



## MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant  
Service of Word and Sacrament  
Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 - 11:00 a.m.  
The Second Sunday of Advent

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The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

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✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Prelude**            Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645            *J. S. Bach* (1685-1750)

#### Call to Worship and Greeting

*The Dean:*            The Lord be with you.

*People:*              *And also with you.*

*The Dean:*            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 211**        O come, O come, Emmanuel (verses 1, 6, and 7 only)        VENI EMMANUEL

✠ **Opening Prayer** (*in unison*)

Merciful God,

who sent your messengers the prophets

to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:

Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,

that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Lesson**            2 Peter 3: 8-15

*Lector:*            A lesson from the second epistle of Peter, chapter 3, verses 8-15:

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him.

*Lector:*            The Word of the Lord.

*People:*            *Thanks be to God.*

**Canticle**            Magnificat (Collegium Regale)            *Herbert Howells* (1892-1983)

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm:

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

*At this point in the anthem, the congregation will please stand for the Gloria Patri.*

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.

— Canticle of Mary (Luke 1:46-55)

✠ **Gospel Lesson** Mark 1: 1-8

*Lector:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 1, verses 1-8:

*People:* *Glory to you, O Lord.*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

*Lector:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Sermon** "A Common Hope" The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ **Hymn 196** Come, thou long-expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

**Community Life and Offering**

**At the Offertory** O magnum mysterium Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

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

O magnum mysterium	<i>O great mystery,</i>
et admirabile sacramentum,	<i>and wondrous sacrament,</i>
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum	<i>that the animals should witness the</i>
jacentem in praesepeio.	<i>birth of the Lord in the manger.</i>
O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt	<i>O blessed Virgin, whose womb was deemed</i>
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.	<i>worthy to bear Christ the Lord.</i>

—Responsory for Matins of Christmas Day

✠ **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**

✠ **Invitation and Confession**

*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.

*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.*

**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, who looked for that day  
 when justice shall roll down like waters  
 and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,  
 when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
 neither shall they learn war anymore

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*)

*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,  
 whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations.

You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts  
 and have mercy on those who fear you from generations to generation.  
 You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree.  
 You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away.  
 Your own Son came among us as a servant,  
 to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.

He humbled himself in obedience to your will  
 and freely accepted death on a cross.  
 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 you 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, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, 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 Jesus Christ the apple tree *Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)*

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree

His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while:  
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit does make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

—from *Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs* (1810)

### 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 202 People, look east BESANÇON

### ✠ 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 Toccata on “Veni Emmanuel” *Andrew Carter (b. 1939)*

*Please remain seated for the postlude.*

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

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*The preacher and celebrant is Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.  
The choir is the Marsh Chapel Choir, conducted by Justin Blackwell and Timothy Westerhaus.  
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.*



**UNIVERSITY SERVICE OF  
LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12**

**6 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING**

MUSIC PROVIDED BY THE MARSH CHAPEL CHOIR AND THE  
BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY SEMINARY SINGERS

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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 and the Seminary Singers will once again be participating in this beloved annual event. **The service will be repeated during the 11 a.m. service on December 14.**

Following the service on **December 14<sup>th</sup>**, Dean and Mrs. Robert Allan Hill will host an **open house at their residence** from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Their residence is located at 96 Bay State Road, No. 10. Please make plans to attend.

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.

**MARSH CHAPEL: WINTER BREAK**

**Office Hours:** Beginning on Monday, December 15, the **chapel office hours will be curtailed**. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, January 12, 2009. During this period, the chapel will be open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Weekday Activities:** The week of **December 7 will be the final week** that chapel activities will be held. All weekday activities will resume the week of January 11, 2009.

**Winter Intersession:** The University will close for Winter Intersession at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 24 and will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 5, 2009. During this period, the **chapel offices will be closed and the building will be closed to visitors**. Phone messages left at the chapel will be checked daily.

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

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## THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

<b>TODAY</b>	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 12:30 p.m. 1-4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	Small Group Meetings (Thurman Room) Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave) Community Luncheon (Marsh Room) Roman Catholic Mass (Nave) Advent Workshop (Marsh Room) Roman Catholic Mass (Nave) Episcopal Worship (Robinson Chapel) Roman Catholic Mass (Nave)
<b>MONDAY</b>	12:00 noon 6:00 p.m.	Leadership Staff Meeting (Thurman Room) Community Dinner (Marsh Room)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	12:00 noon 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Chapel Luncheon (Marsh Room) Chaplain's Study: Sex and the Spirit (Thurman Room) Interfaith Council Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	School of Theology Worship (Nave) Evening Prayer with Holy Communion (Nave) Taizé Prayer Service (Nave)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Chaplain's Study: Politics and Religion (Thurman Room) Marsh Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6:00 p.m.	<b>University Service of Lessons and Carols (Nave)</b>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  12:30 noon  12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	Small Group Meetings (Thurman Room) Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave) <b>Service of Lessons and Carols</b> Dean's Open House (The Dean's Residence) Located at 96 Bay State Road, No. 10 Roman Catholic Mass (Nave) Roman Catholic Mass (Nave) Episcopal Worship (Robinson Chapel) 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**  
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**Tom Reis, Ministry Assistant**  
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**Jay Reeg, Kim Schreiber, Jennifer Williams, Ushers**  
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**Karen Smith and Jeannette Lewis, Child Care and Office Assistants**  
**Kaitlin Daly, Hae Won Lee, and Michele Buonanduci, Office Assistants**

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