MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

A CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF

LESSONS AND CAROLS



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2023
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING
DANIEL L. MARSH CHAPEL

UN, SHEPHERDS, RUN where Bethlem blest appears,
We bring the best of news, be not dismayed:
A Saviour there is born, more old than years
Amidst Heaven's rolling heights this earth who stayed;
In a poor cottage inned, a Virgin Maid,
A weakling did Him bear, who all upbears,
There is He poorly swaddled, in a manger laid
To whom too narrow swaddlings are our spheres:
Run, Shepherds, run, and solemnize His birth.
This is that night – no, day grown great with bliss,
In which the power of Satan broken is;
In Heaven be glory, peace unto the Earth,
Thus singing through the air the angels swam,

A cope of stars re-echoed the same.

from 'Flowres of Sion', 1630 William Drummond (1585-1649)



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A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 10th, 2023 — 11:00 a.m. The Second Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

▼ The congregation stands at the chiming of the hour.

1. Solo

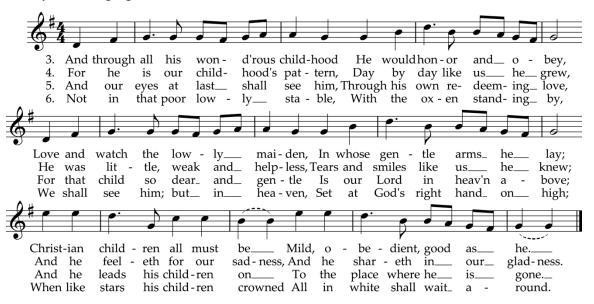
NCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,

2. Choir

He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all, And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall; With the poor, and mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior holy.

▼ All join in singing the last four stanzas.

Iesus Christ her little child.



THE BIDDING PRAYER

■ All remain standing as the Dean offers this bidding prayer.

The Dean:

ELOVED IN CHRIST, be it this Christmas-tide our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child: and let us make this Chapel glad with our carols of praise.

But first, because this of all things would rejoice God's heart, let us pray for the needs of the whole world, and all people; for peace upon the earth Christ came to save; for love and unity within the one Church he did build; and for goodwill among all people, and especially within this university and this city of Boston.

And particularly at this time let us remember the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children.

Lastly let us remember before God them who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself has taught us:

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.

The Dean:

The Almighty God bless us with God's grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

All: Amen.

 \maltese The congregation is seated.

AS WORT WARD Fleisch und wohnet unter uns, und wir sahen seine Herrlichkeit, eine Herrlichkeit, als des eingebornen Sohns vom Vater voller Gnade und Wahrheit.

[And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.]

> Text: John 1:14 Music: Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672) from *Geistliche Chormusik* (1648)

THE FIRST LESSON

Lector: The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior:

HE PEOPLE WHO WALKED in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

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

TESUS! CHRISTUS!

Jesus! Natus!

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¹Born!

In the manger of my body Leaps the tiny child, and his breath Is the word—the dance of God.

Corpus! Beatus!²
Peregrinus! Natus!³

²Body! Blessed!

³Pilgrim! Born!

In the ocean of my head The steadfast ship rides tides and storm On its pilgrim crossing.

Oceanus! Peregrinus!⁴ Christus! Natus!

⁴Ocean! Pilgrim!

In the orchard of my heart Springs the springing tree. Its root is faith and its sweet fruit charity.

Cor! Arbor!⁵
Amor! Christus!⁶

⁵Heart! Tree! ⁶Love! Christ!

Riding ship, springing tree, And in the manger leaps the child, Who is the word—the dance of God.

Jesus! Peregrinus! Jesus! Natus! Natus!

> Pilgrim Jesus Text: Kevin Crossley-Holland (b. 1941) Music: Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

THE SECOND LESSON

Lector: The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown:

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. 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.

Isaiah 11:1–4a, 6–9

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

TENDER SHOOT HAS STARTED UP from a root of grace,
As ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race;
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter
Turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring; The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing: Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us, Thus turning darkness into light.

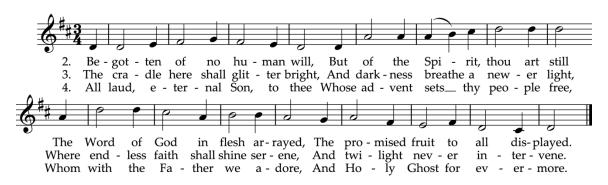
Text and Music: Otto Goldschmidt (1829–1907) Translation: William Bartholomew (1793–1867)

▼ The congregation stands at the invitation of the Director of Music.

1. Choir

OME, THOU REDEEMER of the earth,
And manifest thy virgin birth:
Let every age adoring fall;
Such birth befits the God of all.

