

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Word and Sacrament
Sunday, December 6th, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.
The Second Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

This Sunday, the Dean of the Chapel brings us a new sermon titled "The Dawn of Faith," which was recorded on Wednesday, December 2.

The remainder of the service is being re-broadcast from previous 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

People look east

arr. Barry Ferguson (b. 1942)

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: love, the guest, is on the way.

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

✠ Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

WINCHESTER NEW

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 ref - uge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944),
 after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.

Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690;
 harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

LM

✠ Collect (*in unison*)

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

✘ Invitation to the Lord's Table

Celebrant: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

✘ Confession of Sin

All: *Merciful God*
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love towards us.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

All: *Glory to God. Amen.*

✘ Exchange of Peace

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

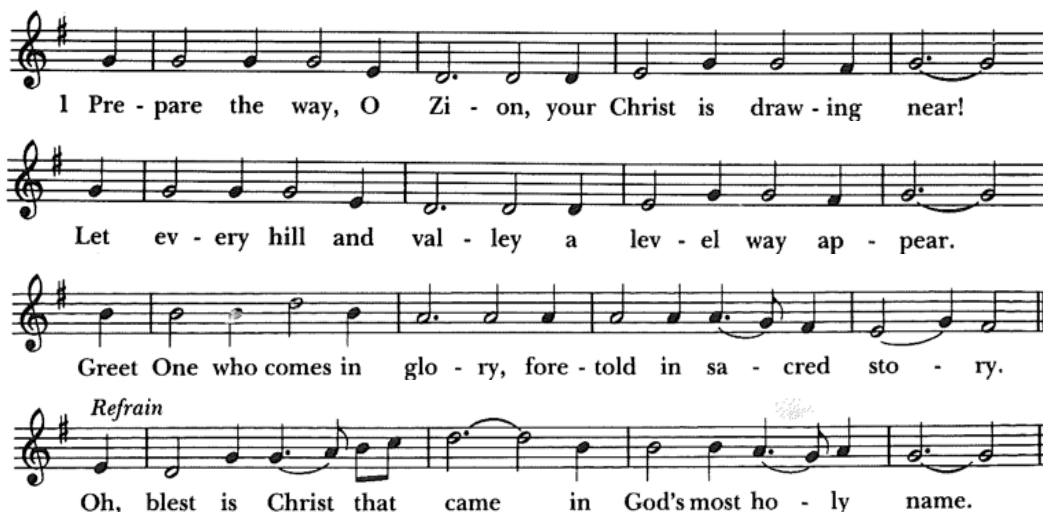
People: *And also with you.*

All may exchange signs and words of God's peace.

✘ Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN



I Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.

Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

Lector: A lesson from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 40, verses 1-11::

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Tröstet, tröstet mein Volk

Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)

Tröstet, tröstet mein Volk, redet mit Jerusalem freundlich, prediget ihr daß ihre Ritterschaft ein Ende hat, denn ihre Missetat ist vergeben; denn sie hat zwiefältiges empfangen von der Hand des Herren um alle ihre Sünde. Es ist eine Stimme eines Predigers in der Wüste: bereitet dem Herren den Weg, machet auf dem Gefilde ebene Bahn unserm Gott. Alle Tal sollen erhöht werden, und alle Berge und Hügel sollen erniedriget werden, und was ungleich ist, soll eben werden, und was höckerig ist, soll schlecht werden, denn die Herrlichkeit des Herren soll offenbar werden. Und alle Fleisch miteinander wird sehen, daß der Herren Mund redet.	<i>Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem And cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished That her iniquity is pardoned; For she hath received Of the Lord's hand Double for all her sins. The voice of him That crieth in the wilderness. Prepare ye the way of the Lord, Make straight in the desert A highway for our God, Every valley shall be exalted, And every mountain and hill Shall be made low; And the crooked shall be made straight, And the rough places plain; And the glory of the Lord Shall be revealed. And all flesh shall see it together, For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.</i>
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Isaiah 40:1–5

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

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

♪ **Antiphon** (sung by all)



