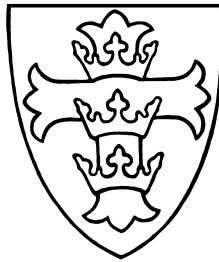


MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

A CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF
LESSONS AND CAROLS



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2017
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING
DANIEL L. MARSH CHAPEL

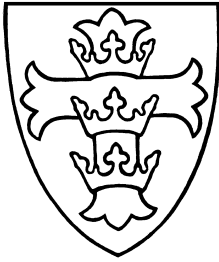
CHRISTMAS EVE, and twelve of the clock.
"Now they are all on their knees,"
An elder said as we sat in a flock
By the embers in hearthside ease.

We pictured the meek mild creatures where
They dwelt in their strawy pen,
Nor did it occur to one of us there
To doubt they were kneeling then.

So fair a fancy few would weave
In these years! Yet, I feel,
If someone said on Christmas Eve,
"Come; see the oxen kneel

"In the lonely barton by yonder comb
Our childhood used to know,"
I should go with him in the gloom,
Hoping it might be so.

The Oxen
Thomas Hardy (1840–1928)



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 10th, 2017 — 11:00 a.m.
The Second Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

The congregation stands at the chiming of the hour.

1. 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.

2. 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 join in singing the last four stanzas.



3. And through all his won - d'rous child-hood He would hon - or and o - bey,
4. For he is our child- hood's pat - tern, Day by day like us he grew,
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own re - deem - ing love,
6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the ox - en stand - ing by,



Love and watch the low - ly mai - den, In whose gen - tle arms he lay;
He was lit - tle, weak and help - less, Tears and smiles like us he knew;
For that child so dear and gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
We shall see him; but in hea - ven, Set at God's right hand on high;



Christ-ian child - ren all must be Mild, o - be - dient, good as he.
And he feel - eth for our sad - ness, And he shar - eth in our glad - ness.
And he leads his child - ren on To the place where he is gone.
When like stars his child - ren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.

The congregation remains standing.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

All remain standing as the Dean offers this bidding prayer.

The Dean:

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 among 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.

Lastly let us remember before God them who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one 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 has 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 God's 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.

The congregation is seated.

CAROL

VERBUM CARO FACTUM EST
Et habitavit in nobis;
Et vidimus gloriam ejus,
Gloriam quasi unigeniti a Patre,
Plenum gratiae et veritatis.

*[The Word was made flesh
And dwelt among us;
And we beheld his glory,
The glory as of the only-begotten by the Father,
Full of grace and truth.]*

Text: John 1:14

Music: Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)

THE FIRST LESSON

Lector: God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head:

THEY HEARD THE SOUND of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' God said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.' And to the man, God said, 'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, "You shall not eat of it", cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.'

Genesis 3:8–15, 17–19

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

ADAM LAY YBOUNDEN,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.

*Deo gracias!*¹

¹*Thanks be to God*

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkes² finden
Written in their book.³

Deo gracias!

²*clergy*
³*the Bible*

Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady
Abeen heavené queen.

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen,

Deo gracias!

Text: Anonymous, 15th century
Music: Philip Ledger (1937–2012)

THE SECOND LESSON

Lector: 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.

Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

CAROL

IN DULCI JUBILO
Nun singet und seid froh!
Unsers Herzens Wonne liegt
In præsepio,
Und leuchtet als die Sonne
(Matris in gremio.)¹
Alpha es et O!

¹*This line was not set
by the composer*

*[In quiet joy
Let us our homage shew;
Our heart's joy reclineth
In a manger,
And like a bright star shineth
(In the mother's lap.)¹
Thou art Alpha and Omega.]*

Text: 15th century German
Music: Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)
Musae Sioniae, Part II, No. 5, 1607

HYMN

The congregation stands at the invitation of the Director of Music.



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

The congregation is seated.

THE THIRD LESSON

Lector: The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary:

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 for ever, 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. 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.

Luke 1:26–35, 38

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

ISING OF A MAIDEN
That is makeless;¹
King of all kings
To her son she ches.²

2. He came all so still
Where his mother was,
As dew in April
That falleth on the grass.

3. He came all so still
To his mother's bower,
As dew in April
That falleth on the flower.

4. He came all so still
Where his mother lay, ¹*matchless*
As dew in April
That falleth on the spray. ²*chose*

5. Mother and maiden
Was never none but she:
Well may such a lady
God's mother be.

Text: Anonymous, 15th century
Music: Patrick Hadley (1899–1973)

THE FOURTH LESSON

Lector: Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus:

IN THOSE DAYS A DECREE WENT OUT from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:1, 3-7

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

An offering supporting the ministry of Marsh Chapel will be collected during the singing of this carol.

O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM
Et admirabile sacramentum,
Ut animalia viderent Dominum natum
Jacentem in praesepio.
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt
Portare Dominum Jesum Christum.
Alleluia!

