



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Worship

Sunday, March 27th, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday in Lent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653 *J. S. Bach* (1685-1750)

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 for ever.*

Introit Introit for the Season of Lent *Julian J. Wachner* (b. 1969)

O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come let us adore him.
The earth is the Lord's and he made it: O come let us adore.

Text adapted from the scriptures by the composer

✠ **Hymn 75** All people that on earth do dwell OLD 100TH

✠ **Opening Prayer** (*in unison*)

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Kyrie Kyrie in A major (for Double Choir) *Felix Mendelssohn* (1809-1847)

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 Exodus 17:1-7

Lector: A lesson from the book of Exodus, chapter 17, verses 1-7:

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem Amazing Grace

arr. Herbert S. Jones

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
I once was blind but now I see.

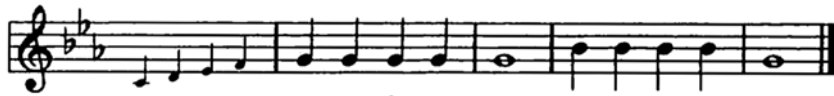
Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Twas grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

John Newton (1725-1807)
Text adapted by the arranger

Psalm 95

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



Hard-en not your hearts; lis-ten to God's voice.

- Cantor:* O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- People:* *Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*
- Cantor:* For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
- People:* *In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.*
- Cantor:* The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
- People:* *O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*
- Cantor:* For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!
- People:* *Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,*
- Cantor:* when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof,
though they had seen my work.
- People:* *For forty years I loathed that generation and said,
"They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they do not regard my ways."
Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest." ♪*

✘ **Gloria Patri** from 'Magnificat: St. Paul Morning 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 4:5-42

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John,
chapter 4, verses 5-42:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper

may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

✠ **Hymn 341** I sought the Lord PEACE

Sermon 'Bonhoeffer: Religionless Christianity' 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.

Choral 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

At the Offertory He's Alright with Me

Edwin R. Hawkins (b. 1943)

He's [just] alright with me!

I tried Him, and I found out that He's [just] alright with me!

✘ **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**

✘ **Hymn 517** By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered

INTERCESSOR

✘ **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.

Old English Prayer from Sarum Primer

Please remain standing until the procession has left the nave.

Postlude Fantasia in G minor, BWV 542/1

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

The Inner Strength Gospel Choir is conducted by Herbert S. Jones.

The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett.

The organist is Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett.

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

TODAY	9:45 a.m.	Morning Study Group: <i>Lilith</i> (Thurman Room)
	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Main Chapel)
	12:00 noon	Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)
	12:30 p.m.	Bible Study: The Sermon on the Mount (Thurman Room)
	4:00 p.m.	Servant Team Meeting and Dinner (Marsh Room)
MONDAY	6:00 p.m.	Community Dinner (Marsh Room)
TUESDAY	12:00 noon	Community Lunch (Marsh Room)
WEDNESDAY	5:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer with Holy Communion (Main Chapel)
THURSDAY	6:30 p.m.	Marsh Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Main Chapel)
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DEAN'S CHOICE

Lecture: "A Key to the Scriptures: Unlocking and Uplifting its Science"

Shirley Paulson, presenter

Thursday, March 31; 5:30-6:30 p.m.

School of Theology, Room 325

Help fund the **Habitat for Humanity** ministry by participating in our fundraising drive: "**Change for Change.**" To donate, just drop by the main office of the chapel between March 23 and April 18, and leave your spare change in the donation bin. Your contribution, along with those of others, will go a long way toward helping the Habitat for Humanity ministry.

Marsh Chapel is pleased to offer **child care** 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).

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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