



# MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

## University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship

Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 — 11:00 a.m.

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

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**The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean**

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◀ Hearing Assist System available—please ask an usher. 79.200 MHz  
✘ Please rise, as you are able.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

**Prelude**                      Christe, Redemptoris omnium                      *Gerald Near* (b. 1942)

#### Call to Worship and Greeting

*The Dean:*                      The Lord be with you.

*People:*                         *And also with you.*

*The Dean:*                      The Word became flesh and dwells among us!

*People:*                         *Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth!*

✘ **Hymn 245**                      The first Noel the angel did say                      THE FIRST NOEL

✘ **Collect** (*in unison*)

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

✦ **Gloria in excelsis** (*sung by all*)

1. An-gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing-ing o'er the plains,  
 2. Come to Beth-le - hem and see Christ whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*  
 Glo - - - - - ri - a,  
 in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - - - - -  
 - - - - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

**Lesson** 1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26

*Lector:* A lesson from the second book of Samuel, chapter 2, verses 18–20 and 26:

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Anthem**

Bereite dir, Jesus (from Cantata No. 147)

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Bereite dir, Jesu, noch itzo die Bahn,  
 Mein Heiland, erwähle  
 Die gläubende Seele  
 Und siehe mit Augen der Gnade mich an!

*Prepare, Jesus, even now the path for Yourself,  
 my Savior, select  
 the faithful souls  
 and look upon me with eyes of mercy!*

**Lesson**

Colossians 3:12–17

*Lector:* A lesson from St. Paul's epistle to the Colossians, chapter 3, verses 12–17:

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 148**

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



Let all things their cre - a - tor bless: Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Cantor:* Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
 praise the Lord in the heights!

*People:* Praise the Lord, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

*Cantor:* Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars!

*People:* Praise the Lord, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

*Cantor:* Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
 who commanded and they were created.

*People:* *Who established them forever and ever;  
 and fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.*

*Cantor:* Praise the LORD from the earth,  
 you sea monsters and all deeps,

*People:* *fire and hail, snow and frost,  
 stormy wind fulfilling God's command!*

*Cantor:* Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

*People:* *Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!*

*Cantor:* Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

*People:* *Young men and women alike, old and young together!*

*Cantor:* Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
 whose name alone is exalted; whose glory is above earth and heaven.

*People:* *God has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,  
 for the people of Israel who are near their God. Praise the LORD! 🎵*

✦ **Gloria Patri** (*sung by all*)

REGENT SQUARE

Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Laud and hon - or to the Son,  
 Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it, Ev - er Three and ev - er One,  
 One in might and One in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.

✦ **Gospel Lesson** Luke 2:41–52

*Lector:* The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 2, verses 41–52:  
*People:* *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to

look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

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

**Sermon** "Read!" The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ **Hymn 224** Good Christian friends, rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO

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

*The music to this hymn is 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

### 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**            Öffne dich, mein ganzes Herze (from Cantata No. 61)    J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Öffne dich, mein ganzes Herze, Jesus kommt und ziehet ein. Bin ich gleich nur Staub und Erde, will er mich doch nicht verschmähn Seine Lust an mir zu sehn, daß ich seine Wohnung werde. O wie selig werd' ich sein! ( <i>da capo</i> )	<i>Open yourself, my whole heart— Jesus comes and enters in. Although I am only ashes and dust, he will not disdain to see his delight filling my heart, so that I might become his dwelling. O how happy I will be!</i>
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## Offertory Sentences

**At the Offertory**    Auch mit gedämpften (from Cantata No. 36)            J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Auch mit gedämpften, schwachen Stimmen Wird Gottes Majestät verehrt. Denn schallet nur der Geist darbei, So ist ihm solches ein Geschrei, Das er im Himmel selber hört.	<i>Even with subdued, weak voices God's majesty is revered. For though our soul alone may sound, This to Him is a mighty shout That He in heaven itself doth hear.</i>
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✘ **Presentation of the Gifts** (*sung by all*)

GREENSLEEVES

*The music to this hymn is found on page 219 of the United Methodist Hymnal, verse 3.*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

✘ **Offertory Prayer**

✘ **Hymn 246**            Joy to the world, the Lord is come

ANTIOCH

✘ **Benediction**

✘ **Postlude**            Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

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*The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.*

*The soprano soloist is MaryRuth Lown, Marsh Chapel Choral Scholar.*

*The instrumentalists are Susana Ogata (violin), Guy Fishman (cello), and Justin Blackwell (organ).*

## COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

### MASKING REQUIRED — VACCINATION EXPECTED

- 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](https://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 ✠

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

TODAY	December 26	11:00 a.m.	The First Sunday after Christmas
SUNDAY	January 2	11:00 a.m.	The Second Sunday after Christmas
THURSDAY	<b>January 6</b>		<b>The Epiphany of our Lord—No Services</b>
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 afternoon 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 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and on Sunday mornings.*

*Marsh Chapel Sunday morning services are broadcast on WBUR 90.9 FM.*

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