*[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.
Alleluia!]*

Text: Fourth Responsoy for Matins of Christmas Day
Music: Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

HYMN

The congregation stands at the invitation of the Director of Music.

1. The first No - well the an - gel did say
2. They look - èd up and saw a star,
3. This star drew nigh to the north - west;
4. Then let us all with one ac - cord

Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
shin - ing in the east, be - yond them far;
O'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
Sing prai - ses to our heav'n - ly Lord,

In fields where they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And there it did both stop and stay
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,

On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep:
And so it con - tin - ued both day and night:
Right ov - er the place where Je - sus lay:
And with his blood our sal - va - tion hath bought:

Refrain
No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

The congregation is seated.

THE FIFTH LESSON

Lector: 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 God 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.

Luke 2:8–16

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

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.

Text: Unknown
Music: Thomas Weelkes (c. 1575–1623)

THE SIXTH LESSON

Lector: The wise men are led by the star to Jesus:

IN THE TIME OF KING HEROD, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:1-11

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

Solo

THREE KINGS FROM PERSIAN LANDS afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travellers three,
Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee,
As Mary's child in her lap they see;
Their royal gifts they show to the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
The Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
Offer thy heart to the infant King.

Chorale (sung simultaneously with the solo)

HOW BRIGHTLY SHINES the morning star!
With grace and truth from heaven afar
Our Jesse tree now bloweth.
Of Jacob's stem and David's line,
For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,
My soul with love o'erfloweth.
Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us,
Rightly leads us, life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.

The Three Kings

Text (solo): Peter Cornelius (1824–1874)

Text (chorale): Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608)

Music: Peter Cornelius (1824–1874)

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Lector: Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation:

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 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 1:1–14

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Those wishing to attend Children's Education may exit the chapel during the singing of the next hymn.

The congregation stands at the invitation of the Director of Music.

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
2. God of God, Light of Light,
3. Sing, choirs of An - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4. Child, for us sin - ners, poor and in a man - ger,
5. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
Sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove;
Fain we em - brace thee, with awe and love;
Je - su, to thee be glo - ry giv'n.

Come and be - hold him, born the King of An - gels:
Ve - ry God, be - got - ten not cre - a - ted:
Glo - ry to God in the high - est:
Who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

The congregation remains standing.

THE 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.*

THE BENEDICTION

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 Almighty God be upon you and remain with you always.

All: *Amen.*

The congregation remains standing.

HYMN



1. Hark! the he - rald - an - gels sing— Glo - ry to the new-born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3. Hail the heav'n - born prince of peace! Hail the Sun of right-eous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,— God and sin - ners re - con - ciled:
Late in time be - hold him come,— Off-spring of a vir - gin's womb:
Light and life to all he brings,— Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings;



Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise,— Join the tri - umph of the skies,—
Veiled in flesh the God - head see,— Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty!—
Mild he lays his glo - ry by,— Born that we no more may die,—



With th'an - ge - lic host pro - claim, Christ is— born in Beth - le - hem.
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus,— our Em - man - u - el.
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to— give us se - cond birth.



Hark! the he - rald - an - gels sing Glo - ry— to the new - born King.

VOLUNTARY AT THE PROCESSION

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

After the service, Bob and Jan Hill will host an Open House at the School of Theology Community Center next door. All are warmly invited to attend.

The tenor soloist is Ethan DePuy.

The baritone soloist is Craig Juricka.

The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett.

The brass choir is Majestic Brass.

The timpanist is Robert Schulz.

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.

MARSH CHAPEL CHOIR

Scott Allen Jarrett, Conductor

Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Conductor

Margaret Weckworth, Music Program Administrator

Sam Horsch, Operations Manager

Sopranos

Madison Duffy, Sea Girt, NJ
Elizabeth Foster, Carlisle, PA
Xing Hu, Chengdu, China
Annette Langan, Durham, NC
*MaryRuth Lown, West Columbia, SC
Phoebe Oler, Boston, MA
Emily Regier, Belmont, MA
Erin Sanborn, Wakefield, MA
*Carey Shunskis, Upper Darby, PA
Laura Thomas, Birmingham, AL
Margaret Weckworth, Greensboro, NC
*Sarah Yanovitch, Voluntown, CT

Tenors

Gabriel Cler, Ripon, WI
*Ethan DePuy, Rochester, NY
Steven Merrill, Wausau, WI
Timothy Rodriguez, Kenner, LA
George Silvis, III, Cambridge, MA
*Patrick T. Waters, Guilford, CT

*Choral Scholar

Altos

Candace Brooks, Branford, CT
*Wee Kiat Chia, Johor Bahru, Malaysia
Kira Garvie, Ghent, NY
*Kim Leeds, Watertown, MA
Eva Linn, Boston, MA
Kimi Macdonald, Londonderry, NH
Nellie Morley, Nantucket, MA
Ann Schaefer, Pompano Beach, FL
Britt Simonson, Okemos, MI
Margaret Ward, Nashville, TN

