Please rise, as you are able.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The congregation is invited into silent prayer prior to the service.

Prelude Two settings of “Divinum mysterium”

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Wilbur Held (1914–2015)

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 People look east

arr. Barry Ferguson (b. 1942)

Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965)

Hymn 200 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Woodlands

Collect

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, 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 *Missa ‘Orbis factor’* 

*Gerald Near* (b. 1942)

**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** Micah 5:2–5a

*Lector:* A lesson from the prophet Micah, chapter 5, verses 2–5:

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

**Anthem** Dixit Maria

*Hans Leo Hassler* (1564–1612)

*Dixit Maria ad angelum:* *Mary said to the Angel:*

Ecce ancilla Domini, *Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord,*

fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum. *be it to me according to your word.*  

*Luke 1:38*

**Lesson** Hebrews 10:5–10

*Lector:* A lesson from St. Paul’s epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 10, verses 5–10:

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*
The Magnificat

The antiphon is sung twice, first by choir alone, and then by choir and congregation.

🎵 Antiphon (sung by all)

Cantor: "My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
People: for he has looked with favor
on the lowliness of his servant.
Cantor: Surely, from now on
all generations will call me blessed;
People: for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
Cantor: His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
People: He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
Cantor: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
People: he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
Cantor: He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
People: according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."♫

(GLuke 1:46b-55)

🌟 Gloria Patri from ‘Magnificat in G major’

C. V. Stanford (1852–1924)

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.
In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 229
Infant holy, infant lowly

Sermon
"Another Look" The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

Hymn 219
What child is this? GREENSLEEVES

Call to Prayer *sung by all* Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)
Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Response

O little one sweet

O little one sweet, O little one mild, Thy Father’s purpose thou hast fulfilled; Thou cam’st from heav’n to mortal ken, Equal to be with us poor men, O little one sweet, O little one mild.

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory

Ecce virgo concipiet

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel, God with us.

Communion antiphon for Advent IV (Isaiah 7:14)

Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)

Offertory Prayer
Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

1 Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!
2 See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;
3 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;

The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
Look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
Arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!

The Bride-groom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in expectation! at midnight comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bride-groom is at hand!
the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.
Music: Llangloffan, melody from Hymnau a Thonau er Guasaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru, 1865

* Benediction
Response

God be in my head

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

Salve Regina (from Symphonie No. 2) Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.
The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Margaret Weckworth and Justin Blackwell.
The organist is Justin Blackwell.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

MASKING REQUIRED — VACCINATION EXPECTED

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• 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.

CHRISTMAS AT MARSH CHAPEL

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TODAY    December 19   11:00 a.m.    The Fourth Sunday of Advent
FRIDAY   December 24   1:00 p.m.    Christmas Eve Service
           December 24   7:30 p.m.    Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
SUNDAY   December 26   11:00 a.m.   The First Sunday after Christmas
SUNDAY   January  2    11:00 a.m.   The Second Sunday after Christmas
SUNDAY   January  9    11:00 a.m.   The First Sunday after the Epiphany

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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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