MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY INTERDENOMINATIONAL PROTESTANT
SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 2023
THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD (OBSERVED)

THE REV. DR. ROBERT ALLAN HILL, DEAN
As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;
As with joyful steps they sped To that lowly manger bed,
As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and bare;
Holy Jesus, every day Keep us in the narrow way;

As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beam-ing bright;
There to bend the knee before Him whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we with holy joy, Pure, and free from sin’s alloy,
And, when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last;

So, most gracious Lord, may we Ever-more be led to Thee.
So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy seat.
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.
Please rise, as you are able.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude
Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

Call to Worship and Greeting
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come,
People: And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Introit
Northfield
Jeremiah Ingalls (1764–1828)
How long, dear Saviour, O how long
Shall this bright hour delay,
Fly swifter ‘round the wheel of time,
And bring the welcome day.
from The Christian Harmony (1805)

Hymn
As with gladness men of old (see opposite page)
Dix

Collect (in unison)
O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Kyrie

from Missa ‘pour ung plaisir’ 

Blasius Ammon (c. 1560–1590)

Kyrie eleison,  
Lord, have mercy,
Christe eleison,  
Christ, have mercy,
Kyrie eleison.  
Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: 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 60:1–6

Lector: A lesson from the Book of the prophet Isaiah, chapter 60, verses 1–6:

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100:1–3) 

Orlando di Lasso (1532–1594)

Jubilate Deo, omnis terra; Sing joyfully to God, all the earth,
servite Domino in lætitia, serve ye the Lord with gladness;
Intrate in conspectu eius in exsultatione, come in before His presence with exceeding great joy;
quia Dominus ipse est Deus for the Lord He is God.

Lesson

Ephesians 3:1–12

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul’s epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 3, verses 1–12:

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this
mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14

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

Antiphon (sung by all)

I will give you as a light to the nations, my salvation to the ends of the earth.

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: May the rulers of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the rulers of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

Cantor: May all rulers fall down before him, all nations give him service.

People: For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

Cantor: He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

People: From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

★ Gloria Patri (sung by all)

Westminster Abbey

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 Matthew 2:1–12

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 2, verses 1–12:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd
my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon "Epiphany Reflection"  The Rev. Dr. Jessica Chicka University Chaplain for International Students

Hymn O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,

God’s own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
when not yet be - gun was this old earth’s foun - da - tion!

Of Ja - cob’s line, King Da - vid’s son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here
Call to Prayer (sung by all)  

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

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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.

Response

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory

O nata lux

O nata lux de lumine
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
dignare clemens supplicum
laudes preces que sumere.
Qui carne quondam contergi
dignatus es pro perditis,
Nos membra confer effici,
tui beati corporis.

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

CWM RHONDDA
Hymn

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

1. Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn-ing,
2. Cold on His cra-dle the dew-drops are shin-ing,
3. Shall we then yield Him, in cost-ly de-votion,
4. Vain-ly we of-fer each am-ple ob-la-tion,

Dawn on our dark-ness and lend us thine aid;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
O-dors of E-dom and of-ferings di-vine,
Vain-ly with gifts would His fa-vor se-cure;

Star of the east, the ho-rizon ad-dorn-ing,
An-gels ad-ore Him in slum-ber re-clining,
Gems of the moun-tain and pearls of the o-cean,
Rich-er by far is the heart’s ad-o-ra-tion,

Guide where our in-fant Re-deem-er is laid.
Mak-er and Mon-arch and Sav-ior of all!
Myrhh from the for-est, or gold from the mine?
Dear-er to God are the prayers of the poor.*
Benediction

Response

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 is the Reverend Dr. Jessica Chicka, University Chaplain for International Students. The conductor and organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.
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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