



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Word and Sacrament
Sunday, January 4th, 2009 - 11:00 a.m.
The Second Sunday after Christmas

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ Please rise, as you are able.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Greeting and Invitation to Community Life

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: The word became flesh and dwells among us!

People: *Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth!*

✠ **Hymn 250** Once in royal David's city

IRBY

✠ Opening Prayer *(in unison)*

Gracious God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth.

We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears,
new decisions and old controversies,
new dreams and old weaknesses.

Because you are a God of hope,
we know that you create all the possibilities of the future.

Because you are a God of love,
we know that you accept the mistakes of the past.

Because you are the God of our faith,
we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise,
we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise,
and we serve and bless you.

Amen.

✠ Gloria in excelsis *(sung by all)*

The music to this hymn may be found on page 238 of the United Methodist Hymnal, verses 1 and 3.

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Lesson Jeremiah 31:7-14

Lector: A lesson from the prophet Jeremiah, chapter 31, verses 7-14:

For thus says God: Sing aloud with gladness for the tribes of Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O GOD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a parent to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of God, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "The one who scattered Israel will gather Israel, and will keep the people as a shepherd a flock. For God has ransomed the tribes of Jacob, and has redeemed them from hands too strong for them. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of God, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem Laudate pueri *(from Vespers solennes de Confessore, K 339) W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)*

Laudate pueri Dominum;
laudate nomen Domini.
Sit nomen Domini benedictum,
ex hoc nunc, et usque in saeculum.
A solis ortu usque ad occasum
laudabile nomen Domini.

*Praise the Lord, ye servants:
O praise the Name of the Lord.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord:
from this time forth for evermore.
The Lord's Name is praised: from the rising up
of the sun unto the going down of the same.*

Excelsus super omnes gentes Dominus,
et super cælos gloria ejus.
Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster,
qui in altis habitat,
et humilia respicit in cælo et in terra?

*The Lord is high above all heathen:
and his glory above the heavens.
Who is like unto the Lord our God,
that hath his dwelling so high:
and yet humbleth himself
to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?
He taketh up the simple out of the dust:
and lifteth the poor out of the mire;
That he may set him with the princes :
even with the princes of his people.
He maketh the barren woman to keep house:
and to be a joyful mother of children.
Glory be to the Father . . .*

Suscitans a terra inopem,
et de stercore erigens pauperem:
ut collocet eum cum principibus,
cum principibus populi sui.
Qui habitare facit sterilem in domo,
matrem filiorum lætantem.

Gloria Patri . . .

—Psalm 113

Psalm 147:12-20

♪ **Response** (*sung by all*)



Praise the Lord who reigns a-bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor: Praise God, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

People: *Who strengthens the bars of your gates,
and blesses your children within you;
who grants peace within your borders,
and fills you with the finest of wheat.*

Cantor: God sends out commands to the earth;
God's word runs swiftly.

People: *God gives snow like wool, and scatters frost like ashes,
and hurls down hail like crumbs –
who can stand against God's cold?*

Cantor: God sends out a word, and melts them,
and makes the wind blow, and the waters flow.

People: *God declares the word to the tribes of Jacob,
and statutes and ordinances to Israel.*

All: *God has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know God's ordinances.*

Praise our God! ♪

✠ **Gloria Dei** (*sung by all*)

REGENT SQUARE

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** John 1:1-16

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 1,
verses 1-16:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

In 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 humanity, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a parent's only child and heir, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon "Can I Get a Witness?"

Rev. Victoria Hart Gaskell
Chapel Associate

✠ **Hymn 251** Go, tell it on the mountain

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Offertory Sentences

Celebrant: Christ is born;

People: *Give him glory!*

Celebrant Christ has come down from heaven;

People: *Receive him!*

Celebrant: Christ is now on earth;

People: Exalt him!
Celebrant: O you earth, sing to the Lord! O you nations, praise him in joy,
People: for Jesus Christ has been glorified!
Blessed be God, now and forever. Amen.

At the Offertory Lux Arumque Eric Whitacre (b. 1970)

Lux,
calida gravisque pura velut aurem
et canunt angeli molliter
modo natum.