Basses

David Ames, Newton Centre, MA
Harry Brewster, Natick, MA
Kamil Ekinci, Cambridge, MA
Alex Handin, Guilderland, NY
Samuel Horsch, Gibson City, IL
*Craig Juricka, Mentor, OH
*Matthew O'Donnell, Nutley, NJ
Steve Pinner, Hudson, MA
Tim Sullivan, Somerville, MA

MAJESTIC BRASS

Trumpets

Eric Berlin
Richard Watson

Horn

Whitacre Hill

Tuba

Takatsugu Hagiwara

Trombone

Greg Spiridopoulos

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

TODAY	9:45 a.m.	Morning Study Group (Thurman Room)
	11:00 a.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols (Nave)
	11:50 a.m.	Children’s Education (Thurman Room)
	12:00 p.m.	Dean’s Open House (STH Community Center)
	12:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Marsh Chapel, Lower Level)
	12:30 p.m.	Thurman Choir Rehearsal (Robinson Chapel)
	12:30 p.m.	Abolitionist Chapel Today (Marsh Chapel, Lower Level)
	3:00 p.m.	Blue Christmas Service (Nave)
MONDAY	12:15 p.m.	Monday Meditation (Robinson Chapel)
	6:00 p.m.	Community Dinner (Marsh Room)
TUESDAY	Day Instruction Ends — Marsh Chapel Weekly Activities End	
	3:00 p.m.	Create Space (Marsh Chapel, Lower Level)
	6:00 p.m.	Global Dinner Club (Thurman Room)
WEDNESDAY	10am–5pm	Global Stress Relief Day (Marsh Chapel, Lower Level)
	5:30 p.m.	BU United Methodist Fellowship (Thurman Room)
THURSDAY	All Day	Study Retreat (Marsh Chapel, Lower Level)
FRIDAY	All Day	Study Retreat (Marsh Chapel, Lower Level)
NEXT SUNDAY	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship Service (Nave)
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)
CHRISTMAS EVE (Sun., Dec. 24)	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship Service (Nave)
	7:30 p.m.	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service (Nave)

Marsh Chapel is pleased to offer **childcare** during our Sunday morning services. Inquiries can be made in the main office on the lower level of the building.

We are happy to provide **free parking for the Sunday morning service** (11:00 a.m.) in the lot behind the College of Arts and Sciences (accessible via Bay State Road).

Our **children’s education** is available every Sunday during the school semester excluding the first Sunday of the month. Those interested are invited to leave the service during the last hymn for a time of lessons, crafts, and fun.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marsh Chapel is currently accepting donations for **Cradles to Crayons**, a Boston-based organization that helps low income and homeless children, infants to age 12. Your donations of new clothing, winter coats, shoes, and personal hygiene items can be dropped at the Sunday service through Sunday, December 17. For any questions please contact Jay Reeg at jayreeg@rcn.com.

The **Marsh Chapel weekly schedule ends** on Tuesday, December 12; nevertheless, we will continue to host events and services during the winter break. Check the Marsh Chapel Weekly Schedule, printed in this bulletin, for a list of offerings.

Winter Intersession: The University will close for Winter Intersession on Monday, December 25 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. During this period, the **chapel is closed to visitors**. The Interdenominational Protestant Worship service, held each Sunday at 11:00 a.m., **will not be affected** by the Winter Intersession, and will continue to be held every Sunday.

A “Blue Christmas” Service — Today — 3:00 p.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave

The Blue Christmas service is a time when we can recognize the “blue” feelings we may have during the Christmas season, acknowledge the reasons for them, and offer these feelings to God. In the midst of the surrounding holiday cheer, some of us mourn a loved one, or feel particularly lonely in our challenges, or struggle with the dark and the cold. In this service, we share in song, scripture, prayer, candlelight, reflection, and the solace and hope of knowing that we are not alone.

Global Stress Relief Day — Wednesday, December 13 — 10 a.m.–5 p.m. — Lower Level

During the fury of exams, papers, and final projects, take a moment to breathe and get balanced in Marsh Chapel. Our Stress Relief Day has relaxation techniques from all around the globe: massage, tea, henna, meditation, coloring, board games, and more. All of it is free and all Boston University students are welcome. So stop by for a few minutes or all day to take a break and de-stress.

Study Retreat — December 14–15 — Marsh Chapel, Lower Level

Study Retreats provide an opportunity to unite head and heart by putting study in the context of spiritual practice. Each day begins with breakfast and Morning Meditation, during which participants articulate what they intend to accomplish during the day. After a substantial period of study, participants gather for Mid-Day Meditation, followed by lunch and another study period. The day ends with Evening Meditation, during which participants check in about what they accomplished—celebrating successes and encouraging one another to keep working toward unmet goals. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided. Participation in Study Retreats is free of charge and available to all Boston University students. For more information or to register online, visit the Marsh Chapel website under the “Life Together” tab.

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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