MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

A CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF

LESSONS AND CAROLS



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 2024
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING
DANIEL L. MARSH CHAPEL

UN, SHEPHERDS, RUN where Bethlem blest appears,
We bring the best of news, be not dismayed:
A Saviour there is born, more old than years
Amidst Heaven's rolling heights this earth who stayed;
In a poor cottage inned, a Virgin Maid,
A weakling did Him bear, who all upbears,
There is He poorly swaddled, in a manger laid
To whom too narrow swaddlings are our spheres:
Run, Shepherds, run, and solemnize His birth.
This is that night – no, day grown great with bliss,
In which the power of Satan broken is;
In Heaven be glory, peace unto the Earth,
Thus singing through the air the angels swam,

A cope of stars re-echoed the same.

from 'Flowres of Sion', 1630 William Drummond (1585-1649)



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A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 8th, 2024—11:00 a.m. The Second Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

▼ The congregation stands at the chiming of the hour.

1. Solo

NCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,

2. Choir

He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all, And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall; With the poor, and mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior holy.

▼ All join in singing the last four stanzas.

Iesus Christ her little child.



THE BIDDING PRAYER

■ All remain standing as the Dean offers this bidding prayer.

The Dean:

BLOVED IN CHRIST, be it this Christmas-tide our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child: and let us make this Chapel glad with our carols of praise.

But first, because this of all things would rejoice God's heart, let us pray for the needs of the whole world, and all people; for peace upon the earth Christ came to save; for love and unity within the one Church he did build; and for goodwill among all people, and especially within this university and this city of Boston.

And particularly at this time let us remember the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children.

Lastly let us remember before God them who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself has taught us:

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.

The Dean:

The Almighty God bless us with God's grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

All: Amen.

 \maltese The congregation is seated.

et habitavit in nobis; et vidimus gloriam ejus, gloriam quasi unigeniti a Patre, plenum gratiae et veritatis.

[The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.]

> Text: John 1:14 Music: Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)

THE FIRST LESSON

Lector: God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head:

THEY HEARD THE SOUND of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' God said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.' And to the man, God said, 'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, "You shall not eat of it", cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.' Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

DAM LAY YBOUNDEN, Bounden in a bond; Four thousand winter Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,

An apple that he took,

As clerkes¹ finden

Written in their book.²

the Bible

Ne had the apple taken been, The apple taken been, Ne had never our lady A-been heavené queen.

Blessed be the time That apple taken was, Therefore we moun³ singen, Deo gracias!⁴

³must ⁴Thanks be to God

Text: Anonymous, 15th century Music: Boris Ord (1897–1961)

THE SECOND LESSON

Lector: The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior:

HE PEOPLE WHO WALKED in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

N DULCI JUBILO¹
Let us our homage shew;
Our heart's joy reclineth

In præsepio,² ²In the manger

¹In sweet jubilation

And like a bright star shineth

Matris in gremio.³

Alpha es et O!⁴

3On his mother's lap

4Who is Alpha and Omega

O Jesu parvule,⁵ ⁵O infant Jesus

I yearn for thee alway; Hear me, I beseech thee,

O Puer optime,⁶ ⁶Child most excellent

My prayer let it reach thee,

O Patris caritas,9 9O love of the Father
O Nati lenitas!10 10O gentleness of the Son!

Deeply were we stained

But thou hast for us gained

O that we were there!

If that they be not there? There are angels singing

Nova cantica,¹⁴ ¹⁴New songs

There the bells are ringing

In Regis curia:15 15In the King's court

O that we were there!

Text: 15th century German carol Translated: Robert Lucas de Pearsall (1795–1856) Music: Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951) **▼** The congregation stands at the invitation of the Director of Music.



▼ The congregation is seated.

THE THIRD LESSON

Lector: The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary:

N THE SIXTH MONTH the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

HERE IS NO ROSE of such virtue As is the rose that bare Jesu:

Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was Heav'n and earth in little space: *Resmiranda*¹.

And by that rose we may well see that He is God in persons three: *Pari forma*².

Now leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyous birth: *Transeamus*⁴.

¹Wonderful circumstance

²Equal beauty

⁴Let us cross over

Text: Anonymous, 15th century Music: Lucy Walker (b. 1998)

▼ The soprano soloist is Rose Lewis.

THE FOURTH LESSON

Lector: Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus:

N THOSE DAYS A DECREE WENT OUT from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:1, 3-7

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

USH, MY BABE, lie still and slumber; Holy angels guard Thy bed; Heav'nly blessings without number Gently stealing on thy head.

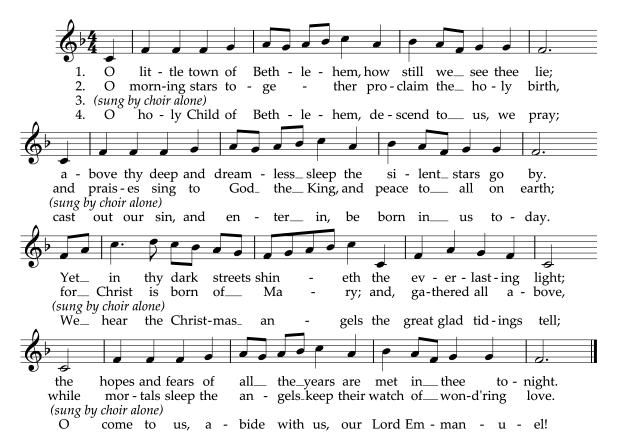
How much better thou art tended Than the Son of God could be, When from heaven He descended, And became a child like thee.

