Please rise, as you are able.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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!

Introt

Cantate Domino

Psalm 96:1–3

Hymn 92

For the beauty of the earth

Collect (in unison)

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 ‘pour ung plaisir’  
Blasius Ammon (c. 1560–1590)

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

Genesis 29:15–28

_Lector_: A lesson from the Book of Genesis, chapter 29:15–28:

Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

_Lector_: The Word of the Lord.

_People_: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

O God, be merciful  
Christopher Tye (c. 1500–1573)

O God, be merciful unto us, and bless us:  
and shew us the light of his countenance upon us.  
So be it.  

_Psalm 67:1_
Lesson Romans 8:26–39

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul’s Epistle to the Romans, chapter 8, verses 26–39:

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1–11, 45b

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

♫ Antiphon (sung by all)

They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

Cantor: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Cantor: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.
Cantor: Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
    his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
People: O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
    children of Jacob, his chosen ones.  
Cantor: He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.  
People: He is mindful of his covenant forever,  
    of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,  
Cantor: the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,  
People: which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,  
    to Israel as an everlasting covenant,  
Cantor: saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan  
    as your portion for an inheritance."  
People: Praise the LORD! 🎵

=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=  Matthew 13:31–34, 44–52

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew,  
    chapter 13, verses 31–34 and 44–52:  
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone  
took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest  
of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He  
told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in  
with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." Jesus told the crowds all these things in  
parables; without a parable he told them nothing.

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in  
his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a  
merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he  
had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and  
captured fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into  
baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and  
separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be  
weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said
to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 144 This is my Father’s world

Sermon “A Little Beauty” The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

Hymn 189 Fairest Lord Jesus

Call to Prayer Lead me, Lord (sung by all)

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 and The Lord’s Prayer

Response 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.

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory Dominus meus et Deus meus Cristóbal de Morales (c.1500–1553)

Dominus meus et Deus meus,
ego credidi quia tu es Christus,
Filius Dei vivi;
qui in hunc mundum venisti.
In manus tuas Domine
commendo spiritum meum.
Redemisti me, Domine,
Deus veritatis.

My Lord and my God,
I believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of the living God,
who has come into this world.
Into your hands, Lord,
I commend my spirit.
You have redeemed me, O Lord,
the God of truth.
**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’n-ly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn 664**  
**Sent forth by God’s blessing**  
*THE ASH GROVE*

**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**

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*The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.  
The conductor and organist is Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.*

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University Chaplain for Community Life, Boston University, Boston, MA

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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 27  The Rev. Laura Merrill
Executive Director, Mission Vitality Center
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DEAN HILL’S SUMMER SPEAKING AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

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
August 20  Fayetteville United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, NY

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• The Huffington Post Contributor: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/author/robert-allan-hill
• Dean Hill’s Blog: http://deanhill.blogspot.com/
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