



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

The Thirty-Fifth Annual
Service of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 14th, 2008 - 11:00 a.m.
The Third Sunday of Advent

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

☒ *Please rise, as you are able.*

Prelude Carols for the Season
Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, Op. 122, No. 8 *Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*

The congregation stands when the soloist begins singing the carol 'Once in royal David's city.'

☒ **Hymn** Once in royal David's city IRBY

Solo: Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

Choir: He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior holy.

All: **And through all his wondrous childhood He would honor and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly maiden, In whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be Mild, obedient, good as he.**

**For he is our childhood's pattern, Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak and helpless, Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness, And he shareth in our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heav'n above;
And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone. (over)**

**Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crown'd All in white shall wait around.**

—C. F. Alexander (1818-1895)

☒ **Greeting and Bidding Prayer**

The Dean: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Dean: Let us pray:

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmas-tide our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child: and let us make this Chapel glad with our carols of praise.

But first, because this of all things would rejoice God's heart, let us pray for the needs of the whole world, and all people; for peace upon the earth Christ came to save; for love and unity within the one Church he did build; and for goodwill amongst all people, and especially within this university and this city of Boston.

And particularly at this time let us remember the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly let us remember before God them who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

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.*

The Dean: The Almighty God bless us with His grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

All: *Amen.*

Carol A babe is born, Op. 55 *William Mathias (1934-1992)*

1. A babe is born all of a may,
To bring salvation to us.
To him we sing both night and day.
Veni Creator Spiritus.
(Come, Creator Spirit)
2. At Bethlehem, that blessed place,
The child of bliss now born he was;
And him to serve God give us grace,
O lux beata Trinitas.
(O light, blessed Trinity)
3. There came three kings out of the East,
To worship the King that is so free,
With gold and myrrh and frankincense.
O solis ortus cardine.
(From the sun's rising)
4. The angels came down with one cry,
A fair song that night sung they
In worship of that child:
Gloria tibi Domine.
(Glory to you, O Lord)

—Anonymous, 15th century

THE PROPHET FORTTELLS THE COMING OF THE SAVIOR

Lesson Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 *Reader: Emily Marvosh*
Choral Scholar

Reader: The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Carol O magnum mysterium *Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)*

O magnum mysterium
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum
jacentem in praeseptio.
O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.

*O great mystery,
and wondrous sacrament,
that the animals should witness the
birth of the Lord in the manger.
O blessed Virgin, whose womb was deemed
worthy to bear Christ the Lord.*

—Responsory for Matins of Christmas Day

✠ **Hymn** O come, O come, Emmanuel *VENI EMMANUEL*

Choir: O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

All: **O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine Advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

—Latin, c. 12th century
trans. John Mason Neale (stanzas 1-2)
trans. Henry Sloane Coffin (stanza 3)

✘ Hymn O little town of Bethlehem FOREST GREEN

All: **O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.**

**O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary; And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.**

Choir: How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.

All: **O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.**

—Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

Carol 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

THE SHEPHERDS GO TO THE MANGER

Lesson Luke 2: 8-16 Reader: Susan Forshey

Chapel Associate

Reader: The shepherds go to the manger:

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you

good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Carol Gloria in excelsis Deo *Thomas Weelkes (c. 1575-1623)*

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Sing my soul to God the Lord all in glory's highest key,
Lay the Angels' choir abroad in their highest holy day.
Crave thy God to tune thy heart unto praise's highest part.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Amen.

✘ Hymn The first Nowell THE FIRST NOWELL

All: **The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!**

**They lookèd up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night:
Nowell, Nowell, . . .**

**And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went:
Nowell, Nowell, . . .**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;**

Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing:

O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

—J. F. Wade (c. 1711-1786), trans. F. Oakeley, et al

✘ **Collect**

The Dean: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Dean: Let us pray:

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

✘ **Blessing**

The Dean: May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

✘ **Hymn** Hark! the herald-angels sing MENDELSSOHN

All: **Hark! the herald-angels sing Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.**
Hark! the herald-angels sing Glory to the newborn King.

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

Hark! the herald-angels sing Glory to the newborn King. (over)

Fanfare

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.**
Hark! the herald-angels sing Glory to the newborn King.

—Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The congregation remains standing until the procession has ended.

✘ **Postlude** In dulci jubilo, BWV 729 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Carols for the Season

After the service, all are invited to attend an Open House at the Dean's Residence, 96 Bay State Road, #2.