Cantor: LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
People: You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.
Cantor: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people.
People: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Cantor: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
People: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
Cantor: The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
People: Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps. ♪

✘ **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** Mark 1:1-8

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark,
chapter 1, verses 1–8:
People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

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Sermon

“The Dawn of Faith”

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

✦ Hymn 198

My soul gives glory to my God

MORNING SONG

1. My soul gives glo - ry to my God. My
2. My God has done great things for me: yes,
3. From age to age, to all who fear, such
4. Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -
5. Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -

heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my
ho - ly is this name. All peo - ple will de -
mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice
motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spir - its
ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past

low - li - ness in man - y mar - ve - lous ways.
clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.
far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.
sat - is - fied, the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.
prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

WORDS: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987 (Lk. 1:46b-55)
MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813;
harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1988

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At the Offertory

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

arr. Blackwell (b. 1961)

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender root hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As those of old have sung.
Brought forth a flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
And in the dark midnight.

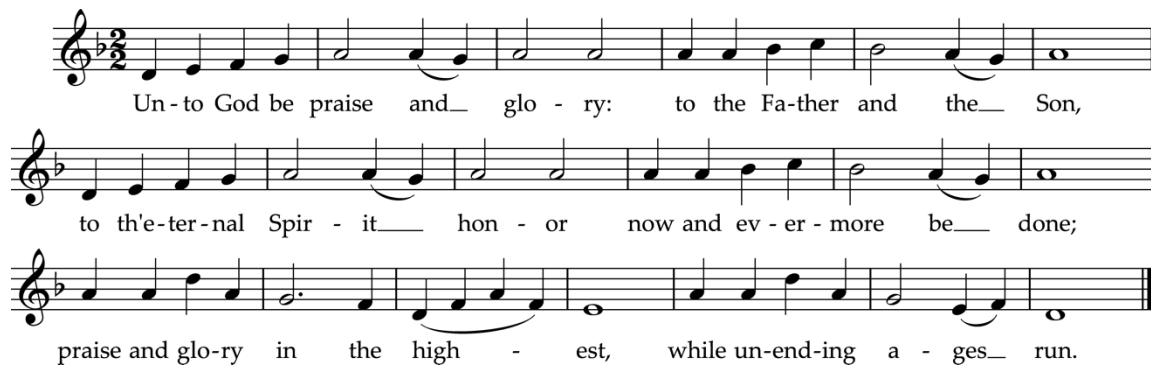
2. The Rose, which I am singing,
Whereof Isaiah told,
Is Mary, purest maiden,
Who bears the holy child.
At God's eternal will,
She bore to us a Saviour,
Yet stays a virgin still.

3. O flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death now save us,
And share our every load.

German, 16th c. (st. 1/2); 19th c. (st. 3)

✦ 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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

✦ The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be 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,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day

when justice shall roll down like waters
 and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,
 when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
 neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

✦ **Sanctus and Benedictus** (*sung by all*)

Julian J. Wachner (b. 1969)

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

✦ **Words of Institution**

Celebrant:

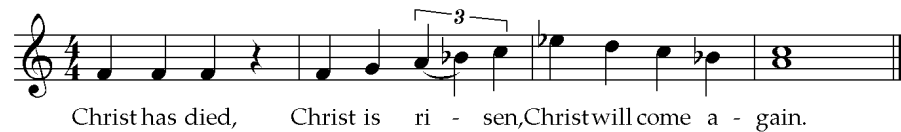
Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
 whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations.
 You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts
 and have mercy on those who fear you from generations to generation.
 You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree.
 You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away.
 Your own Son came among us as a servant,
 to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.
 He humbled himself in obedience to your will
 and freely accepted death on a cross.
 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.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
 gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of 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):



Celebrant: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
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.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through you Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

✠ The Lord’s Prayer

Celebrant: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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.

At Communion E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

Paul O. Manz (1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
they need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their all.

