

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship

Sunday, December 15th, 2024 — 11:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Call to Worship and Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: 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.

The opening hymn appears on the next page.

All of today's hymns are taken from The Hymnal, 1982 (The Episcopal Church, USA)

✦ Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Refrain
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (b. 1920)
 Music: *Bereden väg för Herran*, melody from *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697

76. 76. 77 with Refrain

✦ Collect (*in unison*)

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Kyrie

from Missa 'O quam gloriosum'

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Kyrie eleison,
 Christe eleison,
 Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy,
 Christ, have mercy,
 Lord, have mercy.*

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: 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 Zephaniah 3:14–20

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Zephaniah, chapter 3, verses 14–20:

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem O Radiant Dawn

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light,
Sun of Justice, come,
shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Isaiah had prophesied, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone."

O Radiant Dawn...etc.

Antiphon for December 21

Lesson Philippians 4:4-7

Lector: A lesson from Paul's Epistle to the Philippians, chapter 4, verses 4-7:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

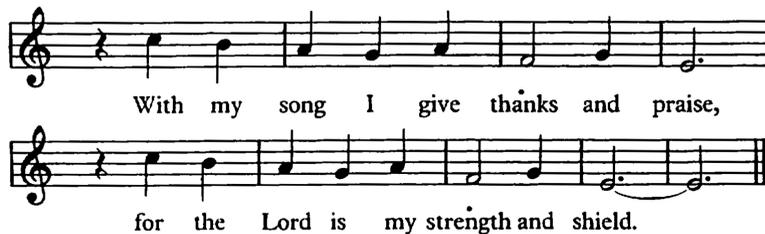
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The First Song of Isaiah

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



With my song I give thanks and praise,
for the Lord is my strength and shield.

Cantor: You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away, and you comforted me.

People: *Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.*

Cantor: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

People: *And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.*

Cantor: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

People: *Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. ♪ (Isaiah 12)*

✠ **Gloria Patri** from 'Jubilate: Collegium Regale'

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

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** Luke 3:7–18

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke,
chapter 3, verses 7–18:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon "Let Us Prepare"

The Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman
University Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 ref - uge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944),
 after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.

Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690;
 harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

Call to Prayer *(sung by all)*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)



Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - eous-ness;
make thy way plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord,
thou, Lord on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Response

O Jesulein süß

harm. J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

O Jesulein süß, o Jesulein mild!
Deines Vaters Willen hast du erfüllt,
bist kommen aus dem Himmelreich,
uns armen Menschen worden gleich.
O Jesulein süß, o Jesulein mild!

*O sweet little Jesus, O gentle little Jesus,
the Father's will you have fulfilled;
you have come from the heavenly kingdom,
(you have) become like us poor mortals,
O sweet little Jesus, O gentle little Jesus.*

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory In dulci jubilo

Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)

In dulci jubilo
Let us our homage shew;
Our heart's joy reclineth
In præsepio,
And like a bright star shineth
Matris in gremio.
Alpha es et O!
Alpha es et O!

O Jesu parvule,
My heart is sore for thee!
Hear me, I beseech thee,
O Puer optime,
My prayer let it reach thee,
O princeps gloria!
Trahe me post te!
Trahe me post te!

O Patris caritas,
O Nati lenitas!
Deeply were we stained
Per nostra crimina;
But thou hast for us gained
Coelorum gaudia.
O that we were there!
O that we were there!

Ubi sunt gaudia,
If that they be not there?
There are angels singing
Nova cantica,
There the bells are ringing
In Regis curia:
O that we were there!
O that we were there!

In sweet jubilation
Let us our homage shew;
Our heart's joy reclineth
In the manger,
And like a bright star shineth
On his mother's lap.
Who is Alpha and Omega.
Who is Alpha and Omega.

O infant Jesus,
My heart is sore for thee!
Hear me, I beseech thee,
Child most excellent,
My prayer let it reach thee,
O Prince of glory!
Draw me after Thee!
Draw me after Thee!

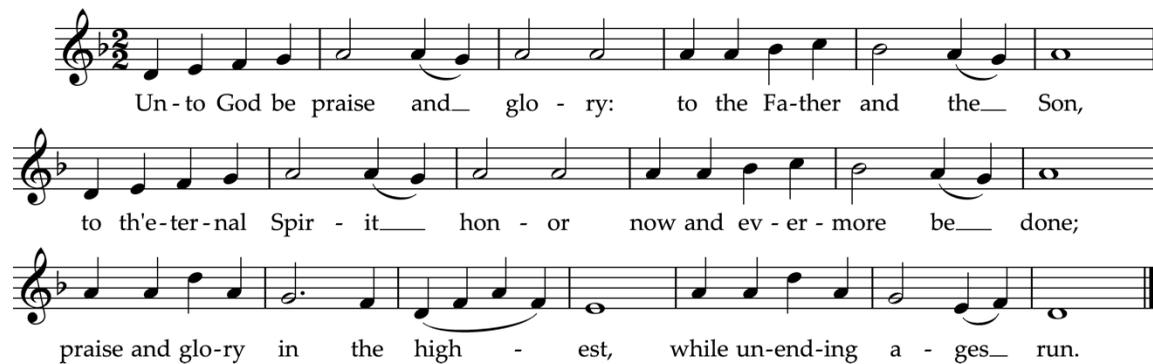
O love of the Father
O gentleness of the Son!
Deeply were we stained
For our sins;
But thou hast for us gained
The joys of heaven.
O that we were there!
O that we were there!

Where are those joys,
If that they be not there?
There are angels singing
New songs,
There the bells are ringing
In the King's court:
O that we were there!
O that we were there!

15th century German
adapted by R. L. Pearsall (1795–1856)

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

PICARDY



Un-to God be praise and glo - ry: to the Fa-ther and the Son,
to th'e-ter-nal Spir - it hon - or now and ev - er - more be done;
praise and glo-ry in the high - est, while un-end-ing a - ges run.

✦ **Offertory Prayer**



1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple - nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.

Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

✠ **Benediction**

✠ **Response** from 'There is no rose' *Robert Young (1923–2011)*

Leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyful birth. Transeamus. (Let us follow.)
Anonymous; 15th century

✠ **Postlude**

*The preacher is the Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman, University Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry.
The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.*

✠ **CHRISTMAS AT MARSH CHAPEL** ✠

Sunday	December 15	11:00 a.m.	The Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday	December 22	11:00 a.m.	The Fourth Sunday in Advent
Tuesday	December 24	1:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
		7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Wednesday	December 25	Christmas Day — The Nativity of our Lord	
Sunday	December 29	11:00 a.m.	The First Sunday after Christmas
Sunday	January 5	11:00 a.m.	The Second Sunday after Christmas
Monday	January 6	The Epiphany of our Lord	
Sunday	January 12	11:00 a.m.	The First Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME TO MARSH CHAPEL

Thank you for joining us this morning for worship. We hope 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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