

# MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant  
Service of Word and Sacrament  
Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 — 11:00 a.m.  
The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

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The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

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✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Prelude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

*Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)*

### Call to Worship and Greeting

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* *And also with you.*

*Leader:* The Word became flesh and dwells among us!

*People:* *Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth!*

### ✠ Introit

Ex Sion species

*Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)*

Ex Sion species decoris ejus:

Deus manifeste veniet.

Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi,  
in domus Domini ibimus

*Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God hath shined.*

*I was glad when they said unto me,  
let us go into the house of the Lord.*

### ✠ Hymn 182

Word of God, come down on earth

LIEBSTER JESU

### ✠ Collect *(in unison)*

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## ✠ Confession and Forgiveness

*Celebrant:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
Who forgives all our sin,  
Whose mercy endures forever.

*People:* *Amen.*

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*All:* Gracious God,  
*Have mercy on us.*  
*We confess that we have honored you with our lips,*  
*but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.*  
*The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.*  
*In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.*  
*We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.*  
*In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.*  
*Draw near to us with grace in time of need,*  
*And turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*  
*Amen.*

*Celebrant:* God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.  
By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing,  
your sins are forgiven.

*People:* *Amen.*

## **Lesson** Sirach 24:1–12

*Lector:* A lesson from the Book of Sirach, chapter 24, verses 1–12:

Wisdom praises herself and tells of her glory in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth, and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory: "I came forth from the mouth of the Most High and covered the earth like a mist. I encamped in the heights, and my throne was in a pillar of cloud. Alone I compassed the vault of heaven and traversed the depths of the abyss. Over waves of the sea, over all the earth, and over every people and nation I have held sway." Among all these I sought a rest place; in whose inheritance should I abide? "Then the Creator of all things gave me a command, and my Creator pitched my tent. He said, 'Encamp in Jacob, and in Israel receive your inheritance.' Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me, and

for all the ages I shall not cease to be. In the holy tent I ministered before him, and so I was established in Zion. Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my domain. I took root in an honored people in the portion of the Lord is my inheritance.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## **Anthem**

Verbum caro factum est

*Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)*

Verbum caro factum est  
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 by the Father,  
full of grace and truth.*

*John 1: 14*

## **Lesson**

Ephesians 1:3–14

*Lector:* A lesson from the epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 1, verses 3–14:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Wisdom of Solomon 10:15–21

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



*Cantor:* A holy people and blameless race  
wisdom delivered from a nation of oppressors,  
*People:* She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord,  
and withstood dread kings with wonders and signs.  
*Cantor:* She gave to holy people the reward of their labors;  
she guided them along a marvelous way;  
*People:* She became a shelter to them by day,  
and a starry flame through the night.  
*Cantor:* She brought them over the Red Sea,  
and led them through deep waters;  
*People:* but she drowned their enemies,  
and cast them up from the depth of the sea.  
*Cantor:* Therefore the righteous plundered the ungodly;  
they sang hymns, O Lord, to your holy name,  
and praised with one accord your defending hand;  
*People:* for wisdom opened the mouths of those who were mute,  
and made the tongues of infants speak clearly. ♪

✕ **Gloria Patri** from 'Magnificat in G major'

C. V. Stanford (1852–1924)

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     John 1:1–18

*Lector:*                     The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 1, verses 1–18:

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

In 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 overtake 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 testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Lector:*                     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**                    "Word Made Flesh"

The Rev. Dr. Jessica Chicka  
University Chaplain for International Students

✠ Hymn 184                Of the Father's love begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

## ✠ Exchange of Peace

*Celebrant:*                The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always!

*People:*                    *And also with you.*

*All may exchange signs and words of God's peace.*

✠ Hymn 218                It came upon the midnight clear (stanza 1 only)

CAROL

## Offertory Sentences

## At the Offertory Ach, Herr, du Schöpfer aller Ding

Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)

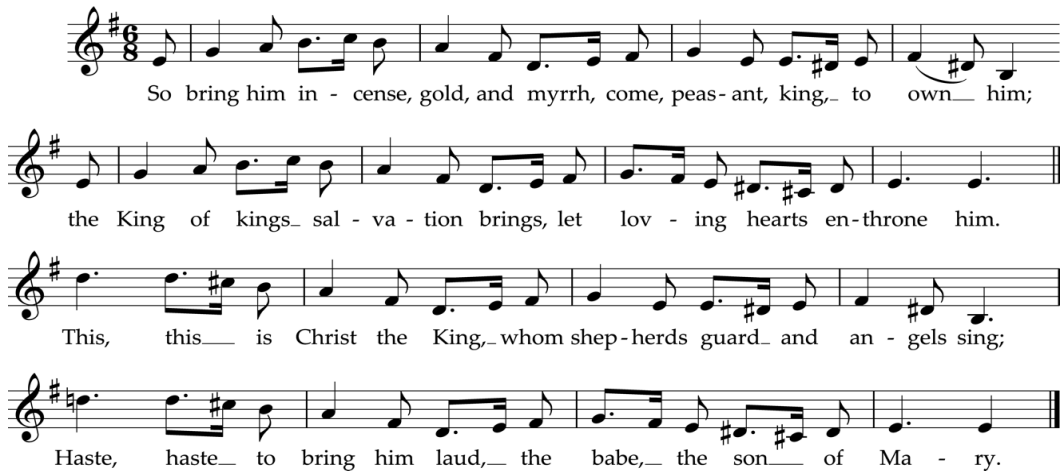
Ach, Herr, du Schöpfer aller Ding,  
wie bist du worden so gering,  
daß du da liegst auf dürrem Gras,  
davon ein Rind und Esel aß!

