



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Worship

Sunday, May 29th, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Chaplain: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Chaplain: Lift up your hearts!

People: *We lift them up to the Lord!*

✠ **Introit** Saints bound for heaven *arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw*

Our bondage it shall end by and by. From Egypt's yoke set free, hail the glorious
Jubilee, and to Canaan we'll return by and by. Shouting "Glory to our King", till the
vaults of heaven ring, and thro' all eternity we'll rejoice!

Traditional

✠ **Hymn 88** Maker, in whom we live *DIADEMATA*

✠ **Collect** (*in unison*)

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Kyrie from Missa 'Selva morale e spirituale' *Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)*

Kyrie eleison,

Lord, have mercy,

Christe eleison,

Christ, have mercy,

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

The Chaplain: 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 Acts 17:22-31

Lector: A lesson from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 17, verses 22-31:

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him--though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem If ye love me *Thomas Tallis* (c. 1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, e'en the spirit of truth.

John 14:15-17

Lesson 1 Peter 3:13-22

Lector: A lesson from the first epistle of St. Peter, chapter 3, verses 13-22:

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep

your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

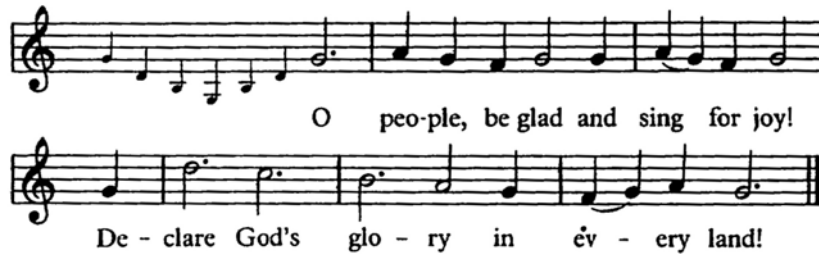
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:8-20

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



O peo-ple, be glad and sing for joy!
De - clare God's glo - ry in ev - ery land!

Cantor: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

People: For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.

Cantor: You brought us into the net;
you laid affliction on our loins;

People: you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us forth to a spacious place.

Cantor: I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
I will pay you my vows, that which my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

(over)

*People: I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.*
*Cantor: Come and hear, all you who worship God,
and I will tell what God has done for me.*
People: I cried aloud to God, who was highly praised with my tongue.
*Cantor: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.*
*People: But truly God has listened, and has given heed to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me. ♪*

✘ Gloria Patri from 'Magnificat in G major' C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)

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 14:15-21

*Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 14,
verses 15-21:*

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

✘ Hymn 132 All my hope is firmly grounded MICHAEL

Sermon "If...Then..." Br. Lawrence A. Whitney, LC+
University Chaplain for Community Life

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 Call to remembrance

Richard Farrant (c. 1530-1580)

Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindness, which hath been ever of old, O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to Thy mercy think Thou on me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.

Psalms 25:5-6

Community Life and Offertory

At the Offertory Sicut Moses, SWV 68

Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

Sicut Moses serpentem in deserto exaltavit,
ita filium hominis oportet exaltari,
ut omissis qui credit in eum non pereat,
sed habeat vitam aeternam.

*As Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
that whoever believes in him
may have eternal life.*

John 3:14-15

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

CWM RHONDDA

The music to this hymn is found on page 577 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

✘ **Offertory Prayer**

✘ **Hymn 573** O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling

TIDINGS

✘ **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

The preacher is Br. Lawrence A. Whitney, LC+, University Chaplain for Community Life.

The conductor and organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.

DEAN ROBERT ALLAN HILL: SPEAKING EVENTS, 2011

January 16	Cambridge, MA	Harvard Memorial Church
May 11	Rolling Ridge Retreat Ctr. North Andover, MA	New England Annual Conference, UMC Stewardship Training
June 7 & 30	Syracuse, NY	Lemoyne College
June 8 & 10	Rochester, NY	Upper New York Conference, UMC
July 17	New Harford, NY	First United Methodist Church
July 31	North Hampton, NH	Union Chapel
August 21	Ithaca, NY	TBD
September 18	Concord, MA	Trinitarian Congregational Church (UCC)

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The events listed here will take place weekly throughout the summer. Additional events for the week will be listed in the bulletin as it becomes necessary.

SUNDAYS 11:00 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship
 12:00 noon Coffee Hour (First Sundays, Potluck Lunch)

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.

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

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