

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship
Sunday, December 19th, 2021 — 11:00 a.m.
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *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)

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today: love, the guest, is on the way. *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.

Kyriefrom *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:

Ecce ancilla Domini,

fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Mary said to the Angel:

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord,

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)



The glo - ry of the Lord shall
be re-vealed; all flesh shall see it to - geth - er.

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." ♪ (Luke 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.

✠ **Gospel Lesson** Luke 1:39–45

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 1, verses 39–45:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

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."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

✠ **Hymn 229** Infant holy, infant lowly W ZLOBIE LEZY

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)*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-eous-ness;

make thy way plain be-fore my face. For it is thou, Lord,

thou, Lord on-ly, that mak-est me dwell in safe-ty.

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

harm. J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

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.

tr. Percy Dearmer

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory

Ecce virgo concipiet

William Byrd (c.1540–1623)

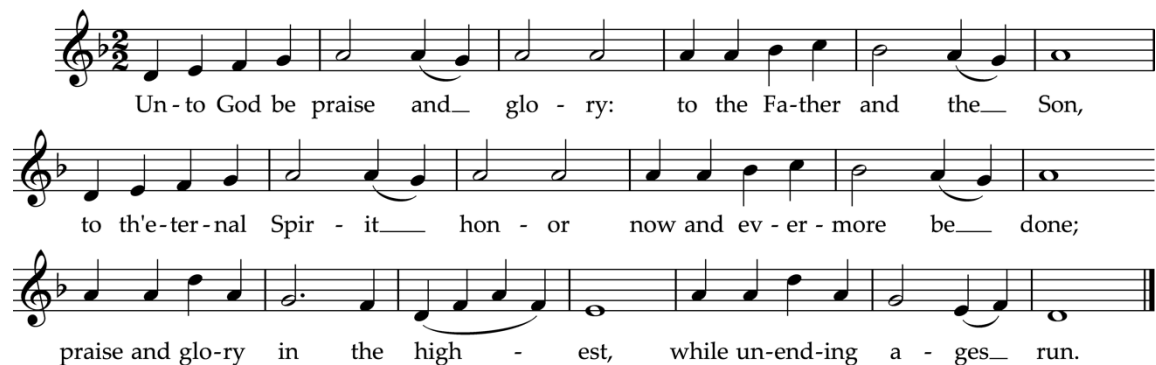
Ecce virgo concipiet et pariet filium
et vocabitur nomen eius Emmanuel.

*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)*

PICARDY



Un - to God be praise and glo - ry: to the Fa - ther and the Son,
to th'e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or now and ev - er - more be done;
praise and glo - ry in the high - est, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

✦ Offertory Prayer

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple - nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.

Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

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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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