i> |
| Eingehüllt die Herrlichkeit des Vaters! | <i>Though still hidden in the dark bud!</i> |
| O wer sehen könnte, welche Bilder | <i>Ah, if one could see what pictures,</i> |
| Hinter dieser Stirne, diesen schwarzen | <i>Behind this brow and these dark</i> |
| Wimpern sich in sanftem Wechsel malen! | <i>Lashes, are reflected in gentle succession!</i> |

- Eduard Friedrich Mörike (1800–1875)

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

Thou shalt know him

Mark Sirett (b. 1952)

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by any din of drums,
Nor his manners, nor his airs,
Nor by any thing he wears.

Anonymous

At the Offertory

O Maria, vernans rosa

Jacobus Clemens non Papa (c.1512 – 1555/6)

O Maria, vernans rosa,
Porta coeli speciosa,
Clarior sideribus,
Me gubernas, me supportas,
Me defende, me conforta
Ne vincar ab hostibus.

*O Mary, rose of spring,
fair gate to Heaven,
brighter than the stars!
Support and direct me,
sustain and protect me,
lest the foe vanquish me.*

✦ Presentation of the Gifts *(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.

✦ Offertory Prayer

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,
yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

✘ **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**

Postlude on MENDELSSOHN

Sir David Willcocks (1919–2015)

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

Lessons were read by Dr. Jessica Chicka, Mr. Joshua Taylor, and Dean Hill.

The soprano soloist is Sarah Yanovitch.

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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For those outside of New England, a live feed of WBUR is accessible at wbur.org.

Visit our website at bu.edu/chapel for a link to our weekly podcast
or to view or print a copy of the Sunday morning bulletin.

WELCOME TO MARSH CHAPEL

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

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