

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Word and Sacrament

Sunday, January 3rd, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday – The Second Sunday after Christmas

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 "Faith in Flesh and Bone," which was recorded on Tuesday, December 29th. 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

Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you
People: *And also with you.*
The Dean: The Word became flesh and dwells among us!
People: *Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth!*

☒ Introit

Weihnachten (from 'Sechs Sprüche,' Op. 79)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Frohlocket, ihr Völker auf Erden, und preiset Gott!
Der Heiland ist erschienen, den der Herr verheißen.
Er hat seine Gerechtigkeit der Welt offenbaret.
Halleluja!

Rejoice, ye people of the earth, and praise God!
The redeemer is come, whom the Lord has promised.
He has revealed his justice to the world.
Hallelujah! - Anonymous

1. The first No - el the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the
 3. And by the light of that same star three Wise Men
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er Beth - le -
 5. Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, full rev - erent -

shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay
 east, be - yond them far; and to the earth it
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was
 hem it took its rest; and there it did both
 ly up - on the knee, and of - fered there, in

keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 stop and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 his pres - ence, their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

WORDS: Trad. English carol (Lk. 2:8-14; Mt. 2:1-12)
 MUSIC: Trad. English carol; harm. from *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

THE FIRST NOEL
 Irr. with Refrain

✦ Collect (*in unison*)

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Carol

Alleluya, a new work is come on hand

Peter Wishart (1921–1984)

Alleluya, a new work is come on hand
 Through might and grace of Gode's son
 To save the lost of ev'ry land,
 For now is free that erst was bound;
 We may well sing: Alleluya.

Now is fulfilled the prophecy
 Of David and of Jeremy
 And also of Isaiah;
 Sing we therefore both loud and high,
 both loud and high: Alleluya.

Alleluya, this sweeté song
 Out of a green branch it sprung.
 God send us the life that lasteth long!
 Now joy and bliss be him among
 That thus can sing: Alleluya.

*-Anonymous, 15th century***Lesson**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Lector: A lesson from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 60, verses 1-6:

Arise shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem

Magi videntes stellam

Blasius Amon (c.1558–1590)

Magi videntes stellam
 Dixerunt ad invicem
 Hoc signum magni regis est
 Eamus inquiramus
 Et offeramus ei munera
 Aurum, thus, et myrrham.
 Alleluia.

*The magi, seeing the star,
 said, each in turn:
 "This is the sign of a great king!
 Let us go and look for him
 And offer him gifts,
 Gold, frankincense, and myrrh."
 Alleluia.*

- Antiphon for Vespers at Epiphany

✦ **Gospel Lesson** John 1:10-18

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John,
chapter 1, verses 10-18:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

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.*

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Sermon "Faith in Flesh and Bone"

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

✦ **Hymn 219**

What child is this

GREENSLEEVES

1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant,
lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tians, fear, for
king, to own him; the King of kings sal -
an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

WORDS: William C. Dix, 1865 (Lk. 2:6-20; Mt. 2:1-12)
 MUSIC: 16th cent. English melody

GREENSLEEVES
 87.87 with Refrain

At the Offertory

The three kings

Jonathan Dove (b.1959)

The first king was very young,
O balow, balow la lay,
 With doleful ballads on his tongue,
O balow, balow la lay,
 He came bearing a branch of myrrh
 Than which no gall is bitterer,
O balow, balow la lay,
Gifts for a baby King, O.

