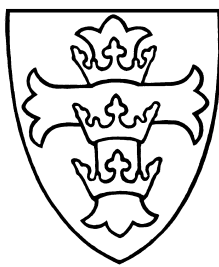


MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

A CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF
LESSONS AND CAROLS



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2021
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING
DANIEL L. MARSH CHAPEL

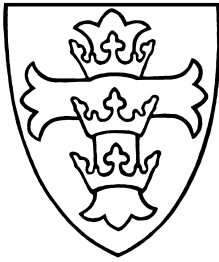
CHRISTMAS EVE, and twelve of the clock.
"Now they are all on their knees,"
An elder said as we sat in a flock
By the embers in hearthside ease.

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 12th, 2021 — 11:00 a.m.
The Third 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 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

SHEPHERDS, CALLED BY ANGELS, called by love and angels:
No place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come.

Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven;
No place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come.

His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me.
Lead me, lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels;
No place for me but a stable.
My Lord has come.

"My Lord has Come"

Text and Music: Will Todd (b. 1970)

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.

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkes¹ finden
Written in their book.²

¹*clergy*
²*the Bible*

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

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun³ singen,
*Deo gracias!*⁴

³*must*
⁴*Thanks be to God*

Text: Anonymous, 15th century
Music: Boris Ord (1897–1961)

CAROL

O LITTLE ONE SWEET, O little one mild,
Thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled;
Thou cam'st from heaven to mortal ken,
Equal to be with us poor men,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild,
With joy thou hast the whole world filled;
Thou camest here from heaven's domain,
To bring men comfort in their pain;
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

Text: Valentin Thilo (1607–1662)

Translation: Anonymous

Music: "Komm, heiliger geist, mit deiner genad," anonymous

Harmonized by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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

FROHLOCKET, IHR VÖLKER AUF ERDEN, und preiset Gott!
Der Heiland ist erschienen, den der Herr verheißen.
Er hat seine Gerechtigkeit der Welt offenbart.
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!]*

No. 1, *Weihnachten*, from *Sechs Sprüche*, Op. 79
Text and Translation: Anonymous
Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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 - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

✘ The congregation is seated.

THE THIRD LESSON

Lector: The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown:

ASHOOT SHALL COME OUT from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11:1–4a, 6–9

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

CAROL

DIES IST DIE NACHT, da mir erschienen
Des grossen Gottes Freundlichkeit!
Das Kind, dem alle Engel dienen
Bringt Licht in meine Dunkelheit,
Und dieses Welt und Himmelslicht
Weicht hundert-tausend Sonnen nicht!

*[This night a wondrous revelation
Makes known to me God's love and grace;
The Child that merits adoration
Brings light to our benighted race;
And though a thousand suns did shine,
Still brighter were that Light divine.]*

No. 1, *In der Christnacht*, from *Neun Lieder*, Op. 60

Text: Caspar Friedrich Nachtenhöfer (1624–1685)

Music: Max Bruch (1838–1920)

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

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 the earth;
For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.

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.

Text: Phillips Brooks (1835–1893)

Music: Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

✘ The baritone soloist is Craig Juricka.

HYMN

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1. The first No - well the an - gel did say
2. They look - ed 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

I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY
Their old familiar carols play,
And mild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace of earth this Christmastide.

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth this Christmastide.

And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth this Christmastide."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth this Christmastide."

"The Bell Carol"

Text: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807–1882)

Music: Philip Ledger (1937–2012)

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

LULLY, LULLA, THOU LITTLE TINY CHILD,
By, by, lully, lullay,

O sisters too,
How may we do
 For to preserve this day?
This poor Youngling,
For whom we sing,
 By, by, lully, lullay

Herod, the king
In his raging,
 Charged he hath this day
His men of might,
In his own sight,
 All children young to slay.

Then woe is me,
Poor Child, for Thee!
 And ever morn and may,
For Thy parting
Nor say nor sing
 By, by, lully, lullay!

Text: from the *Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors* (15th century)

Music: Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)

✘ The soprano soloist is MaryRuth Lown.