Soft and easy is thy cradle, Coarse and hard thy Saviour lay, When His birthplace was a stable, And His softest bed the hay.

> Text: Isaac Watts (1674–1748) Music: Kentucky Carol Arrangement: Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

▼ The contralto soloist is Caroline Olson.

▼ The congregation stands at the invitation of the Director of Music and joins in singing the stanzas below, as indicated.



The third verse, as sung by the choir:

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his coming; but in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

▼ The congregation is seated.

THE FIFTH LESSON

Lector: The shepherds go to the manger:

N THAT REGION THERE WERE SHEPHERDS living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Luke 2:8-16

Lector: The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

CAROL

ASTERS IN THIS HALL, Hear ye news today. Brought from over sea, And ever I you pray.

> Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell, sing we clear! Holpen are all folk on earth, Born is God's son so dear.

Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell, sing we loud! God today hath poor folk raised And cast a-down the proud. Going o'er the hills,
Through the milk-white snow
Heard the ewes bleat
While the wind did blow.

Shepherds, many a one, Sat among the sheep No man spake more word Than they had been asleep

Quoth I, "Fellows mine," Why this guise sit ye? Making but dull cheer, Shepherds though ye be?"

"Shepherds should of right Leap and dance and sing Thus to see ye sit Is a right strange thing."

Quoth these fellows then, "To Bethlem town we go, To see a mighty lord Lie in manger low."

"How name ye this lord, Shepherds? Then said I, "Very God," they said, "Come from heaven high."

This is Christ the Lord, Masters be ye glad Christmas is come in, And no folk should be sad.

> Text: William Morris (1834–1896) Melody: Marin Marais (1656–1728) Arrangement: Jerrick Cavagnaro (b. 1996)

THE SIXTH LESSON

Lector: The wise men are led by the star to Jesus:

N THE TIME OF KING HEROD, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." 'Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:1–11

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Solo

HREE KINGS FROM PERSIAN LANDS afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travellers three,
Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee,
As Mary's child in her lap they see;
Their royal gifts they show to the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.
Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
The Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
Offer thy heart to the infant King.

Chorale (sung simultaneously with the solo)

Ow BRIGHTLY SHINES the morning star!
With grace and truth from heaven afar
Our Jesse tree now bloweth.
Of Jacob's stem and David's line,
For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,
My soul with love o'erfloweth.
Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us,
Rightly leads us, life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.

The Three Kings
Text (solo): Peter Cornelius (1824–1874)
Text (chorale): Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608)
Music: Peter Cornelius (1824–1874)

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Lector: Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation:

N 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 man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1–14

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

HRIST HAS APPEARED, sent from above, God's holy Son born of his love, Not as a king richly arrayed; Humble and poor, child of a maid.

Shepherds arise, be not afraid, Hasten to where Jesus is laid, Heavenly Lord, Savior divine; Angels on high give us the sign:

Glory to God, honor and praise, This is the glad anthem they raise: Alleluia, Alleluia. Rise up and go, follow the star, Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ is the Lord prophets foretold, Come down to earth, promised of old; Sages will come, led by a star, Bearing their gifts brought from afar.

Angels will sing, welcoming him, Cherubim, Seraphim Join in the song sounding on high, Heaven and earth echo the cry; Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to God, honor and praise, This is the glad anthem they raise: Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ is with us, Gloria, Alleluia, alleluia.

> A Ukrainian Alleluia Text: John Rutter (b. 1945) Music: Traditional Ukrainian Music: Mykola Leontovych (1877–1921)

▼ The congregation stands at the invitation of the Director of Music.



▼ The congregation remains standing.

THE COLLECT

The Dean: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

The Dean: Let us pray:

GOD, YOU MAKE US GLAD by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

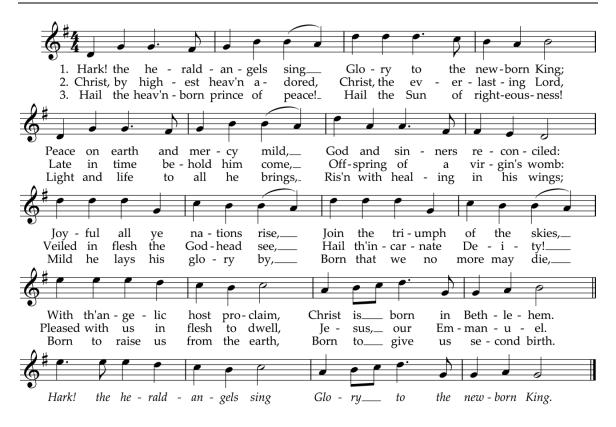
THE BENEDICTION

The Dean:

AY HE WHO BY HIS INCARNATION gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of Almighty God be upon you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

▼ The congregation remains standing.



VOLUNTARY AT THE PROCESSION

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

▲ After the service, Bob and Jan Hill will host an Open House at The Castle, 225 Bay State Road. All are warmly invited to attend.



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| SUNDAY | December 22 | 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. | The Fourth Sunday in Advent Advent Bible Study (Thurman Room) |
| TUESDAY | December 24 | 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Christmas Eve Service Christmas Eve Candlelight Service |
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Thank you for joining us today!

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