

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship

Sunday, December 22nd, 2024 — 11:00 a.m.

The Fourth 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.

✠ **Hymn 200** Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! **WOODLANDS**

1. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of God's name!
3. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of God's might!
4. Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of God's word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spir - it
 Make known God's might, who won - drous deeds has
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry
 Firm is the prom - ise and God's mer - cy

voice; ten - der to me the prom - ise of God's word;
 done; God's mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 by; proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 sure. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.
 God's ho - ly name, the Lord, the might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1961 (Lk. 1:46b-55)

MUSIC: Walter Greatorex, 1919

WOODLANDS

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✕ Collect (*in unison*)

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Kyrie from Missa 'O quam gloriosum' Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

Kyrie eleison,	<i>Lord, have mercy,</i>
Christe eleison,	<i>Christ, have mercy,</i>
Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

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 Micah 5:2–5a

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Micah, chapter 5, verses 2–5:

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth, and he shall be the one of peace.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem Dixit Maria Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)

Dixit Maria ad angelum:	<i>Mary said to the Angel:</i>
Ecce ancilla Domini,	<i>Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord,</i>
fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.	<i>be it to me according to your word.</i>

Luke 1:38

Lesson Hebrews 10:5–10

Lector: A lesson from the epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 10, verses 5–10:

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.

And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Magnificat

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



Cantor: "My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

People: *for he has looked with favor
on the lowliness of his servant.*

Cantor: Surely, from now on
all generations will call me blessed;

People: *for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.*


Cantor: His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

People: *He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.*

Cantor: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

People: *he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.*

Cantor: He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

People: *according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."* 

(Luke 1:46b-55)

✦ **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 1:39–45

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke,
chapter 1, verses 39–45:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

✦ **Hymn 216** Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

ES IST EIN ROS

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in
3. O Flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as those of old have
mind; with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Moth - er
air, dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark-ness ev - ery -

sung. It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the
 kind. To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 where. True man yet ver - y God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

WORDS: Sts. 1-2, 15th cent. German; trans. by Theodore Baker, 1894; st. 3 from
The Hymnal, 1940 (Is. 35:1-2)

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MUSIC: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; harm. by Michael Praetorius, 1609

Sermon

"A Christmas Faith"

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✦ Hymn 219

What child is this?

GREENSLEEVES

1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant,

lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tians, fear, for
 king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thens sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

WORDS: William C. Dix, 1865 (Lk. 2:6-20; Mt. 2:1-12)
MUSIC: 16th cent. English melody

GREENSLEEVES
87.87 with Refrain

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,



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

Mary Had a Baby

arr. William Dawson (1899–1990)

Mary had a Baby, My Lord!
Mary had a Baby, My Lord!

Where was he born? Born in a manger.
Where was he born? Born in a manger.
Oh, Mary had a Baby born in a manger.
Mary had a Baby, My Lord!

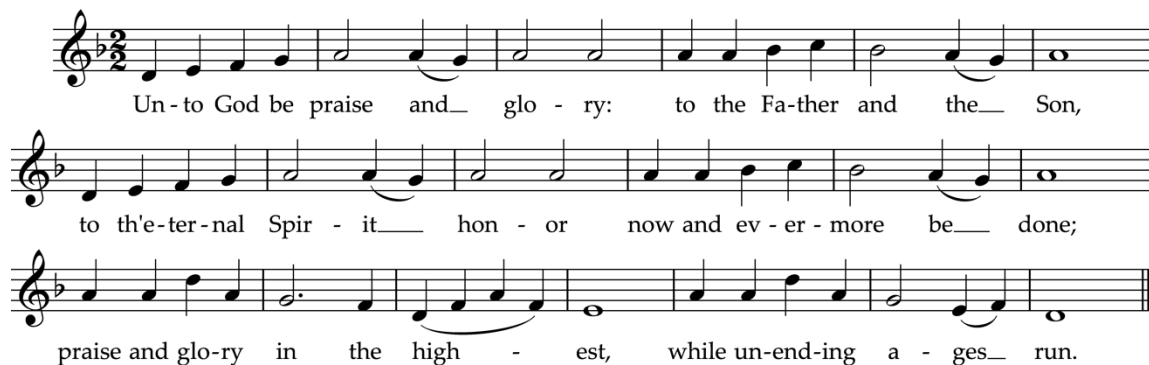
What did they call Him? "King Jesus."...