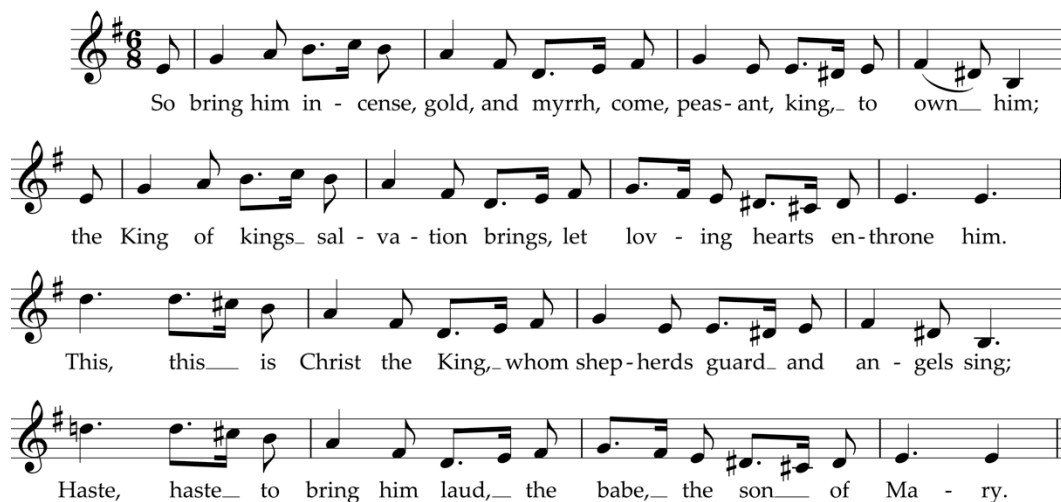
The second king was a man in prime,
O balow, balow la lay,
 The solemn priest of a solemn time,
O balow, balow la lay,
 With eyes downcast and reverent feet
 He brought his incense sad and sweet,
O balow, balow la lay,
Gifts for a baby King, O.

The third king was very old,
O balow, balow la lay,
 Both his hands were full of gold,
O balow, balow la lay,
 Many a gaud and glittering toy,
 Baubles brave for a baby boy,
O balow, balow la lay,
Gifts for a baby King, O.

- *Dorothy L. Sayers (1893-1957)*

✦ **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**

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.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth,
from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God.

You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the 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.

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

(over)

✦ **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,
in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation.

You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born;
and in your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world,
you have led your people from far places to his light.

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.

(over)

(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 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 your 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.

Motet

Niño lindo

Julian J. Wachner (b.1969)

Niño lindo, ante tí me rindo;
Niño lindo, eres tú mi Dios.
Niño lindo, ante tí me rindo;
Niño lindo, eres tú mi Dios.

*Beautiful boy, to you I give up;
Beautiful boy, you are my God.
Beautiful boy, to you I give up;
Beautiful boy, you are my God.*

Esa tu hermosura;
ese tu candor,
El alma me roba,
el alma me roba,
Me roba el amor.

*That your beauty;
that your candor
steals my soul,
steals my soul,
steals my love.*

La vida, bien mío,
y el alma también,
Te ofrezco, gustoso,
te ofrezco, gustoso,
Rendido a tus pies.

*My good life,
and also my soul,
I offer you gladly,
offer you gladly,
surrendered at your feet.*

- Traditional Venezuelan

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.

Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev-ery-where;

Fine

go, tell it on the moun-tain, that Je-sus Christ is born.

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night,
 2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled, when lo! a-bove the earth,
 3. Down in a low-ly man-ger the hum-ble Christ was born,

D.C.

be-hold through-out the heav-ens there shown a ho-ly light.
 rang out the an-gel cho-rus that hailed the Sav-ior's birth.
 and God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

WORDS: John W. Work, Jr., 1907 (Lk. 2:8-20)
 MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by
 William Farley Smith, 1986

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
 Irr. with Refrain

✘ **Benediction** from *The Mood of Christmas and other Celebrations*

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins,
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations;
 To bring peace among brothers,
 To make music in the heart.

- *Howard Thurman (1899-1981)*
Dean of the Chapel, 1953-1965

✘ **Response** from *My Lord has come*

Will Todd (b.1970)

Lead me, lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels;
No place for me but a stable.
My Lord has come.

✘ **Postlude** Fanfare

Jacques Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

*The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.
Lessons were read by the Reverend Dr. Victoria Hart Gaskell and Dean Hill.*

The Soprano soloist heard in "Niño Lindo" is Mary Ruth Lown.

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

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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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