■ All join in singing the last three stanzas.



 \blacksquare The congregation is seated.

THE THIRD LESSON

Lector: The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary:

N THE SIXTH MONTH the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy

Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:26-35, 38

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

CAROL

HE ANGEL GABRIEL from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady!" Gloria!

"For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be; All generations laud and honor thee: Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers fortold." *Most highly favored lady! Gloria!*

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleaseth God!" she said. "My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name." *Most highly favored lady! Gloria!*

Of her Emmanuel, the Christ, was born, In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn; And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: "Most highly favored lady!" Gloria!

> Text and Music: Basque folk carol Translation: Sabine Baring-Gould (1834–1924) Arrangement: Edgar Pettman (1866–1943)

THE FOURTH LESSON

Lector: Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus:

N THOSE DAYS A DECREE WENT OUT from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:1, 3-7

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

CAROL

HE CHRIST-CHILD LAY on Mary's lap, His hair was like a light. (O weary, weary were the world, But here is all aright.)

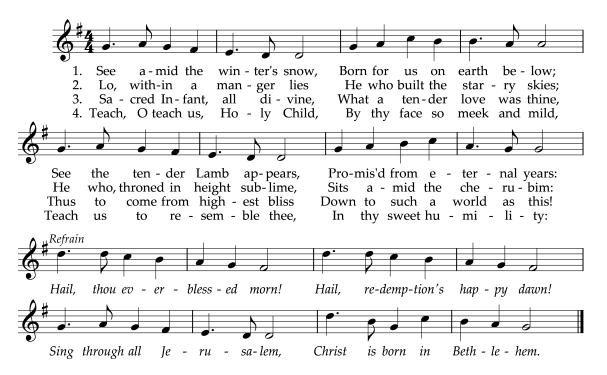
The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast, His hair was like a star. (O stern and cunning are the kings, But here the true hearts are.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart, His hair was like a fire. (O weary, weary is the world, But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee, His hair was like a crown. And all the flowers looked up at him, And all the stars looked down.

> Text: G. K. Chesterton (1874–1936) Music: Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)

▼ The congregation stands at the invitation of the Director of Music and joins in singing all stanzas, as follows.



Text: Edward Caswall (1814–1878) Tune: HUMILITY, John Goss (1800–1880) Arrangement: David Willcocks (1919–2015)

▼ The congregation is seated.

THE FIFTH LESSON

Lector: The shepherds go to the manger:

N THAT REGION THERE WERE SHEPHERDS living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Luke 2:8-16

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

CAROL

This day our Savior did appear,
This day the Angels sing in earth,
The Archangels are glad,
This day the just rejoice, saying:
Glory be to God on high. Alleluia.

Text: Translation of the Magnificat Antiphon at Second Vespers of Christmas Day Music: William Byrd (c. 1540–1623)

THE SIXTH LESSON

Lector: The wise men are led by the star to Jesus:

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.

Matthew 2:1–11

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

CAROL

I would my true love² did so chance
To see the legend of my play³,
To call my true love to my dance⁴⁵:

Sing O my love, O my love;
This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance; Thus was I knit to man's nature, To call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love, O my love; This have I done for my true love. In a manger laid and wrapped I was, So very poor this was my chance, Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, To call my true love to my dance:

Sing O my love, O my love;

This have I done for my true love.

Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above,
To call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, O my love;
This have I done for my true love.

Text: Traditional English carol Music: John Gardner (1917–2011)

¹my dancing day: i.e., the day of quickening; ²Christ's *true love* is humankind; ³a reference to medieval mystery plays; ⁴my dance: a metaphor for Christ's life; ⁵to call my true love to my dance: i.e., to redeem humanity

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Lector: Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation:

N 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 man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1–14

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

▼ The congregation stands at the invitation of the Director of Music.



▼ The congregation remains standing.

THE COLLECT

The Dean: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

The Dean: Let us pray:

GOD, YOU MAKE US GLAD by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

The Dean:

AY HE WHO BY HIS INCARNATION gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of Almighty God be upon you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

▼ The congregation remains standing.



VOLUNTARY AT THE PROCESSION

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

⚠ After the service, Bob and Jan Hill will host an Open House at The Castle, 225 Bay State Road. All are warmly invited to attend.

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Richard Watson

Horn

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Tuba

Steve Lamb

Trombone
Don Lucas

▼ CHRISTMAS AT MARSH CHAPEL **▼**

TODAY	December 10	11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	A Service of Lessons and Carols Dean's Open House (The Castle))
SUNDAY	December 17	11:00 a.m.	The Third Sunday of Advent
SUNDAY	December 24	11:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Sunday Morning Christmas Eve Service Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
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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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