

# MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant  
Service of Word and Sacrament  
Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 — 11:00 a.m.  
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

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✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Prelude

### Call to Worship and Greeting

*The Dean:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* And also with you.  
*The Dean:* Lift up your hearts.  
*People:* We lift them up to the Lord!

✠ **Introit** Ex Sion species *Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)*

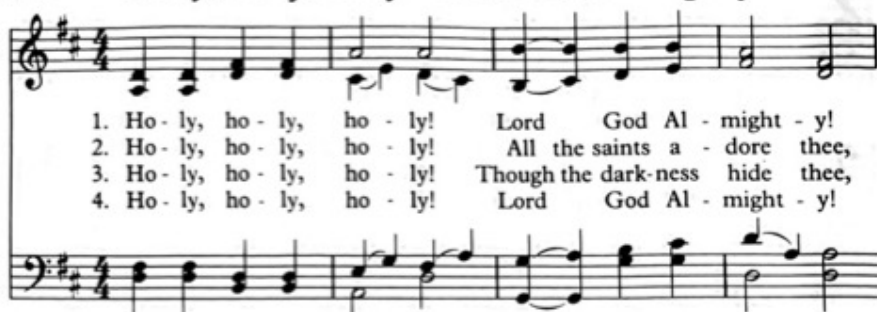
Ex Sion species decoris ejus:	<i>Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,</i>
Deus manifeste veniet.	<i>God hath shined.</i>
Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi,	<i>I was glad when they said unto me,</i>
in domus Domini ibimus	<i>let us go into the house of the Lord.</i>

✠ **Hymn 64** Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! NICAEA

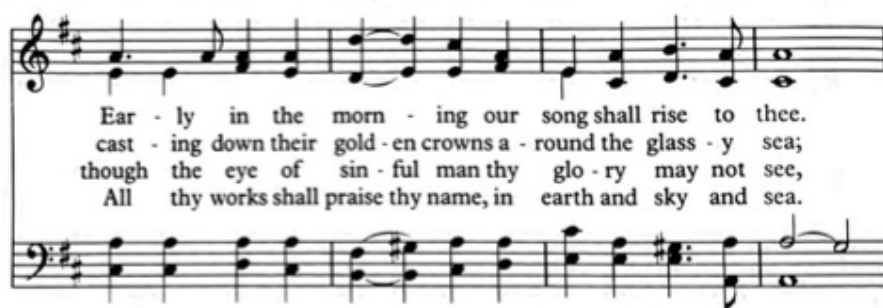
✠ **Collect** (*in unison*)

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# 64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty



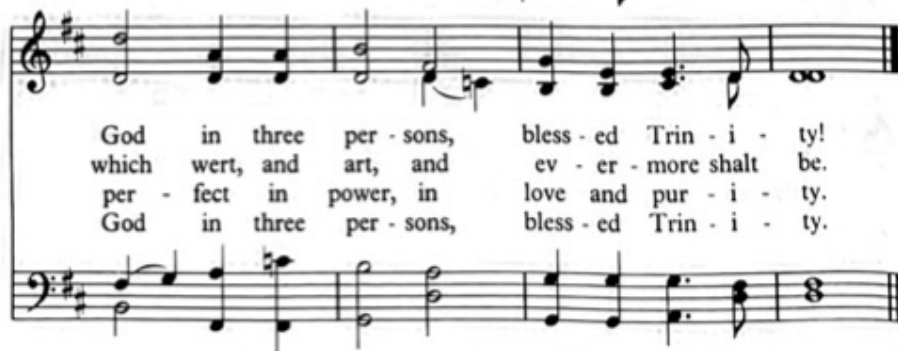
1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

## ✠ Invitation to the Lord's Table

*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.

## ✠ Confession of Sin

*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.*

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

**✕ Hymn 551**

Awake, O sleeper

MARSH CHAPEL

1. A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2. Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full-ness, depth, and height.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.

**Lesson**

Jeremiah 1:4–10

*Lector:*

A lesson from the prophet Jeremiah, chapter 1, verses 4–10:

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

*Lector:*

The Word of the Lord.

*People:**Thanks be to God.***Anthem**

O god, who by the leading of a star

*Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)*

O god, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only begotten Son to the Gentiles,  
Mercifully grant that we which know thee now by faith  
may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Collect for Epiphany***Lesson**

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

*Lector:*

A lesson from Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 13, verses 1–13:

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for

knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 71:1–6

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



O Lord, you are my hope, my trust, Lord, from my youth.

*Cantor:* In you, O LORD, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

*People:* In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.

*Cantor:* Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.

*People:* Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

*Cantor:* For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

*People:* Upon you I have leaned from my birth;  
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you. ♪

✠ **Gloria Patri** from 'Magnificat: St. Peter's, Westminster'

*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 4:21–30

*Lector:*                    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke,  
chapter 4, verses 21–30:

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

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

*Lector:*                    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**                    "Communion Meditation"                    The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ Hymn 182                    Word of God, Come Down on Earth

LIEBSTER JESU

1. Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from  
2. Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
3. Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our  
4. Word that speaks your Fa - ther's love, one with God be -

heaven de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth  
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heaven to die,  
mor - tal blind - ness; deaf we are: our heal - er be;  
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove

faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the  
 loose our tongues to tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in  
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.  
 world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.  
 pit - y spo - ken; heal the world, by our sin bro - ken.  
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one Bread feed us.

