

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship

Sunday, January 12^{th} , 2025-11:00 a.m. The First Sunday after Epiphany/The Baptism of Our Lord

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

■ Please rise, as you are able.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Präludium in E major Vincent Lübeck (c.1654–1740)

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 from Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg

Richard Wagner (1813–1883)

Da zu dir der Heiland kam, When, to you, the Savior came, willig deine Taufe nahm, willingly accepted your baptism, eihte sich dem Opfertod, and offered himself as a sacrifice, gab er uns des Heils Gebot: He gave us holy salvation,

dass wir durch sein' Tauf' uns weih'n, that we be consecrated through His baptism,

seines Opfers wert zu sein. to be worthy ofHis sacrifice.

Edler Täufer! Noble baptizer!
Christs Vorläufer! Christ's precursor!
Nimm uns gnädig an, Receive us mercifully

Dort am Fluss Jordan! there, at the River Jordan. from Act I, scene i



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▼ Collect (in unison)

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Kyrie from Missa 'Trahe me post te' *Tomás Luis de Victoria* (1548–1611)

Kyrie eleison, Lord, have mercy,
Christe eleison, Christ, have mercy,
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

The Dean: 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 Isaiah 43:1–7

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Isaiah, chapter 43, verses 1–7:

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

Anthem

Tribus miraculis ornatum

Luca Marenzio (1553–1599)

Tribus miraculis ornatum, We observe this holy day,

diem sanctum colimus: ornamented with three miracles:

Hodie stella Magos duxit ad praesepium: Today wine was made from water at the wedding;

Hodie vinum ex aqua factum est ad nuptias: Today in the Jordan Christ desired

Hodie in Jordane a Joanne Christus to be baptized by John,

baptizari voluit, ut salvaret nos, Alleluia. so that He might save us, Alleluia.

Magnificat Antiphon at Epiphany

Lesson Acts 8:14–17

Lector: A lesson from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 8, verses 14–17:

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

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

♣ Antiphon (sung by all)



Cantor: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;

worship the LORD in holy splendor.

Cantor: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

People: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Cantor: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

People: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

and Sirion like a young wild ox.

Cantor: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

People: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;

and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

Cantor: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

People: May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!

¥ 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 3:15–17, 21–22

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 3, verses 15–17 and 21–22:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

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 strap 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." Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon "Winter Light"

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill Dean of the Chapel



Words: William Whiting (1825-1878), alt. Music: Melita, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)



Prayers of the People and 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 Amen, from "The Lord bless you and keep you" *John Rutter* (b. 1949)

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory Vox de coelo sonuit

Jacob Handl (1550–1591)

Vox de coelo sonuit, et vox Patris audita est: Hic est Filius meus dilectus, in quo mihi complacui: ipsum audite. A voice resounded from heaven, and the voice of the Father was heard: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him."

Antiphon for the Baptism of the Lord

▼ Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)

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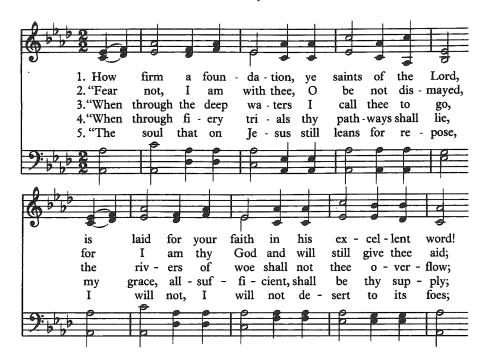


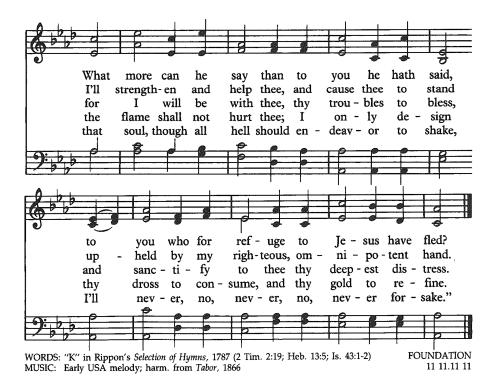
№ Offertory Prayer

¥ Hymn 529

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

FOUNDATION





■ 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

Lobet den Herrn mit Pauken und Zimbeln Schön Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

[Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals] [Alla Handel]

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

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

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.

Following next Sunday's worship service, all are welcome to attend a luncheon at the Howard Thurman Center (808 Commonwealth Avenue; 4 blocks from the Chapel). Limited parking may also be available behind the Center. Some will remember our gathering there, for lunch, five years ago, on Martin Luther King Sunday. Our preacher this year is our friend, colleague, and Advisory Board Member, Dr. Clark Warner.

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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