Please rise, as you are able.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Prelude

Call to Worship and Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: The Word became flesh and dwells among us!
People: Glory to God in the highest and peace to God’s people on earth!

Introit

Verbum caro factum est
et habitavit in nobis;
plenum gratiae et veritatis.

Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)

Hymn 240

Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

Collect (in unison)

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7–14

Lector: A lesson from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah, chapter 31, verses 7–14:

For thus says the L ORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O L ORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the L ORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the L ORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the L ORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the L ORD.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.
Anthem  

Verbum caro factum est  
et habitavit in nobis;  
et vidimus gloriam ejus,  
gloriam quasi unigeniti a Patre,  
plenum gratiae et veritatis.  

The Word was made flesh  
and dwelt among us;  
and we beheld his glory,  
the glory as of the only-begotten by the Father,  
full of grace and truth.  

John 1: 14

Lesson  

Ephesians 1:1–14

Lector:  A lesson from St. Paul’s epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 1, verses 1–14:

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.
Psalm 147:12–20

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

♫ Antiphon (sung by all)

Praise the Lord who reigns above: Alleluia!

Cantor: 
Praise God, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!

People: 
Who strengthens the bars of your gates, and blesses your children within you; who grants peace within your borders, and fills you with the finest of wheat.

Cantor: 
God sends out commands to the earth; God’s word runs swiftly.

People: 
God gives snow like wool, and scatters frost like ashes, and hurls down hail like crumbs—who can stand against God’s cold?

Cantor: 
God sends out a word, and melts them, and makes the wind blow, and the waters flow.

People: 
God declares the word to the tribes of Jacob, and statutes and ordinances to Israel.

All: 
God has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know God’s ordinances.

Praise our God! ♫

❖ Gloria Patri (sung by all)

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,

Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,

One in might and One in glory While unending ages run.
Gospel Lesson  
John 1:1–18

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 1, verses 1–18:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

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 humanity, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a parent’s only child and heir, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 218  It came upon the midnight clear  
(Verses 1 and 2)

Sermon  “Divine Presence”  The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill  Dean of the Chapel

Hymn 218  It came upon the midnight clear  
(Verses 3 and 4)

Offertory Sentences
At the Offertory  Ach, Herr, du Schöpfer aller Ding  Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)

Ach, Herr, du Schöpfer aller Ding,  
wie bist du worden so gering,  
daß du da liegst auf dürrem Gras,  
davon ein Rind und Esel aß!

O Lord, Creator of all things,  
how have you become so low  
that you lie there on dried grass,  
of which a cow and donkey ate!

Martin Luther, “Vom Himmel hoch,” verse 9

* Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)  GREENSLEEVES

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

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

* The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant:  The Lord is 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.
Celebrant:

You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the 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.

In the fullness of time, you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior,
And at his birth the angels sang
Glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
and giving voice to all creation,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus and Benedictus* (sung by all)  

Julian J. Wachner (b. 1969)
Words of Institution

Celebrant: Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.
As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem
And there was found no room, so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem
and was despised and rejected.
As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born,
so 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.

As you Word became flesh, born of woman, on that night long ago,
so, on the night in which he have 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 a 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:

(Sung by all):

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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.
**Celebrant:** Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**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 251  Go, tell it on the mountain  GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Benediction

Response  God be in my head  arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

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

The preacher and celebrant is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel. The organist and conductor is Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, 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.

★ JANUARY 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.

TODAY January 2 11:00 a.m. The Second Sunday after Christmas
THURSDAY January 6 The Epiphany of our Lord—No Services
SUNDAY January 9 11:00 a.m. The First Sunday after the Epiphany
SUNDAY January 16 11:00 a.m. First Sunday of Spring Term
THURSDAY January 20 11:00 a.m. Spring Term Begins

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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