Adapted by the composer from Revelation 22

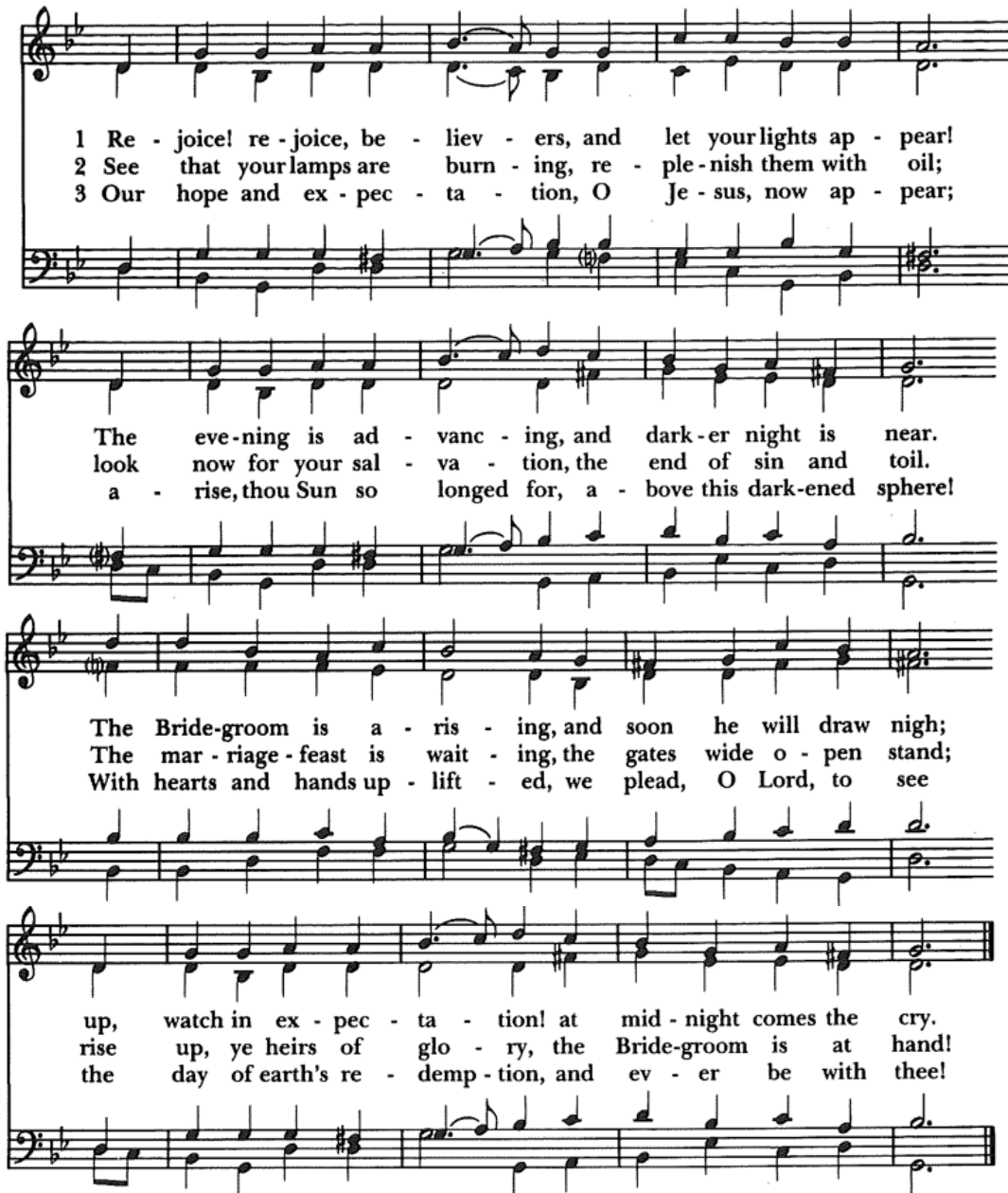
Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

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

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

LLANGLOFFAN



1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple - nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.

Music: Llangloffan, melody from Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru, 1865

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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 and celebrant is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.

The conductor is 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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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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