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

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

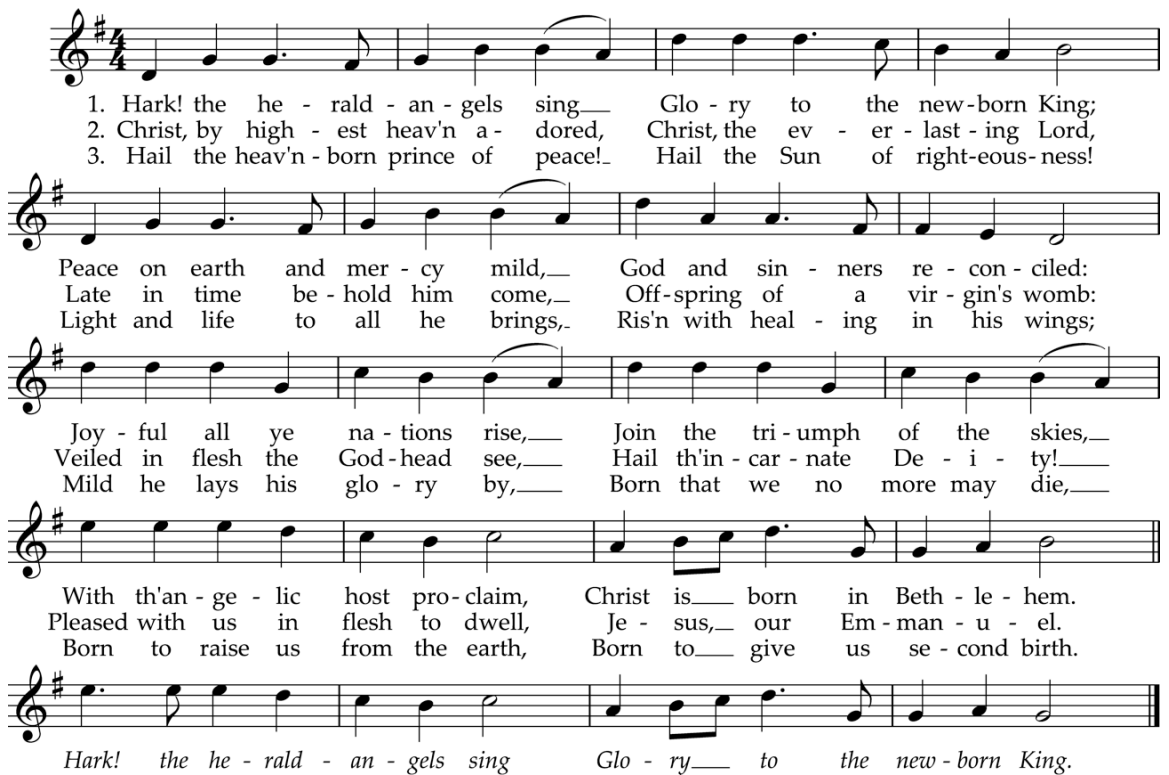
The Dean:

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 in the tent on the BU Beach, adjacent to the chapel. All are warmly invited to attend.

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.

<p>COVID-19 PROTOCOLS</p> <p>MASKING REQUIRED — VACCINATION EXPECTED</p>
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- Boston University requires that **masks be worn by everyone** while inside University buildings, regardless of vaccination status. Your mask must cover both your mouth and your nose.
- All members of the Marsh Chapel clergy, staff, and choir have been vaccinated against COVID-19. **We urge you to be vaccinated as well.** For information on the vaccine or how to be vaccinated, go to mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine.
- We urge you to continue to **observe physical distancing** between households, particularly if you or a member of your household is unvaccinated.
- Singing is **permitted while wearing a mask.**

<p>✂ CHRISTMAS AT MARSH CHAPEL ✂</p>

We welcome our visitors today. Please sign the narthex guest book to indicate your presence and contact Heidi Freimanis-Cordts (hrf@bu.edu) to receive our monthly newsletter, *Common Ground*.

TODAY	December 12	11:00 a.m.	A Service of Lessons and Carols
		12:00 p.m.	Dean's Open House (BU Beach)
SUNDAY	December 19	11:00 a.m.	The Fourth Sunday of Advent
FRIDAY	December 24	1:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
		7:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
SATURDAY	December 25	Christmas Day	
SUNDAY	December 26	11:00 a.m.	The First Sunday after Christmas
SUNDAY	January 2	11:00 a.m.	The Second Sunday after Christmas
THURSDAY	January 6	The Epiphany of our Lord	
SUNDAY	January 9	11:00 a.m.	The First Sunday after the Epiphany

A QR code parking pass for the CAS lot is available on our website. To obtain a printed copy, please speak with a Marsh Chapel staff member. Parking passes are only for Sundays, 8:30am–1:30pm.

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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