

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY INTERDENOMINATIONAL PROTESTANT
SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026

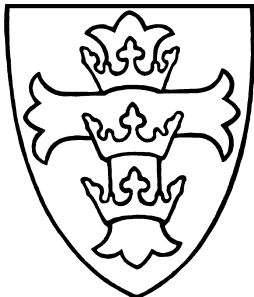
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE REV. DR. ROBERT ALLAN HILL, DEAN

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

TODAY	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
MONDAY	12:00–1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Tai Chi at Marsh Chapel (Marsh Room) Community Dinner (Marsh Room)
TUESDAY	12:00–2:00 p.m.	Create Space (Thurman Room)
WEDNESDAY	12:00–1:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	Tai Chi at Marsh Chapel (Marsh Room) Ecumenical Service with Eucharist (Robinson Chapel)
THURSDAY	6:30–9:00 p.m.	Marsh Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
NEXT SUNDAY	11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave) Ice Skating with the Dean (Boston Common, Frog Pond)

Join Dean Hill for ice skating, an annual holiday tradition, at the Boston Common Frog Pond Skating Rink on Sunday, February 8th starting at 1:00 p.m. This is open to undergraduates, graduate students, and members of the chapter community. Admission and skate rental fees will be covered for the first thirty students who RSVP. Email Associate Chaplain Jonathan Lee at jonblee@bu.edu to RSVP.



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**University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Word and Sacrament
Sunday, February 1st, 2026 — 11:00 a.m.
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Series LXXVI №. 25**

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein
Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

Johann Nicolaus Hanff (1665–1711/12)
Hanff

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Dean: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up to the Lord!*

✠ Introit

from Christmas Oratorio, BWV 248

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Brich an, o schönes Morgenlicht,
und lass den Himmel tagen!
Du Hirtenvolk, erschrecke nicht,
weil dir die Engel sagen,
dass dieses schwache Knäbelein
soll unser Trost und Freude sein,
dazu den Satan zwingen
und letztlich Frieden bringen.

*Break forth, O beauteous morning light
and fill the heav'ns with glory!
Ye shepherds folk, restrain your fright,
and hear the angels' story:
This little child whom you will see
our comfort and our joy will be,
against the fiend sustain us,
and peace at last regain us.*

1. Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
 2. Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3. Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our
 4. Word that speaks your Fa - ther's love, one with God be -

heaven de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heaven to die,
 mor - tal blind - ness; deaf we are: our heal - er be;
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove

faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
 loose our tongues to tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
 world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
 pit - y spo - ken; heal the world, by our sin bro - ken.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one Bread feed us.

WORDS: James Quinn, 1969
 MUSIC: Johann R. Ahle, 1664

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✠ Collect *(in unison)*

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.

All may exchange signs and words of God's peace.

✱ Hymn 551

Awake, O sleeper

MARSH CHAPEL

1. A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
 2. Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
 so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
 with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.

Lesson

Micah 6:1–8

The offering of justice, kindness, humility

Lector:

A lesson from the prophet Micah, chapter 6, verses 1–8:

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Lector:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Blazhen muzh (*All-Night Vigil*, Op. 37)

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873–1943)

Blazhen muzh, izhe ne ide
 na sovet nechestivyykh. Alliluyia.
 Yako vest' Gospod' put' pravednykh,
 i put' nechestivyykh pogibnet.
 Rabotayte Gospodevi so strakhom,
 i raduytesya Yemu strepetom.
 Blazheni vsi nadeyushchiysya nan'.
 Voskresni Gospodi, spasi mya, Bozhe moy.
 Gospodne yest spaseniye,
 i na lyudekh Tvoikh blagosloveniye Tvoye.

*Blessed is the man that hath not walked
 in the counsel of the ungodly. Alleluia!
 For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the ungodly shall perish.
 Serve the Lord with fear,
 and rejoice unto him with reverence.
 Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.
 Arise, O Lord; save me, O Lord my God.
 Salvation belongeth unto the Lord,
 and thy blessing is upon thy people.*

Slava Otsu, i Synu, i Svyatomu Dukhu,
i nyne i prisno i vo veki vekov, amin'.
Alliluyia. Slava Tebe, Bozhe.

*Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
both now and ever and to ages and ages, amen.
Alleluia! Glory be to thee O God.*

Russian Orthodox Liturgy

Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

Christ crucified, the wisdom and power of God

Lector:

A lesson from Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 1, verses 18–31:

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter

Psalm 15

Abiding on God's holy hill

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



Cantor: O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
People: *Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;*
Cantor: who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
People: *in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;*
Cantor: who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
People: *Those who do these things shall never be moved. ♪*

✠ **Gloria Patri** *from the Evening Service in D* *Charles Wood (1866–1926)*

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.

✠ **Gospel Lesson** Matthew 5:1–12 *The teaching of Christ: Beatitudes*

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew,
chapter 5, verses 1–12:
People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon "Communion Meditation" The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill
Dean of the Chapel



1. Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,
 2. Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
 3. Here see the bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing

come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
 hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
 forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.

Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
 Here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
 Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

earth has no sor - row that heaven can - not heal.
 "Earth has no sor - row that heaven can - not cure."
 earth has no sor - row but heaven can re - move.

