



# MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Worship

Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 - 11:00 a.m.

The First Sunday of Advent

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 *J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

### Call to Worship and Greeting

*The Chaplain:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* *And also with you.*

*The Chaplain:* 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 203** Hail to the Lord's Anointed *ELLACOMBE*

✠ **Opening Prayer** (*in unison*)

All-powerful God,

increase our strength of will for doing good,

that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming,

and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven,

where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Kyrie** from Mass for Five Voices

*William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)*

*All are invited to enter into a time of silent confession during the singing of the Kyrie.*

Kyrie eleison, *Lord, have mercy,*

Christe eleison, *Christ, have mercy,*

Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*

### Assurance of Pardon

*Liturgist:* 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 64: 1-9

*Lector:* A lesson from the book of Isaiah, chapter 64, verses 1-9:

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

**Anthem** Magnificat

*Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)*

Magnificat anima mea Dominum

*My soul magnifies the Lord:*

Et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo.

*and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.*

Quia respexit humilitatem

*For he has regarded:*

ancillae suae:

*the low estate of his handmaiden.*

ecce enim ex hoc beatam

*For behold, from henceforth:*

me dicent omnes generationes.

*all generations shall call me blessed.*

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est,

*For he who is mighty has done great things to me:*

et sanctum nomen eius.

*and holy is his Name.*

Et misericordia eius a progenie  
in progenies timentibus eum.  
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo,  
dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.  
Deposuit potentes de sede  
et exaltavit humiles.  
Esurientes implevit bonis  
et divites dimisit inanes,  
Suscepit Israel puerum suum  
recordatus misericordiæ suæ,  
Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,  
Abraham et semini eius in sæcula.

—Canticle of Mary (Luke 1:46-55)

*And his mercy is on them who fear him:  
from generation to generation.  
He has showed strength with his arm:  
he has scattered the proud; the arrogant of heart.  
He has deposed the mighty from their seats:  
and exalted the humble.  
The hungry he has filled with good things;  
and the rich he has sent empty away.  
He has helped his seroant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy.  
As it was spoken to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his seed for ever.*

### Psalm 80: 1-7

🎵 **Response** (*sung by all*)



**Cantor:** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph's people like a flock!  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth  
before the tribes of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,  
Stir up your might, and come to save us!

**People:** *Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

**Cantor:** O God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

**People:** *You have fed them with the bread of tears,  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.*

**Cantor:** You make us the scorn of our neighbors;  
our enemies laugh among themselves.

**People:** *Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.* 🎵

✠ **Gloria** from "Gloria in excelsis Deo" Thomas Weelkes (c. 1575-1623)  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Amen *Glory to God in the highest. Amen.*

✠ **Gospel Lesson** Mark 13: 24-37  
**Lector:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark,  
chapter 24, verses 24-37:  
**People:** *Glory to you, O Lord.*

"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

✠ **Hymn 729** O day of peace that dimly shines JERUSALEM

**Sermon** "Keep Awake" Br. Lawrence A. Whitney, LC+  
University Chaplain for Community Life

**Call to Prayer** Lead me, Lord (*sung by all*) LEAD ME, LORD

*The music to this hymn may be found on page 473 of the United Methodist Hymnal.*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;  
Make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,  
That makest me dwell in safety.

### Prayers of the People

**Choral Response** from “There is no rose” *Robert Young* (b. 1923)

Leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyful birth. Transeamus. (Let us follow.)

— Anonymous; 15<sup>th</sup> century

### Community Life and Offering

*Please take time to sign the “Ritual of Friendship” register (red books) located at the end of each pew.*

**At the Offertory** My song in the night *arr. Paul Christiansen* (1914-1997)

O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night, come to us with Thy tender love, my soul’s delight.

Unto Thee, O Lord, in affliction I call, my comfort by day, and my song in the night.

O why should I wander, an alien from Thee, or cry in the desert Thy face to see?

My comfort and joy, my soul’s delight, O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night.

— Southern Folk Hymn

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

*The music to this hymn may be found on page 296 of the United Methodist Hymnal, verse 5.*

Unto God be praise and glory: to the Father and the Son,

To th’eternal Spirit honor now and evermore be done;

Praise and glory in the highest, while unending ages run!

