

# MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant  
Service of Worship

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 — 11:00 a.m.  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

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✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Prelude

### 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.*

✠ **Hymn 234** O come, all ye faithful (vs. 1–3 and 6 only)

ADESTE FIDELES

✠ **Collect** (*in unison*)

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** (*sung by all*)from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**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** Isaiah 7:10-16

*Lector:* A lesson from the Book of Isaiah, chapter 7, verses 10-16:

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

**Anthem**

Et incarnatus est (from Missa Cellensis, Hob. XXII:5)

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)

Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto  
ex Maria Virgine: Et homo factus est.

*And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost  
of the Virgin Mary: And was made man.*

**Lesson**

Romans 1:1–7

*Lector:* A lesson from St. Paul's epistle to the Romans, chapter 1, verses 1–7:

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 80: 1–7, 17–19**

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

 **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



I am the vine; you are the



branch-es, root - ed in faith and love.

*Cantor:* Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph's people like a flock!  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth  
before the tribes of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,  
Stir up your might, and come to save us!

*People:* Restore us, O God;  
*let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

*Cantor:* O God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

*People:* You have fed them with the bread of tears,  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

*Cantor:* You make us the scorn of our neighbors;  
our enemies laugh among themselves.

*People:* Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*Cantor:* But let your hand be upon those of your right hand,  
the ones whom you have made strong for yourself!

*People:* Then we will never turn back from you;  
give us life, and we will call on your name!  
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!  
let your face shine, that we may be saved! 🎵

✠ **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** Matthew 1:18-25

*Lector:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew,  
chapter 1, verses 18-25:

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord



## Prayers of the People and 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.

## Offertory Sentences

**At the Offertory**      Recitative: Comfort ye my people      *G. F. Handel* (1685–1750)  
Aria: Every valley shall be exalted (from *Messiah*)

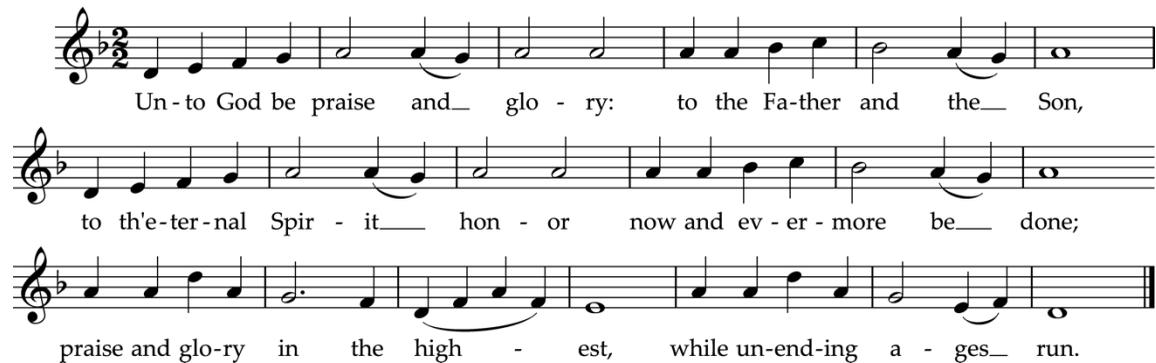
Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness; prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.      (Isaiah 40:1–3)

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight and the rough places plain.      (Isaiah 40:4)

✦ **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**

✦ **Hymn 248**      On this day earth shall ring      PERSONENT HODIE

✦ **Benediction**



# 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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