WORDS: Thomas Moore, 1816; alt. by Thomas Hastings, 1831
 MUSIC: Samuel Webbe, Sr., 1792

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Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory The Beatitudes

Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

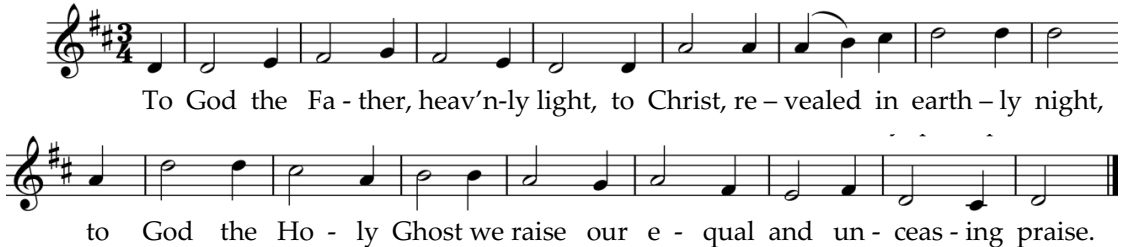
Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Amen.

Matthew 5:3-12

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

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To God the Fa - ther, heav'n-ly light, to Christ, re - vealed in earth - ly night,

to God the Ho - ly Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

✦ 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.*

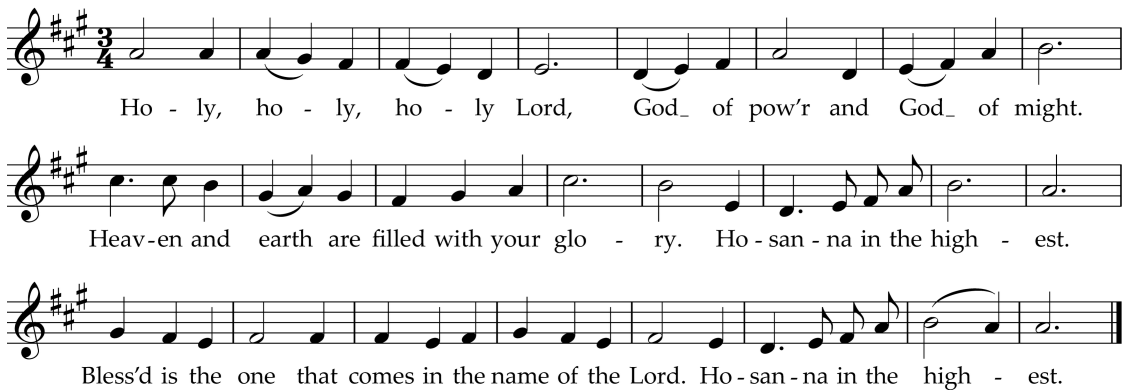
Celebrant:

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.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

✦ **Sanctus and Benedictus** (*sung by all*)

Patrick T. Waters (b. 1983)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God_ of pow'r and God_ of might.
Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless'd is the one that comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

✦ **Words of Institution**

Celebrant:

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
To proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed,
And to announce that the time had come
When you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

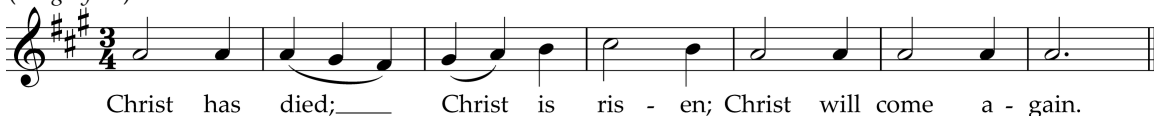
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
You gave birth to your Church,
Delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
And made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
In the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

Celebrant: 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.

(sung by all)



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, 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, 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

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. We provide both wine (pulpit side) and an alcohol-free grape juice (lectern side). Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Motet

Hide not thou thy face

Richard Farrant (c. 1530–1581)

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servants in thy displeasure;

For we confess our sins unto thee, and hide not our unrighteousness.

For thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins.

adapted from Psalm 27

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 441**

What does the Lord require

SHARPTHORNE

1. What does the Lord re - quire for praise and
2. Rul - ers of earth, give ear! Should you not
3. All who gain wealth by trade, for whom the
4. How shall our life ful - fill God's law so

of - fer - ing? What sac - ri - fice, de - sire, or trib - ute
 jus - tice know? Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and
 work - er toils, think not to win God's aid, if greed your
 hard and high? Let Christ en - due our will with grace to

bid you bring? Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk
 cruel - ty grow? Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk
 com - merce soils. Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk
 for - ti - fy. Then just - ly, in mer - cy, we'll

1-3 4
 hum - bly with your God.
 hum - bly with your God.
 hum - bly with your God.
 hum - bly walk with God.

WORDS: Albert F. Bayly, 1949; alt. (Mic. 6:6-8)

MUSIC: Erik Routley, 1968

SHARPTHORNE

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✦ Benediction

Response *from* We shall walk through the valley in peace *arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)*

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

For Jesus Himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace.

✦ **Postlude** *Prelude in G major, BWV 541*

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)



MARSH CHAPEL & RELIGIOUS LIFE



The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill

*Dean of Marsh Chapel and Chaplain to the University
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