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 MUSIC: Johann R. Ahle, 1664  
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## At the Offertory

Ave verum corpus, Op. 166

Mélanie "Mel" Bonis (1858–1937)

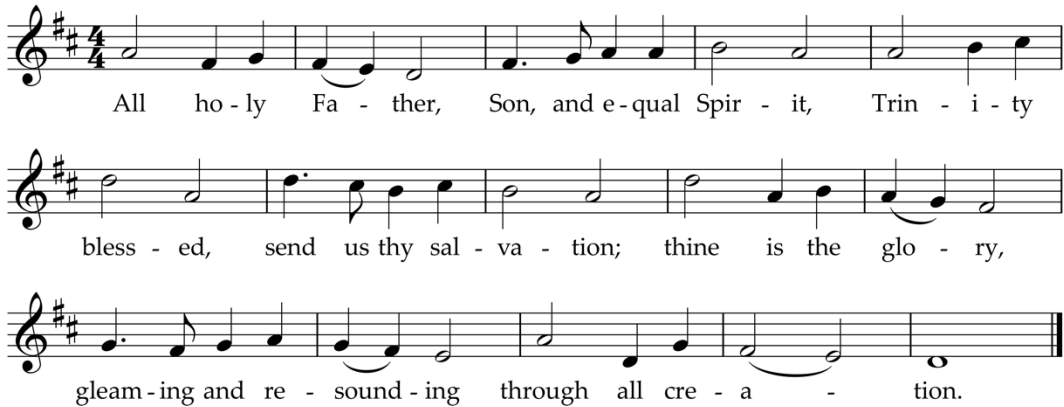
Ave verum corpus  
 natum de Maria Virgine:  
 vere passum, immolatum  
 in cruce pro homine:  
 cuius latus perforatum  
 unda fluxit et sanguine:  
 esto nobis praegustatum,  
 in mortis examine.  
 O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,  
 O Jesu Fili Mariae,  
 miserere mei. Amen

*Hail the true body,  
 born of the Virgin Mary:  
 You who truly suffered and were sacrificed  
 on the cross for the sake of man.  
 From whose pierced side  
 flowed water and blood:  
 Be a foretaste for us  
 in the trial of death.  
 O Jesu sweet, O Jesu pure,  
 O Jesu, Son of Mary,  
 have mercy on me. Amen*

*Hymn for the feast of Corpus Christi*

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

CHRISTE SANCTORUM



Three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: All ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty  
bless - ed, send us thy sal - va - tion; thine is the glo - ry,  
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

✠ **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 up to the Lord.*

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

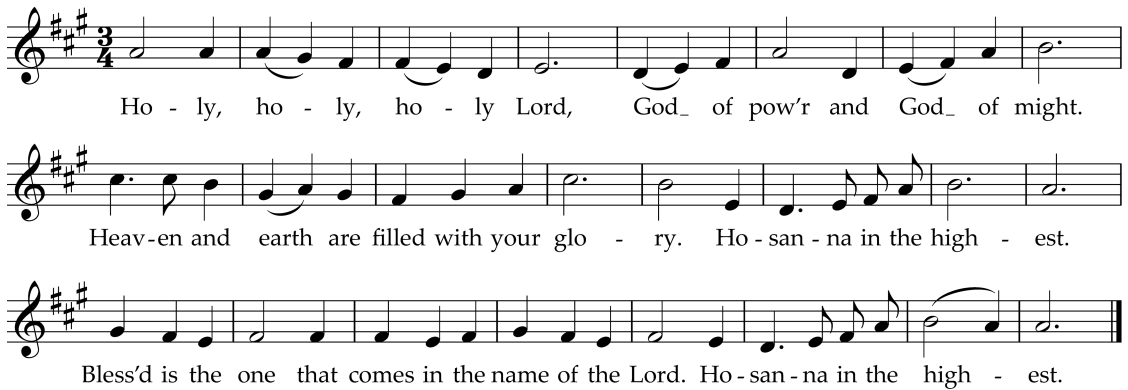
*People:* *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*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.

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)*



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 are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
and to announce that the time had come  
when you would save your people.  
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.  
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.  
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,  
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

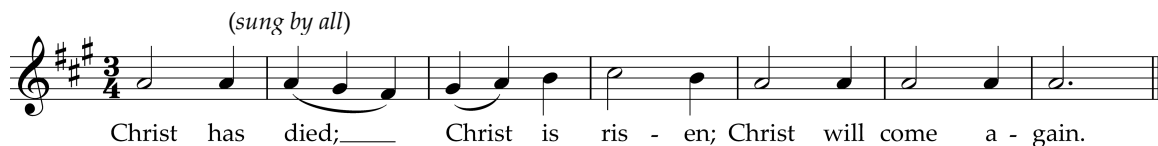
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

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"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."

