



# MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant  
Service of Worship

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 — 11:00 a.m.

The First Sunday after Epiphany/The Baptism of Our Lord

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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

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,  
willig deine Taufe nahm,  
ehte sich dem Opfertod,  
gab er uns des Heils Gebot:  
dass wir durch sein' Tauf' uns weih'n,  
seines Opfers wert zu sein.  
Edler Täufer!  
Christ's Vorläufer!  
Nimm uns gnädig an,  
Dort am Fluss Jordan!

*When, to you, the Savior came,  
willingly accepted your baptism,  
and offered himself as a sacrifice,  
He gave us holy salvation,  
that we be consecrated through His baptism,  
to be worthy of His sacrifice.  
Noble baptizer!  
Christ's precursor!  
Receive us mercifully  
there, at the River Jordan.*

*from Act I, scene i*

1. Praise and thanks - giv - ing be to God our mak - er,  
 2. Not our own ho - li - ness nor that we have striv - en  
 3. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come in vis - i - ta - tion;  
 4. Praise to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it;

source of all bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre - a - tor.  
 brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have giv - en.  
 you are the truth, our hope, and our sal - va - tion.  
 one Lord, one faith, one source of ev - ery mer - it.

Bap - tized and made your own, now we come be -  
 Bap - tized and set a - part, strength - en us, O  
 Bap - tize with joy and power, give, O Dove de -  
 Here now re - new your church through this wa - ter

fore you, while we a - dore you.  
 Sav - ior, with grace and fa - vor.  
 scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing.  
 giv - en; grant peace from heav - en.

WORDS: H. Francis Yardley, 1982 (Lk. 3:21-22)  
 MUSIC: *Paris Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. by David Evans, 1927; alt.

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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,  
diem sanctum colimus:

Hodie stella Magos duxit ad praesepeium:

Hodie vinum ex aqua factum est ad nuptias:

Hodie in Jordane a Joanne Christus

baptizari voluit, ut salvaret nos, Alleluia.

*We observe this holy day,*

*ornamented with three miracles:*

*Today wine was made from water at the wedding;*

*Today in the Jordan Christ desired*

*to be baptized by John,*

*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*)

With joy the Lord of Hosts pro - claim;  
ex - tol the great al - might - y name.

*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

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the  
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging  
 3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its  
 at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and  
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

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

## 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,  
thou, - Lord - on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

## 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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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

✘ Hymn 529

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

FOUNDATION

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - ways shall lie,  
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,  
 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 I'll strength-en and help thee, and cause thee to stand  
 for I will be with thee, thy trou- bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on- ly de- sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en- deav- or to shake,

to you who for ref- uge to Je- sus have fled?  
 up- held by my righ- teous, om- ni- po- tent hand,  
 and sanc- ti- fy to thee thy deep- est dis- tress.  
 thy dross to con- sume, and thy gold to re- fine.  
 I'll nev- er, no, nev- er, no, nev- er for- sake."

WORDS: "K" in Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787 (2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5; Is. 43:1-2)  
 MUSIC: Early USA melody; harm. from *Tabor*, 1866

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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**

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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