



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship

Sunday, May 28th, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

The Ascension of Our Lord (observed)

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✦ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Prelude

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Chaplain: O Lord, open our lips

People: *and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

The Chaplain: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

✦ **Introit**

Cantate Domino

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

Cantate Domino canticum novum,
cantate Domino omnis terra.

*Sing to the Lord a new song,
sing to the Lord all the earth.*

Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus.

Sing to the Lord and bless his name:

Annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.

Proclaim his salvation from day to day.

Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus,

Declare his glory among the nations,

in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.

his wonders among all people.

Psalm 96: 1-3

✦ **Hymn 312**

Hail the day the sees him rise

LLANFAIR

✦ **Collect** (*in unison*)

O God, Sovereign of glory, you have exalted Jesus Christ with great triumph to your realm in heaven: we earnestly ask you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and exalt us to the place where our Savior Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

The Chaplain: Christ died to sin once for all, and now lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Kyrie

from Missa 'pour ung plaisir'

Blasius Ammon (c. 1560-1590)

Kyrie eleison, *Lord, have mercy,*
Christe eleison, *Christ, have mercy,*
Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*

Absolution

The Chaplain: Risen and ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God.

All: Amen.

Psalm 104:26-35

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)

Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y,
who rules all cre - a - tion.

Cantor: There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

People: *These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;*

Cantor: when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

People: *When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.*

Cantor: When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

People: *May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—*

Cantor: who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

People: *I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.*

Cantor: May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

People: *Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.
Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD.*

All: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. ♪*

Lesson Isaiah 65:17-25

Lector: A lesson from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 65, verses 17-25:

For I am about to create new heaven and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long

enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem

Viri Galiaei

Dulos Couillart (died 1534)

Viri Galiaei,
quid admiramini aspicientes in coelum?
Hic Jesus, qui assumptus est a vobis
in coelum, sic veniet. Alleluia.

*Ye men of Galilee,
why stand ye gazing up into heaven?
This same Jesus, which is taken up from you
into heaven, shall so come. Alleluia. Acts 1:11*

Lesson

Revelation 21:1-8

Lector: A lesson from the Revelation to St. John chapter 21, verses 1-8:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

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Sermon

"Development"

Br. Lawrence A. Whitney, LC†
University Chaplain for Community Life

荀子 (*Xunzi*)勸學 (*Quan Xue – An Exhortation to Learning*) – ¶8

Learning—where should it begin and where should it end! I say: Its proper method is to start with the recitation of the Classics and conclude with the reading of the *Rituals*. Its real purpose is first to create a scholar and in the end to create a sage. If you genuinely accumulate and earnestly practice for a long time, then you will become an initiate. Learning continues until death and only then does it stop. Thus, though the methods employed to learn come to a conclusion, the purpose of learning must never, even for an instant, be put aside. Those who undertake learning become men; those who neglect it become as wild beasts. Truly the *Documents* contain the record of governmental affairs. The *Odes* set the correct standards to which pronunciations should adhere. The *Rituals* contain the model for the primary social distinctions and the categories used by analogical extension for the guiding rules and ordering norms of behavior. Accordingly, when learning has been perfected in the rituals, it has come to its terminus. Surely this may be called the culmination of the Way and its Power! The reverence and refinement of the *Rituals*, the concord and harmony of the *Music*, the breadth of the *Odes* and *Documents*, the subtlety of the *Annals*—all the creations of Heaven and Earth are completed in them. (John Knoblock, *Xunzi: A Translation and Study of the Complete Works*. Vol. 1. Stanford University Press, 1988. 139-140).

The Gospel according to Mark 16: 14-20

Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.’

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it. (NRSV)

✦ Hymn 319

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands (stanzas 1-3 only)

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN

Call to Prayer (*sung by all*)

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - eous - ness;

make thy way plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord,

thou, - Lord - on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

FINLANDIA, *Jean Sibelius* (1685-1957)

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up 'til all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee -- let thy will be done.

Georgia Harkness (1891-1974)

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory All people clap your hands

Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)

All people clap your hands, sing loud unto the Lord with a joyful voice.
God is gone up with triumph, ev'n the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
Praise the Lord with harp, sing unto Him with viol and instruments of music.
Let us rejoice in the living God from this time forth for evermore. Amen.

adapted from Psalm 47

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

adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦ **Offertory Prayer**

✦ Hymn

Hail thee, festival day!

