



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship

Sunday, March 16th, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday in Lent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✦ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The congregation is invited into silent prayer prior to the service.

Prelude

Jesus Christus, unser Heiland

Franz Tunder (1614-1667)

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

Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)

O Lord, open thou our lips. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father...

Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

✦ Hymn 116

The God of Abraham praise

LEONI

✦ Collect *(in unison)*

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Kyrie from 'Mass for Five Voices'

William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

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 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul's second epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 3, verses 1-6:

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Surely we do not need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you, do we? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. Such is the confidence that we have through Christ towards God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem Lift thine eyes (from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy keeper will never slumber.

Psalms 121:1-3

Psalm 121

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



In the shad-ow of your wings I sing for joy.

Cantor: I lift up my eyes to the hills.
 From whence does my help come?

People: *My help comes from the Lord,
 who made heaven and earth.*

Cantor: The Lord will not let your foot be moved,
 the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.

People: *Behold, the One who keeps Israel
 will neither slumber nor sleep.*

Cantor: The Lord is your keeper;
 the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

People: *The sun shall not smite you by day,
 nor the moon by night.*

Cantor: The Lord will keep you from all evil,
 and will keep your life.

People: *The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
 from this time forth and for evermore. ♪*

✘ **Gloria Patri** from 'Jubilate: Collegium Regale' *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 3:1-17

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John,
 chapter 3, verses 1-17:
People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "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." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you

about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 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. "

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

✠ **Hymn 451** Be thou my vision SLANE

Sermon "Calvin for Lent: Letters of Recommendation?"
Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

Call to Prayer Lead me, Lord (*sung by all*) LEAD ME, LORD

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 *adapted from Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

There for me the Savior stands, shows his wounds and spreads his hands.
God is Love! I know, and feel; Jesus weeps and loves me still.

Now incline me to repent, let me now my sins lament,
now my foul revolt deplore, weep, believe, and sin no more. *Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

Community Life and Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory My song is love unknown (from *Cantata for Lent*) Patrick Hadley (1899-1973)

Tenor Solo

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| 1. My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovelier be.
O, who am I, that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh and die? | 2. He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know:
But O! my Friend, my Friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend. |
| 3. In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heaven was his home;
But mine the tomb wherein he lay. | 4. Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King!
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in Whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend. |

Samuel Crossman (1623-1683)

Chorus

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| 1. Light of the lonely pilgrim's heart,
Star of the coming day,
Arise, and with Thy morning beams
Chase all our griefs away. | 2. Come, blessed Lord, bid every shore
And answering island sing
The praises of Thy royal Name,
And own Thee as their King. |
| 3. Bid the whole world, responsive now
To the bright world above,
Break forth in rapturous strains of joy
In answer to Thy love. | 4. Thine was the cross, with all its fruits,
Of grace and peace divine;
Be Thine the crown of glory now,
The palm of victory Thine. |

Edward Denny (1796-1889)

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

PICARDY

The music to this hymn is found on page 296 of the United Methodist Hymnal, verse 5.

Unto God be praise and glory: to the Father and the Son,
To th' eternal Spirit honor now and evermore be done;
Praise and glory in the highest, while unending ages run!

✘ **Offertory Prayer**

Those attending "Children's Ministry" should exit at the back of the sanctuary with Rev. Jen Quigley and Ms. Jamie Dingus during the singing of the next hymn.

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| ✘ Hymn 549 | Where charity and love prevail | ST. PETER |
| ✘ Benediction | | Dean Hill |
| ✘ Response | God be in my head | <i>arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)</i> |

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.

Old English Prayer from Sarum Primer

Please remain standing until the procession has left the nave.

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| Postlude | Wir glauben all an einen Gott, BWV 680 | <i>J. S. Bach (1685-1750)</i> |
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Please take a moment to greet your neighbor in the pew following the postlude.

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

The tenor soloist is Patrick T. Waters.

The Marsh Chapel Choir and Marsh Chapel Thurman Choir are conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett.

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Devotions: Forty Days of Intention

Lent is often thought of as a season of penance and self-denial, but it can also be a time to focus on the ways one is living in community with others and being intentional about his/her actions. Marsh Chapel is pleased to offer an online devotional series for the season of Lent focusing on this theme. From Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday, subscribers to this service receive a daily email with a Biblical passage, a reflection from a member of the Marsh Chapel community, and a practice to take on with intention during the season of Lent. Registration for the Lenten devotion is available on the Marsh Chapel website. For more information, contact Jessica Chicka at jchicka@bu.edu.

Marsh Chapel is pleased to offer **childcare** during our Sunday morning services. Inquiries can be made at 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).

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

TODAY	10:40 a.m.	Intercessory Silent Prayer Group (Nave)
	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
	11:50 a.m.	Children's Ministry (Thurman Room)
	12:00 noon	Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)
MONDAY		Classes Resume – Marsh Chapel Weekly Schedule Resumes
	8:15 a.m.	Guided Meditation (Robinson Chapel)
	5:00 p.m.	Book Group: <i>Sex God</i> (CAS 226)
	6:00 p.m.	Dean's Choice: Community Dinner (Marsh Room)
TUESDAY	12:00 p.m.	Community Lunch (Marsh Room)
	6:00 p.m.	International Fellowship (Thurman Room)
WEDNESDAY	5:15 p.m.	Ecumenical Evening Prayer (Nave)
THURSDAY	12:00 p.m.	Silence Practice (Nave)
	12:20 p.m.	Common Ground Communion (Marsh Plaza)
FRIDAY	5:30 p.m.	Thurman Group (Thurman Room)
NEXT SUNDAY	9:30 a.m.	Global Scripture Study (Robinson Chapel)
	9:45 a.m.	Morning Study Group (Thurman Room)
	10:40 a.m.	Intercessory Silent Prayer Group (Nave)
	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
	11:50 a.m.	Children's Ministry (Thurman Room)
	12:00 noon	Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)
	12:30 p.m.	Thurman Choir (Robinson Chapel)
	12:30 p.m.	Reading the Bible Together at Marsh Chapel (Thurman Room)
	12:30 p.m.	Bonhoeffer: <i>The Cost of Discipleship</i> (GSU, first floor)
	6:30 p.m.	Sunday Vespers (Robinson Chapel)

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.

⏪ *Hearing Assist System available –please ask an usher. 79.200 MHz*

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