



# MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Worship

Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 - 11:00 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude**      Noël Suisse (Grand Jeu et Duo)      *Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)*

### 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.

✠ **Hymn 234**      O come, all ye faithful (verses 1, 2, 3, and 6 only)      ADESTE FIDELES

✠ **Opening Prayer** (*in unison*)

Almighty God,

Purify our conscience 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 Five Voices

*William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)*

*All are invited to enter into a time of silent confession during the singing of the Kyrie.*

Kyrie eleison,      *Lord, have mercy,*

Christe eleison,      *Christ, have mercy,*

Kyrie eleison.      *Lord, have mercy.*

### 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.*

**Lesson**      2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

*Lector:*      A lesson from the second book of Samuel, chapter 7, verses 1-11:

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

*Lector:*      The Word of the Lord.

*People:*      *Thanks be to God.*

**Anthem** Myn lyking

R. R. Terry (1865-1938)

1. I saw a fair maiden sitten and sing,  
She lulled a little child, a sweetë lording.  
*Lullay, mine liking, my dear son, my sweeting,  
Lullay, my dear heart, mine own dear darling.*
2. That same lord is He that made allë thing,  
Of allë lordis He is lord, of allë kinges king.
3. There was mickle melody at that child'ës birth,  
All that were in Heaven's bliss they made mickle mirth.
4. Angelys bright they sung that night and saiden to that child:  
"Blessed be thou and so be she that is both meek and mild."

—Anonymous, 15<sup>th</sup> cent.

**Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26**

♪ **Response** (*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 "Nunc Dimittis in D major" George Dyson (1883-1964)

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 by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him 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 ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 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 holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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

✘ **Hymn 237** Sing we now of Christmas FRENCH CAROL

**Sermon** “Sing We Now of Christmas” The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✘ **Hymn 238** Angels we have heard on high GLORIA

**Call to Prayer** Lead me, Lord (*sung by all*) LEAD ME, LORD

*The music to this hymn may be found on page 473 of the United Methodist Hymnal.*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;  
Make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,  
That makest me dwell in safety.

### Prayers of the People

**Choral 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; 15<sup>th</sup> century

### Community Life and Offering

*Please take time to sign the “Ritual of Friendship” register (red books) located at the end of each pew.*

**At the Offertory** Ave Maria à 4 *attrib. Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)*

Ave Maria, gratia plena:	<i>Hail Mary, full of grace,</i>
Dominus tecum,	<i>the Lord is with thee,</i>
benedicta tu in mulieribus,	<i>blessed art thou among women,</i>
et bededictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.	<i>and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus</i>
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei	<i>Holy Mary, Mother of God,</i>
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,	<i>pray for us sinners,</i>
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.	<i>now and at the hour of our death. Amen.</i>

✘ **Gloria Patri** (*sung by all*) REGENT SQUARE

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;  
One in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

✘ **Offertory Prayer**

✘ **Hymn 240** Hark! the herald angels sing MENDELSSOHN

**Reception of New Members** United Methodist Hymnal, page 33

✘ **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** Vom Himmel hoch, da komm’ ich her *Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)*

*Please remain seated for the postlude.*

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*The preacher is Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.  
The choir is under the direction of Scott Allen Jarrett.  
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.*

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

**Office Hours:** During the Winter break, Marsh Chapel offices will be open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, January 12, 2009.

**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 not be open and the building will be closed to visitors**. Phone messages left at the chapel will be checked daily.

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## THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

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

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

**WEDNESDAY**    11 p.m.      Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion  
(Nave)

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

## 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).*

### Chapel Staff

**The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean and Chaplain of the University**  
**Br. Lawrence A. Whitney, LC+, University Chaplain for Community Life**  
**Ray Bouchard, MTS STH '95, Director of Marsh Chapel**  
**Scott Allen Jarrett, DMA CFA '08, Director of Music**  
**Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music**  
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**Herbert S. Jones, Director, Inner Strength Gospel Choir**  
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**Liz Douglass, Chapel Associate for LGBTQ Ministry**  
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**Tyler Sit, Marsh Associate for LGBTQ Ministry; Ministry Assistant**  
**Tom Reis, Ministry Assistant**  
**David Ames, Sacristan**  
**George Coulter, Laura Elliott, Mark Gray, Ushers**  
**Jay Reeg, Kim Schreiber, Jennifer Williams, Ushers**  
**Heidi Freimanis, Wedding Coordinator**  
**Karen Smith and Jeannette Lewis, Child Care and Office Assistants**  
**Kaitlin Daly, Hae Won Lee, and Michele Buonanduci, Office Assistants**

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