Marsh Chapel at Boston University
University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Word and Sacrament

11:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 5th, 2021
The Second Sunday of Advent

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Please rise, as you are able.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude
Three Chantworks
Veni, veni Emmanuel
Conditor alme siderum
Vox clara intonat

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

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
I look from afar
adpt. from G. P. da Palestrina (c. 1525–1594)

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
Tell us, art thou he that should come?
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

Hymn 203
Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

Ellacombe
Collect

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Lesson  
Philippians 1:3–11

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul’s epistle to the Philippians, chapter 1, verses 3–11:

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem  
Es ist ein’ Ros’ entsprungen  
St. 1: Melchior Vulpius (c.1570–1615)  
St. 2–3: Donald Cashmore (1926–2013)

1. Es ist ein’ Ros’ entsprungen 
aus einer Wurzel zart, 
der uns die Alten sunge; 
von Jesse kam die Art.

2. Das Röslein, das ich meine, 
davon Jesaias sagt, 
hat uns gebracht allein
Marie, die reine Magd; 
aus Gottes ewgem Rat 
hat sie ein Kind geboren, 
wohl zu der halben Nacht.

A rose has come forth 
from a tender root, 
as the prophets of old sang to us. 
From Isaiah came the lineage.

The little rose that I mean, 
about which Isaiah spoke, 
has been brought to us by Mary, the pure virgin. 
Fulfilling God’s eternal counsel, 
she has borne a child right at the midnight hour.
3. Das Blümlein so kleine,
das duftet uns so süß;
mit seinem hellen Scheine
vertreibt die Finsternis:
wahr’ Mensch und wahrer Gott,
hilft uns aus allem Leide,
rettet von Sünd und Tod.

The tiny little flower
smells so sweet to us;
with his bright light
he dispels the darkness.
True human and true God,
help us out of all our suffering;
deliver us from sin and death.

unknown (v. 1-2); Friedrich Layriz (v. 3)

Canticle of Zechariah

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

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, great David’s greater Son!

Cantor: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

People: He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we would be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us.

Cantor: as he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

Cantor: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.

Cantor: By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

(Luke 1:68–79)
**Gloria Patri**
from ‘Magnificat: Collegium Regale’

*Herbert Howells (1892–1983)*

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 3:1–6

*Lector:* The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 3, verses 1–6:

*People:* *Glory to you, O Lord.*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturœa and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"


*People:* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Sermon**
“Memory and View”

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

**Hymn 209**
Blessed be the God of Israel

*MERLE’S TUNE*

**Offertory Sentences**

**At the Offertory** Ave Maria

*Nathaniel Dett (1882–1943)*

*Ave Maria, gratia plena:*  
*Hail Mary, full of grace,*  
*Dominus tecum,*  
*the Lord is with thee,*  
*benedicta tu in mulieribus,*  
*blessed art thou among women,*  
*et bededictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.*  
*and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*  
*Sancta Maria, Mater Dei*  
*Holy Mary, Mother of God,*  
*ora pro nobis peccatoribus,*  
*pray for us sinners,*  
*nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.*  
*now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*
Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)

Offertory Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day
when justice shall roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Words of Institution

Celebrant: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations. You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts and have mercy on those who fear you from generations to generation. You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree. You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away. Your own Son came among us as a servant, to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.

He humbled himself in obedience to your will and freely accepted death on a cross. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
Celebrant: On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Celebrant: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Celebrant: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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.
**Agnus Dei** (sung by the choir)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

**Distribution of the Elements**

*Marsh Chapel at Boston University is an interdenominational faith community and all are welcome and invited to participate in Communion today. During this time of increased health risks, communion is distributed in individual pre-packaged containers upon entrance to the chapel. At the appropriate point in the service, the celebrant will direct the congregation when to partake of the communion elements.*

Please dispose of the communion packaging in the trash receptacles in the narthex following the service.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *(in unison)*

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn 202**

People, look east, the time is near

**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**

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*The preacher and celebrant is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.*
*The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.*
*The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.*
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.
• 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.

This Week at Marsh Chapel

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.

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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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