*Light,
warm and heavy as pure gold
and the angels sing softly
to the new-born baby.*

—Edward Esch
translated into Latin by Charles Anthony Silvestri

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

The music to this hymn may be found on page 219 of the United Methodist Hymnal, verse 3.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

✠ **Offertory Prayer**

✠ **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. (over)

*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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

✠ **The Great Thanksgiving**

Celebrant: The Lord is 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.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or you had formed the earth,
from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God.
You created light out of darkness
and brought forth light on the 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,
and giving voice to all creation,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

Julian J. Wachner (b. 1969)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God of pow'r and might

4 Heav'n and earth are full of your Glo - ry. Ho -

6 sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na!

9 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

12 sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na!

✦ **Words of Institution**

Celebrant: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation.

You sent angels and a star to guide the first witnesses
to where the Christ was born,
and in your signs and witnesses in every age and through all the world,
you have led your people from far places to his light.

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 was betrayed, 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 ended, 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*):

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

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** (*responsive*)

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
People: *Have mercy on us.*
Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
People: *Have mercy on us.*
Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
People: *Grant us your 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.

Communion Motet Missa ‘Pange lingua’: Kyrie *Josquin Desprez* (c. 1450-1521)

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

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 240** Hark! the herald angels sing *MENDELSSOHN*

✠ **Benediction**

Postlude

Please remain seated for the postlude.

*The preacher and celebrant is Victoria Hart Gaskell, Chapel Associate.
The choir is In Choro Novo under the direction of Thérèse Provenzano.
The organist is Scott Allen Jarrett.*

IN CHORO NOVO

Dr. Thérèse Provenzano, Conductor

Jenny Chou, Accompanist

Anna Allen	Jacie Feinberg	Earl Marmar
Tim Armour	Suzanne Fischer	Bonnie Matterand
Morrie Bailey	Dianne Dunn Greco	Monica Murray
Dana Basilone	Eric Greenberg	Ben Pannell
Peter Beaman	Anthony Ashley Gregory	Dale Parent
Debbie Bing	Lali Haines	JoAnn Parent
Frank Carrano	Amanda Hope	Susan Richelson
Josh Chopak	Rosa Kim	Mike Spellman
Caitlin Coit	Haley Kulow	Alexander White
Erica Cole	Shelley Lipschultz	Stewart Wood
Mike Ericson	Ann Maguire	Aileen Zogby

DR. THÉRÈSE PROVENZANO

Thérèse Provenzano, Doctor of Musical Arts, earned undergraduate honors degrees in her majors of Music, English, Biology and Education from Brandeis University; Master of Music degrees with high honors in both music education/conducting and piano performance and a Masters in Biology from the University of Michigan; and the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Music Education from Boston University. She studied piano with pianist Paul Badera-Skoda in Vienna, received the Phyllis Lee Coffey Award in Music at Brandeis, was a Dean's scholar at Boston University, and, in 1999, was awarded the Distinguished Arts Educator in Music for the state of Massachusetts by the Alliance for Arts Education. In Winter 2001, Dr. Provenzano had the honor of studying with world-renowned musician/conductor, Sir Neville Marriner.

Dr. Provenzano is currently employed as Choral Director for the Weston Public Schools and The Community Chorus. She also adjudicates and conducts at state and national choral festivals and competitions.

In addition to her music, Dr. Provenzano also participates in whale research on Cape Cod and works with the rehabilitation of injured wild animals at Wild Care in Brewster.

MARSH CHAPEL: WINTER BREAK

The **Interdenominational Protestant Worship service**, held on Sundays at 11 a.m. **will not be affected** by any closures during Winter Break, and will continue to be held each Sunday morning at the usual hour.

Office Hours: The Marsh Chapel office hours are as follows:

Week of January 5	Offices Open M-F, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Week of January 12	Regular Office Hours Resume Open M-F; 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Weekday Activities: Weekday activities will resume the week of January 11, 2009.

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

TODAY 11 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Main Chapel)

Weekday Chapel activities have been suspended while students are on Winter Break.
These activities will resume the week of January 11, 2009.

NEXT SUNDAY 11 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Main Chapel)

WELCOME TO MARSH CHAPEL!

We thank you for joining us this evening 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.

◀ Hearing Assist System available –please ask an usher. 79.200 MHz

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Kaitlin Daly, Hae Won Lee, and Michele Buonanduci, Office Assistants

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