



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship

Sunday, August 23rd, 2015 –11:00 a.m.
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Dean: Lift up your hearts.

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

✦ **Introit** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *arr. Scott Allen Jarrett (b. 1975)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him! *Joachim Neander*

✦ **Hymn 98** To God be the glory, great things he hath done! TO GOD BE THE GLORY

✦ **Collect** (*in unison*)

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 'O quam gloriosum'

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

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 Kings 2:1-14

Lector: A lesson from the second book of Kings, chapter 2, verses 1-14:

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent. Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 84

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

♪ **Antiphon** (sung by all)



- Cantor: How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!
- People: *My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.*
- Cantor: Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- People: *Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.*
- Cantor: Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- People: *As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.*
- Cantor: They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.
- People: *O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!*
- Cantor: Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.
- People: *For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.*
- Cantor: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- People: *O LORD of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you. ♪*

✦ **Gloria Patri** (*sung by all*)

WESTMINSTER ABBEY



Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or to the Son,
laud and hon - or to the Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;
one in might and one in glo - ry, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

✦ **Gospel Lesson** John 6:56:69

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John,
chapter 6, verses 56-69:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

[Jesus:] "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

✦ **Hymn 703** Swing low, sweet chariot (stanzas 1 and 2)

SWING LOW

Sermon "Chariot of Fire"

Dean Robert Allan Hill

✘ **Hymn 703** Swing low, sweet chariot (stanzas 3 and 4) SWING LOW

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

Julian J. Wachner (b. 1970)

Rise upon us, Holy Spirit, fill us with the Father's power,
Blow upon us in your wildness, catch us Jesus in this hour.
Seal us with your edgy comfort, shake us from our stodgy ways.
Groan in us to voice the sure truth that we live as yours today.

Robert Cummings Neville, 2014

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden, BWV 230 *J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Lobet den HERRN, alle Heiden,
und preiset ihn, alle Völker!
Denn seine Gnade und Wahrheit
waltet über uns in Ewigkeit.
Alleluja.

*O praise the LORD, all ye nations;
praise him, all ye people!
For his merciful kindness is great toward us,
and the truth of the LORD endureth forever.
Alleluia.*

Psalms 117

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

NUN DANKET; *arr. John Rutter* (b. 1945)

The musical score is written on four staves in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: "All praise and thanks to God The Fa-ther now be giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est hea - ven, The One e - ter - nal God, Whom heav'n and earth a - dore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more. A - men."

✘ **Offertory Prayer**

✘ **Hymn 512** Stand by Me (When the storms of life are raging)

STAND BY ME

✘ **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

✘ **Postlude**

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

The conductor and organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY 10:40 a.m. Intercessory Silent Prayer Group (Nave)
 11:00 a.m. **University Service of Matriculation**
 12:00 noon Coffee Hour

A variety of fellowship activities are planned for next week as students arrive back on campus. For more information about any of the first-week events listed below, contact Br. Larry Whitney at lwhitney@bu.edu or Chaplain Jessica Chicka at jchicka@bu.edu.

Matriculation Service

Sunday, August 30 ~ 11:00 a.m. ~ Marsh Chapel, Nave

Community Dinner

Monday, August 31 ~ 6:00 ~ Marsh Room

Charleston Forum

Tuesday, September 1 ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ Marsh Chapel, Nave

First Day of Classes Breakfast

Wednesday, September 2 ~ 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. ~ Marsh Room

Tai Chi and Chai Tea

Wednesday, September 2 ~ 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. ~ BU Beach

Religious Life Fair and Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, September 2 ~ 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. ~ Marsh Plaza

Dean's Tea

Wednesday, September 2 ~ 3:00pm ~ Thurman Room

Interfaith Ice Cream Social and Speed Friending

Thursday, September 3 ~ 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. ~ Marsh Chapel

First Friday Fellowship

Friday, September 4 ~ 6:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. ~ Marsh Chapel

Boston Common Picnic

Saturday, September 5 ~ 12:00 noon. ~ Meet on Marsh Plaza

Interdenominational Protestant Worship

Sunday, September 6 ~ 11:00 a.m. ~ Marsh Chapel, Nave

BBQ Lunch and Blessing of the Books, Bags, and Bikes

Sunday, September 6 ~ 12:00 noon ~ Marsh Chapel, Nave

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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