*O Lord, Creator of all things,  
how have you become so low  
that you lie there on dried grass,  
of which a cow and donkey ate!*

*Martin Luther, "Vom Himmel hoch," verse 9*

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

GREENSLEEVES



So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant, king, - to own him;  
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.  
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.

## ✦ Offertory Prayer

### 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 to the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

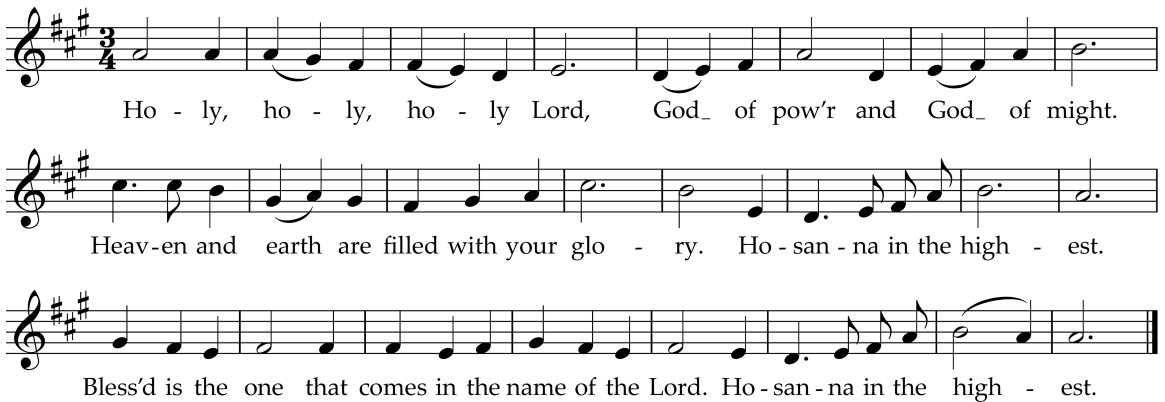
*Celebrant:*

It is indeed our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to God who we cannot see.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

✠ **Sanctus and Benedictus** (*sung by all*)

*Patrick T. Waters (b. 1983)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God\_ of pow'r and God\_ of might.  
Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless'd is the one that comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

✠ **Words of Institution**

*Celebrant:*

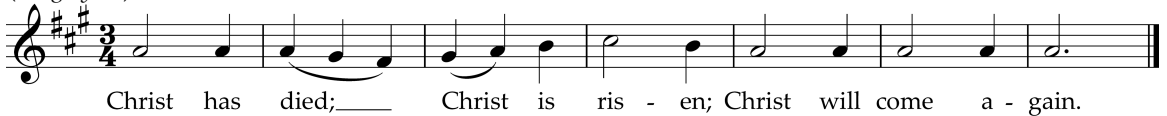
Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made Flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*Celebrant:* Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
And gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

*(sung by all)*



*Celebrant:* With this bread and cup  
We remember your Word  
Dwelling among us,  
Full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth  
In his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.

*People:* *Come, Lord Jesus.*

*Celebrant:* Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

*People:* *Come, Holy Spirit.*

*Celebrant:* All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
One God, now and forever.

*All:* *Amen.*



## ✠ The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant:* Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.*

## ✠ Agnus Dei *(sung by the choir)*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, grant us 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.*

## Motet

Mariä Wiegenlied, from *Schlichte Weisen*, Op. 76

Max Reger (1873–1916)

Maria sitzt am Rosenhag  
Und wiegt ihr Jesuskind,  
Durch die Blätter leise  
Weht der warme Sommerwind.  
Zu ihren Füßen  
singt ein buntes Vögelein:  
Schlaf', Kindlein, süsse,  
Schalf' nun ein!  
Hold ist dein Lächeln,  
Holder deines Schlummers Lust,  
Leg dein müdes Köpfchen  
Fest an deiner Mutter Brust!  
Schlaf', Kindlein, süsse,  
Schalf' nun ein!

*Mary sits in rosy bow'rs  
and rocks her Jesus child,  
Through the leaves so gently  
Blows the warm summer breeze.  
And at her feet  
a pretty bird sings in reply:  
Sleep, baby, sweetest,  
Sleep you now!  
Lovely is your smiling,  
Lovelier still your slumber blest,  
Lay your little tired head  
Closely to your mother's breast!  
Sleep, baby, sweetest,  
Sleep you now!*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant:* We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:* *Amen.*

✦ **Hymn 248**                      On this day earth shall ring                      PERSONENT HODIE

### ✦ **Benediction**

✦ **Response**                      from “In the bleak mid-winter”                      *Gustav Holst* (1874–1934)

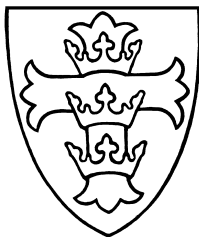
What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

*Christina Rossetti* (1830–1894)

✦ **Postlude**                      Grand Choeur                      *Théodore Salomé* (1834–1896)

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*The preacher and celebrant is the Reverend Dr. Jessica Chicka,  
University Chaplain for International Students.  
The conductor is Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.  
and organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.*



# 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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