He is called "King Jesus, Mighty Counsellor,
King Emmanuel, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Negro Spiritual

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

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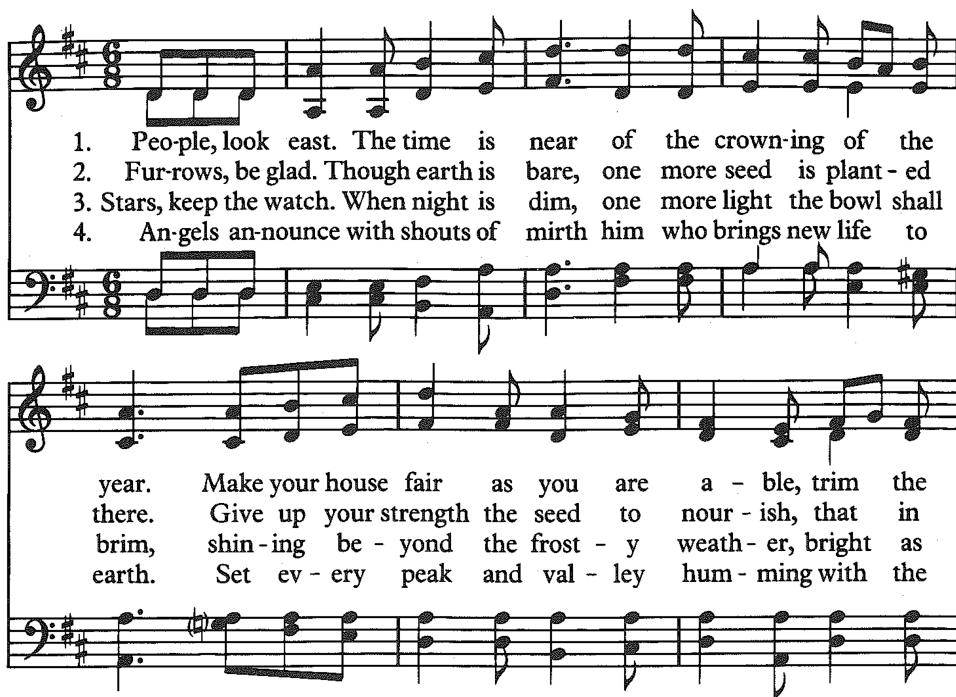
Un-to God be praise and glo - ry: to the Fa-ther and the Son,
to th'e-ter-nal Spir - it hon - or now and ev - er - more be done;
praise and glo-ry in the high - est, while un-end-ing a - ges run.

✦ Offertory Prayer

✦ Hymn 202

People, look east, the time is near

BESANÇON



1. People, look east. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur-rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall
4. An-gels an-nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to
year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the
there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in
brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as
earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the

Peo-ple, look east and sing to - day:

hearth and set the ta - ble.
 course the flower may flour-ish.
 sun and moon to - geth - er.
 word, the Lord is com-ing.

Peo-ple, look east:

Peo-ple, look east:

Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, 1928

MUSIC: Trad. French carol; harm. by Martin Shaw, 1928

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✦ 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

An advent Bible study with Mr. William Cordts follows the service in the Thurman Room. Lunch is provided.

The preacher is the Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.

The soprano soloist is Logan Trotter.

The conductor and organist is Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.

✠ CHRISTMAS AT MARSH CHAPEL ✠

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

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WELCOME TO MARSH CHAPEL

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