The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund  
*Samuel Scheidt (1587–1654)*

Call to Worship and Greeting

*The Dean:* The Lord be with you.
*People:* And also with you.
*The Dean:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
*People:* God’s mercy endures forever.

Introit
Oculi omnium  
Charles Wood (1866–1926)

Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine:  
The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord;
et tu das illis escam in tempore opportuno.  
and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.  
Glory to you, O Lord. Amen.  
*Psalm 145:15*

Hymn 603
Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire  
*Winchester Old*

Collect (in unison)

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Kyrie

from Missa tertia 1944

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

Numbers 21:4–9

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Numbers, chapter 21, verses 4–9:

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Were you there?arr. Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?...

Traditional Spiritual
Lesson  
Ephesians 2:1–10

Lector:  
A lesson from Paul’s epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 2, verses 1–10:

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Lector:  
The Word of the Lord.

People:  
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22

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

Cantor:  
O give thanks to the L ORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

People:  
Let the redeemed of the L ORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

Cantor:  
Some were sick through their sinful ways,  
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

People:  
they loathed any kind of food,  
and they drew near to the gates of death.
Cantor: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;

People: he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

Cantor: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

People: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy. ♫

♫ Gloria Patri ♫

from “Magnificat: Westminster Service” 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 ❈ John 3:5–8, 14–21

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 3, verses 5–8 and 14–21:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

“Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

“And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

♫ Hymn 420 ❈ Breathe on me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM
Sermon  “Merton and Contemplation”  The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

Hymn 164  Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

Call to Prayer  Lead me, Lord (sung by all)

The music to this hymn is found on page 473 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
That makest me dwell in safety.

Prayers of the People

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 from the St. John Passion, BWV 245  J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Durch dein Gefängnis, Gottes Sohn,
Muß uns die Freiheit kommen;
Dein Kerker ist der Gnadenthron,
Die Freistatt aller Frommen;
Denn gingst du nicht die Knechtschaft ein,
Müßt unsre Knechtschaft ewig sein.

Through Your prison, Son of God,
must freedom come to us;
Your cell is the throne of grace,
the sanctuary of all the righteous;
for if you had not undergone servitude,
our slavery would have been eternal.

Community Life and Announcements

At the Offertory  Salvator mundi  John Blow (c.1649–1708)

Salvator mundi, salva nos;
qui per crucem et sanguinem redemisti nos,
auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur, Deus noster.

Savior of the world, save us,
who through thy cross and blood didst redeem us:
help us, we beseech thee, our God.

Antiphon for Matins, Exaltation of the Cross
Presentation of the Gifts *(sung by all)*

Un-to God be praise and glory: to the Father and the Son,
to the-er-nal Spirit honor now and ev-er-more be done;
praise and glory in the high-est, while un-end-ing ages run.

Offertory Prayer

Those wishing to attend Children’s Education may exit the chapel during the singing of the next hymn.

Hymn 341  
I sought the Lord  

Benediction

Response  
God be in my head  
arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)
God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.
God be at mine end and at my departing.

Postlude  
Fugue in D minor, from Op. 65/6  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.
The Marsh Chapel Choir and Marsh Chapel Thurman Choir are conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett and Carey Shunskis.
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.
Coffee hour today will convene in the Narthex. The Girl Scout cookies are gifts to Marsh Chapel from Troop 60064.

All are invited to join in a celebration for the upcoming births of babies at Marsh Chapel after church on March 18.
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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