SALVE FESTA DIES



Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for



ev - er, day when the Christ a - scends, high in the



hea - vens to reign. reign.



1 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the

3 God the Cre - a - tor, the Lord who rul - est the

5 Spi - rit of life and of power, now flow in us,



ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre -

earth and the hea - vens, guard us from

fount of our be - ing, light that dost



a - ted on earth sing to the glo - ry of God:

harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in:

light - en - all, life that in all dost a - bide:



2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the

4 Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our

6 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou Love who art

Repeat Refrain

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

SUNDAYS	10:40 a.m.	Intercessory Silent Prayer Group (Nave)
	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship
	12:00 noon	Coffee Hour (First Sundays, Covered Dish Luncheon)

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).

SPECIAL EVENTS: JUNE

JUNE 4	12:00 noon	Community Luncheon (Marsh Room) <i>Featuring a presentation on planned giving by Sharon Wheeler, Associate Director of Planned Giving at Boston University.</i>
JUNE 4	12:45 p.m.	Melissa Aubuchon – Gordon Benson Wedding (Nave) <i>Melissa and Gordon would like to cordially invite the Marsh Chapel Community to their wedding following the Community Luncheon.</i>
JUNE 11	9:45 a.m.	Summer Reading Discussion
JUNE 18	9:30 – 11 a.m.	Annual Father's Day Brunch
JUNE 25	12 – 1:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School: "Pizza and Psalms" <i>Led by Bob and Jan Hill.</i>

SUMMER WORSHIP

Each year, from late May to early September, many from our community of faith are away from Boston. Nevertheless, over the last several years we have continued to provide our regular worship service—with choir, sermon, and liturgy—every Sunday all summer (and broadcast on WBUR, 90.9 FM). If you are visiting here this summer, we are delighted to have you with us, and hope you will come back soon. Our full fall worship schedule begins with Matriculation Sunday on September 3, and we also hope you will plan to join us that day. In addition, some special summer education and fellowship events are provided, including our Summer Preaching Series (this year on the theme "New Directions in Discipleship") and first-Sunday covered dish luncheons. For personal or pastoral needs, please contact the Chapel office at 617.353.3560.

MARSH CHAPEL SUMMER PREACHING SERIES 2017

“New Directions in Discipleship”

- July 2** **Br. Lawrence A. Whitney, LC+**
University Chaplain for Community Life, Boston University, Boston, MA
- July 9/30** **The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill**
Dean of Marsh Chapel and Professor of New Testament and Pastoral Theology
Boston University, Boston, MA
- July 16/23** **The Rev. Dr. Stephen M. Cady, II**
Senior Minister, Asbury First United Methodist Church
Rochester, NY
- August 6** **The Rev. Victoria Hart Gaskell**
Chapel Associate for Methodist Students, Boston University, Boston, MA
- August 13/20** **The Rev. Rebecca W. Dolch**
Retired United Methodist Minister
Upper New York Conference, Ithaca, NY
- August 16** **The Rev. Laura Merrill**
Executive Director, Mission Vitality Center
Rio Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church

DEAN HILL'S SUMMER SPEAKING AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

- June 1** Upper New York Conference, UMC, Syracuse, NY
- June 11** Asbury First United Methodist Church, Rochester, NY
- June 25** Marsh Chapel, Boston University, Boston, MA
- July 9** Marsh Chapel, Boston University, Boston, MA
- July 11** Lemoyne College, Syracuse, NY
- July 23** Union Chapel, North Hampton, NH
- July 30** Marsh Chapel, Boston University, Boston, MA
- August 1** Lemoyne College, Syracuse, NY
- August 6-12** Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY

Dean Hill's summer writings and sermons may be found at:

- The Huffington Post Contributor: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/author/robert-allan-hill>
- Dean Hill's Blog: <http://deanhill.blogspot.com/>
- The Marsh Chapel Sermon Blog: <http://blogs.bu.edu/sermons/>

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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Marsh Chapel Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WBUR 90.9 FM.

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