✦ **Offertory Prayer**

✦ **Hymn 718** Lo, he comes with clouds descending HELMSLEY

✦ **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** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661 *J. S. Bach* (1685-1750)

*Please remain seated for the postlude.*

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*The preacher is Br. Lawrence A. Whitney, LC+.*

*The choir is the Marsh Chapel Choir, conducted by Scott Allen Jarrett*

*The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.*

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Following the service, all are invited to attend a luncheon downstairs in the Marsh Room.**

Currently Marsh Chapel offers the following **Sunday morning opportunities for fellowship and growth**: the Adult Study Group (Thurman Room, 9:45, Chapel Associate Susan Forshey leading); the Associates Study (Marsh Room, 9:30); Undergraduate Study of Paul and the Roman Empire (Robinson Chapel, 9:45, Ministry Associate Ross Ponder leading); breakfast at 10:30 for all; and Child Care at 11:00 (with Karen Smith).

The **University Service of Lessons and Carols** will take place in the Main Chapel on Friday, December 12 at 6 p.m. The Marsh Chapel Choir, the Seminary Singers, and the InnerStrength Gospel Choir will once again be participating in this beloved annual event. **The service will be repeated during the 11 a.m. service on December 14.**

The **Marsh Chapel Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** will be held on Wednesday, December 24 at 11 p.m. All are invited to join the Marsh Chapel Community in ushering in the Christmas Season.

We are pleased to offer **child care** during our Sunday morning services. Inquiries can be made at the main office on the lower level of the building.

## THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

<b>TODAY</b>	9:30 a.m.	Small Group Meetings (Thurman Room)
	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
	12:00 noon	Community Luncheon (Marsh Room)
	12:30 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Nave)
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Nave)
	7:00 p.m.	Episcopal Worship (Robinson Chapel)
	10:00 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Nave)
<b>MONDAY</b>	12:00 noon	Leadership Staff Meeting (Thurman Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Community Dinner (Marsh Room)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	12:00 noon	Chapel Luncheon (Marsh Room)
	5:00 p.m.	Chaplain's Study I: Sex and the Spirit (Thurman Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Interfaith Council Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	11:00 a.m.	School of Theology Worship (Nave)
	5:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer with Holy Communion (Nave)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	5:00 p.m.	Chaplain's Study: Politics and Religion (Thurman Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Marsh Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
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	12:30 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Nave)
	1-4:00 p.m.	Advent Workshop (Marsh Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Nave)
	7:00 p.m.	Episcopal Worship (Robinson Chapel)
10:00 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Nave)	

## 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.

*Please join us downstairs following the service for refreshments and fellowship.*

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

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*The Chapel Office is open 9 am – 10 pm weekdays, and on Sunday Mornings.*

### Chapel Staff

**The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean and Chaplain of the University**  
**Br. Lawrence A. Whitney, LC+, University Chaplain for Community Life**  
**Ray Bouchard, MTS STH '95, Director of Marsh Chapel**  
**Scott Allen Jarrett, DMA CFA '08, Director of Music**  
**Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music**  
**Elizabeth Fomby, Director of Hospitality**  
**Herbert S. Jones, Director, Inner Strength Gospel Choir**  
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**Melissa Riesgo and Rachel Cape, Music Program Administrators**  
**The Rev. Victoria Hart Gaskell, OSL, Chapel Associate for Methodist Students**  
**Elizabeth Siwo-Okundi, M Div, Chapel Associate for Students of African Descent**  
**Liz Douglass, Chapel Associate for LGBTQ Ministry**  
**Susan Forshey, Chapel Associate for Ministry Formation**  
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**Ross Ponder, Ministry Associate for Undergraduate Students**  
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**Tyler Sit, Marsh Associate for LGBTQ Ministry; Ministry Assistant**  
**Tom Reis, Ministry Assistant**  
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**George Coulter, Laura Elliott, Mark Gray, Ushers**  
**Jay Reeg, Kim Schreiber, Jennifer Williams, Ushers**  
**Heidi Freimanis, Wedding Coordinator**  
**Karen Smith and Jeannette Lewis, Child Care and Office Assistants**  
**Kaitlin Daly, Hae Won Lee, and Michele Buonanduci, Office Assistants**

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