The service is read by Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.

The choir is the Marsh Chapel Choir, under the direction of Scott Allen Jarrett and Justin Blackwell.

The instrumentalists are Majestic Brass.

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

SUNDAY	9:30 a.m.	Associates' Study (Robinson Chapel)
	9:45 a.m.	Dean's Study (Thurman Room)
	11 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Main Chapel)
		Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols
	12:30 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Main Chapel)
	6 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Main Chapel)
	6:30 p.m.	Episcopal Worship (Robinson Chapel)
	10:00 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Main Chapel)

**Weekday Chapel activities have been suspended while students are on Winter Break.
These activities will resume the week of January 11, 2009.**

NEXT SUNDAY 11 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Main Chapel)



**CANDLELIGHT
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
HOLY EUCHARIST**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24
11 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING**

THE MARSH CHAPEL CHOIR

Scott Allen Jarrett, Conductor

Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Conductor

Timothy Westerhaus, Assistant Conductor

Melissa Riesgo and Rachel Cape, Managers

Sopranos

Ondine Brent, Cap d'Antibes, France

Rachel Cape, Belmont, CA

Emily Culler, Louisville, KY

Wendy Niu, Liverpool, UK

Melissa Riesgo, Belfast, ME

Erin Sanborn, Lawrence, MA

Kirsten Smayda, White Plains, NY

Rebecca Spitz, Glen Oaks, NY

*Teresa Wakim, Noank, CT

*Brenna Wells, Everett, WA

Emily Yoder, Monroe, CT

Altos

Jessica Arrott, Carlsbad, CA

Aisling Driscoll, Victor, NY

*Kara Harris, Tempe, AZ

Jan Hill, Boston, MA

Patrick Jiang, Moorestown, NJ

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Beth Willer, Huron, SD

* Choral Scholar

MAJESTIC BRASS

Trumpets

Eric Berlin

Richard Watson

Dana Oakes

Horn

Whitacre Hill

Tenors

Charlie Hill, Independence, MN

Timothy Kelly, Lexington, MA

Andrew Moses, Baldwin, NY

*Stefan Reed, Glasgow, VA

Francisco Javier Rivera Serrat, San Juan, PR

*Timothy Westerhaus, Cold Spring, MN

Basses

David Ames, Newton Centre, MA

Alex Cantatore, White Plains, NY

Eric Conover, Guilderland, NY

Michael Culler, Lexington, KY

Aram Demirjian, Lexington, MA

Christopher Eldred, Shanghai, China

Stephan Griffin, Reisterstown, MD

Kevin Lovely, Schenectady, NY

Brendan Mahoney, Phoenixville, PA

Steve Pinner, Hudson, MA

Jason Sellers, Malvern, PA

*Joshua Taylor, Gastonia, NC

Lawrence Whitney, Silver Spring, MD

*Graham Wright, Florence, SC

Trombone

Tom Otto

Tuba

Takatsuga Hagiwara

Timpani

Nicholas Tolle

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Dean, Chaplains and Staff of Marsh Chapel heartily wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season!

Bob and Jan Hill will be hosting an **Open House today** at their residence following the Lessons and Carols Service. They are located only 2 blocks from the chapel at 96 Bay State Road, #10. The entire Marsh Chapel community is warmly invited to attend.

The **Marsh Chapel Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** will be held on Wednesday, December 24 at 11 p.m. All are invited to join the Marsh Chapel Community in ushering in the Christmas Season.

We are pleased to offer **child care** during our Sunday morning services. Inquiries can be made at the main office on the lower level of the building.

MARSH CHAPEL: WINTER BREAK

Office Hours: Beginning tomorrow, Monday, December 15, the **chapel office hours will be curtailed**. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, January 12, 2009. During this period, the chapel will be open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Weekday Activities: Weekday activities will resume the week of January 11, 2009.

Winter Intersession: The University will close for Winter Intersession at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 24 and will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 5, 2009. During this period, the **chapel offices will be closed and the building will be closed to visitors**. Phone messages left at the chapel will be checked daily.

The **Interdenominational Protestant Worship service**, held on Sundays at 11 a.m. **will not be affected** by any of the closures listed above, and will continue to be held each Sunday during Winter Break.

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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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*The Chapel Office is open 9 am – 4:30 pm weekdays, and on Sunday Mornings.
Offices are closed during Winter Intersession (Dec. 24-Jan. 4).*

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