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.

*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 213* Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates  
*Truro*

*Collect (in unison)*

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.
**Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

*Celebrant:* Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Confession of Sin**

*All:* Merciful God
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love towards us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*People:* In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
*All:* Glory to God. Amen.

**Exchange of Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always!
*People:* And also with you.

**Hymn**

*Prepare the way, O Zion*  
Bereden väg för Herran

1 Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Lesson  
Isaiah 11:1–10

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Isaiah, chapter 11, verses 1–10:

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem  
Sans Day carol  
arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

1. Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk,
And Mary bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk:

   And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Saviour for to be,
   And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.
   Holly! Holly!
   And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly!
2. Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass,
And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross:
   Refrain

3. Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal,
And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all:
   Refrain

4. Now the holly bears a berry, as blood is it red,
Then trust we our Saviour, who rose from the dead:
   Refrain

Traditional Cornish carol

Lesson Romans 15:4–13

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul’s epistle to the Romans, chapter 15, verses 4–13:

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.
Psalm 72: 1–7, 18–19

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

♫ Antiphon (sung by all)

Cantor: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king’s son.

People: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

Cantor: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

People: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

Cantor: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

People: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

Cantor: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

People: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever, may his glory fill the whole earth. ♫

♫ 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.
In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 211 O come, o come, Emmanuel (stanzas 1–4, in unison) Veni Emmanuel

Sermon “Advent Communion Meditation” The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill Dean of the Chapel

Hymn 211 O come, o come, Emmanuel (stanzas 5–7, in unison) Veni Emmanuel

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory O thou, the central orb Charles Wood (1866–1926)

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God’s ordaining counsel, as Thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen. Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833–1917)

**Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)**

PICARDY

Un-to God be praise and glory: to the Fa-ther and the Son,

to th’eternal Spir-it honor now and ev-er-more be done;
praise and glory in the high-est, while un-end-ing a- ges run.

**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:

排名第圣和赞美词 (sung by all)  Patrick T. Waters (b. 1983)

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.
Celebrant: 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.

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, …

Agnus Dei (sung by the choir)

Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. 
Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. 
Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Distribution of the Elements

During this season of increased health risks, we are offering Communion “in one kind” (i.e., bread only).

Marsh Chapel at Boston University is an interdenominational faith community and all are welcome and invited to participate in Communion today. If you do not feel comfortable receiving the elements of Communion, you may, if you wish, come forward and receive a blessing instead. Simply let the server know when you approach. If you are unable to come forward, we will come to you with Communion or for a blessing—just raise your hand after the others have finished. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Motet There is no rose Robert H. Young (1923–2011)

There is no rose of such virtue
as is the rose that bare Jesu: Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was
heav’n and earth in little space: Resmiranda. (Wonderful circumstance.)

By that rose we may well see
that He is God in persons three: Pari forma. (Equal beauty.)

The angels sung the shepherds to:
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gaudeamus. (Let us rejoice)

Leave we all this worldly mirth
and follow we this joyous birth: Transeamus. (Let us cross over.) Anonymous, 15th century

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 196**  
Come, thou long-expected Jesus  

**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**

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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.*  
*The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.*

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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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