The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

* Please rise, as you are able.

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship and Greeting**

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

*Hymn 89* Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

*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.
Lesson   Genesis 1:1–5

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Genesis, chapter 1, verses 1–5:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

Anthem   The Last Words of David

Randall Thompson (1899–1984)

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia. Amen.

2 Samuel 23:3–4

Lesson    Acts 19:1–7

Lector: A lesson from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 19, verses 1–7:

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
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!
Gospel Lesson  Mark 1:4–11

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 1, verses 4–11:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon  “By Water and the Spirit” The Reverend Soren Hessler Chapel Associate for Leadership Development

Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant (Hymnal, page 50)

Hymn 192  There’s a Spirit in the air ORIENTIS PARTIBUS
Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

*All:* We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of Marsh Chapel, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Community Life and Announcements

At the Offertory  Elijah Rock  

Elijah rock, Oh! Elijah rock, Oh!
Come on sister help me to pray, tell me my Lord done pass this way.

*Refrain*

Elijah rock, shout, shout. Elijah rock, coming up Lord.
Elijah rock, shout, shout. Elijah rock, coming up Lord.

Satan ain’t nothin’ but a snake in the grass.
He’s a conjour, he’s a liar (Hallelujah, Lord).

*Refrain*

If I could I surely would stand on the rock where Moses stood.
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*Refrain*  

Traditional Spiritual

**Presentation of the Gifts** *(sung by all)*  adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav’n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

**Offertory Prayer**
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.
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.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth,
from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God.
You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the 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) Julian J. Wachner (b. 1969)

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\begin{musicnote}[4]{C, E, G, B, D} \text{Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God of pow'r and might} \\
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\begin{musicnote}[4]{C, E, G, B, D} \text{Heavn' and earth are full of your Glo - ry. Ho-} \\
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\begin{musicnote}[6]{C, E, G, B, D} \text{sa-na in the high-est, Ho - sa-na in the high-est, Ho - sa - na!} \\
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Words of Institution

Celebrant: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation.

In his baptism and in table fellowship he took his place with sinners.
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.

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.

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:
“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.”

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.
(Sung by all):

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.

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.

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. Healing Prayer Stations are offered at every Sunday Communion. Other invitations regarding Communion are found on the next page of this bulletin.
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 604 Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker CHRISTE SANCTORUM

❗ Benediction

Postlude

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The preacher is the Reverend Soren Hessler, Chapel Associate for Leadership Development. The celebrants are Rev. Hessler and the Reverend Jen Quigley, Chapel Associate for Vocational Discernment. The choir is In Choro Novo, conducted by Dr. Thérèse Provenzano. The organist and pianist is Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.
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.

**Healing Prayer Stations:** Marsh Chapel offers prayer for healing at every Sunday Communion service (except the Easter services). If, after partaking of Communion, you are moved to prayer for healing in an area of your life that calls for attention, with the laying on of hands and/or anointing with oil, please join the members of the healing prayer group under the first windows on the pulpit side of the Nave. Please feel free to stay until you are prayed with as the service continues to hold us all in worship.

**This Week at Marsh Chapel**

*The 11:00 a.m. Sunday Interdenominational service will be held every week during the winter break.*

**Today**

11:00 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)  
12:00 noon Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)

**Weekday Chapel activities have been suspended while students are on Winter Break.**

**Next Sunday**

11:00 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)  
12:00 noon Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)

Marsh Chapel is pleased to offer childcare during Sunday morning services. Inquiries can be made in the main office on the lower level of the building.

We are happy to provide free parking for the Sunday morning service (11:00 a.m.) in the lot behind the College of Arts and Sciences (accessible via Bay State Road).
WELCOME TO MARSH CHAPEL

We thank you for joining us this morning for worship, and hope that 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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