*Celebrant:* 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.



*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.

Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world,  
and strengthen it in every nation and among every people  
to witness faithfully in your name.

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 your 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, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

## ✠ Distribution of the Elements and Healing Prayer

*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** I sat down under his shadow

*Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)*

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

*Song of Solomon 2:3–4*

### **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 549

Where Charity and Love Prevail

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## THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

## 549 Where Charity and Love Prevail

1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there  
 2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear true  
 3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults as  
 4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let  
 5. Let us re - call that in our midst dwells  
 6. Love can ex - clude no race or creed if

God is ev - er found; brought here to - geth - er  
 char - i - ty we learn; let us with heart and  
 we our faults con - fess; and let us love each  
 all con - ten - tion cease; be Christ the glo - ry  
 God's be - got - ten Son; as mem - bers of his  
 hon - ored be God's name; our com - mon life em -

by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.  
 mind and strength now love Christ in re - turn.  
 oth - er well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
 that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.  
 bod - y joined, we are in him made one.  
 brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

WORDS: 9th cent. Latin; trans. by Omer Westendorf, 1961 (1 Jn. 4:16)  
 MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836; harm. from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

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✂ Benediction

✂ Response                      Peace I leave with you                      Amy Beach (1867–1944)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:  
not as the world giveth give I unto you.  
Let not your heart be troubled.

John 14:27

✂ Postlude

*The preacher and celebrant is The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.  
The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett and Patrick T. Waters.  
Dr. Jarrett played today’s service; the Communion Service was composed by Mr. Waters for Marsh Chapel.*

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

TODAY	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
MONDAY	12:00–1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Tai Chi, Advanced Course (Marsh Room) Community Dinner (Marsh Room)
TUESDAY	12:00–2:00 p.m.	Create Space (Thurman Room)
WEDNESDAY	12:00–1:00 p.m. 1:00–2:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	Tai Chi, All Levels (Marsh Room) Mind, Body, and Spirit Yoga (Robinson Chapel) Ecumenical Service with Eucharist (Robinson Chapel)
THURSDAY	6:30–9:00 p.m.	Marsh Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
FRIDAY	6:00–8:00 p.m.	Spiritual Paint Night (Marsh Chapel, Lower Level)
NEXT SUNDAY	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	The Bach Experience (Nave) Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave) BACH <i>Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ</i> , BWV 91 Inner Strength Gospel Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

## Prophetic Pulpit: Sermons from Marsh Chapel, a digital archive

Since the first sermon was delivered in October of 1950, the pulpit of Marsh Chapel has been a constant and clarion voice for responsible Christian liberalism, *uniting the pair so long disjoined: knowledge and vital piety.*

**Dean Hill's election-year sermons** represent a remarkable, dedicated, and persistent focus: the *courageous Gospel for an anxious nation*. Drawing on three autumn sermon cycles — *A Liberal Faith* (2024), *A Liberal Gospel* (2020), and *The Presidential Election* (2016) — this new collection brings together thirty(!) of Dean Hill's election year sermons. The full collection is now available in written and audio formats and linked on the Marsh Chapel website, [bu.edu/chapel](http://bu.edu/chapel).

These and many more of Dean Hill's sermons are always available on our Sermon blog as well as the Marsh Chapel website — [www.bu.edu/chapel](http://www.bu.edu/chapel).

## Spiritual Paint Night

Friday, February 7

Friday, February 7 — 6:00–8:00 p.m. — Marsh Room, Lower Level

Join Marsh Chapel for a free two-hour spiritual painting experience. Those with no painting experience and well-practiced artists are equally encouraged to attend. Registration required and found on the Marsh Chapel website, [bu.edu/chapel](http://bu.edu/chapel).

## The Bach Experience: *Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ*, BWV 91 **NEXT SUNDAY! FEB 9**

Sunday, February 9 — 9:45a.m. lecture/demonstration; 11:00a.m. service

Join the Marsh Chapel Choir and Collegium for next Sunday's *Bach Experience*, featuring **Cantata 91, *Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ***.

We'll begin in the Chapel Nave at 9:45a.m. with our lecture-demonstration of the day's cantata. All enjoy a complimentary breakfast before the 11a.m. service, in which the cantata is performed in full.



## Groundhog Day: Ice-Skating on the Frog Pond with Jonathan Lee

February 9

*Join Jonathan Lee for Marsh Chapel's*

**Annual Groundhog Day Ice-Skating Celebration**

at the Frog Pond Rink, Boston Common

**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 pm.**

*Admission+skate rental is provided by Marsh Chapel.*

*Please RSVP with the QR code or email Jonathan*

*at [jonblee@bu.edu](mailto:jonblee@bu.edu).*



# MARSH CHAPEL: CLERGY, STAFF, AND AFFILIATES

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Dean and Chaplain of the University

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