Please rise, as you are able.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 550

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

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

Cantate Domino

Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)

Cantate Domino canticum novum, Sing to the Lord a new song,
cantate Domino omnis terra. 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 103

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

Collect (in unison)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Lesson  Exodus 3:1–15

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Exodus, chapter 3, verses 1–15:

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem  Bless the Lord, O my soul  Carson P. Cooman (b. 1982)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy.
And the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Psalm 103:1–2, 8, 11, 17a, 22b
Lesson Romans 12:9–21

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul’s Epistle to the Romans, chapter 12, verses 9–21:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1–6; 23–26; 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: Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.

People: And the LORD made his people very fruitful, and made them stronger than their foes,

Cantor: whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

People: He sent his servant Moses, and Aaron whom he had chosen. 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 16:21–28

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 16, verses 21–28:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 133 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms SHOWALTER

Sermon “Spiritual Life in College” The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean
Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory    Hear my prayer   Words and music by Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the morning when I rise.
It’s your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within your arms.
It’s your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

When my work on earth is done, and you come to take me home.
Just to know I’m bound for glory, and to hear you say: well done.

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
**Invitation to Confession**

*Celebrant:* Jesus said: Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled. As brothers and sisters in God’s family, we come together to ask God for forgiveness.

**Confession of Sin**

*All:* Father, you are always present,
Forgive us for not reflecting your faithfulness.
Jesus, you are always self-giving,
Forgive us for living for ourselves.
Holy Spirit, you always lead us forward,
Forgive us for holding back.

**Absolution**

*Celebrant:* May God almighty forgive all your sins, and keep you walking in love, through the Spirit, for Christ’s sake.

*All:* Amen.

**Exchange of Peace**

*Celebrant:* “Where two or three are gathered together in my name,” says Jesus, “there am I in the midst of them.”
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange signs and words of God’s peace.*

**Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

*Celebrant:* Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us; nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven.

*All:* Amen.
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

✈ The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

✈ Sanctus and Benedictus (sung by all)  

Julian J. Wachner (b. 1969)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God of pow’r and might

Heav’n and earth are full of your Glory. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna!

Bless’ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
Words of Institution

Celebrant: How wonderful the work of your hands, O God. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled, your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Savior, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

Jesus offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death, opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, Jesus came to supper with friends and, taking bread, gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Eucharistic Acclamation

Celebrant: Great is the mystery of faith:

(Sung by all):

Thrice Holy God, we plead with confidence Christ’s sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember Jesus’ dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.
Celebrant: Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendor for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, almighty and all-loving God, in songs of everlasting praise:

All: Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours forever and ever. Amen.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Celebrant: And now, with the confidence of children of God, we are bold to pray:

All: 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.

**The Fraction**

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

**Agnus Dei** (sung by the choir)

**Distribution of the Elements**

Celebrant: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to this supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Marsh Chapel at Boston University is an interdenominational faith community and all are welcome and invited to participate in Communion today. If you do not feel comfortable receiving the elements of Communion, you may, if you wish, come forward and receive a blessing instead. Simply let the server know when you approach. If you are unable to come forward, we will come to you with Communion or for a blessing—just raise your hand after the others have finished. We provide both wine (pulpit side) and an alcohol-free grape juice (lectern side). Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

**Healing Prayer Stations:** Marsh Chapel offers prayer for healing at every Sunday Communion service (except the Easter services). If, after partaking of Communion, you are moved to prayer for healing in an area of your life that calls for attention, with the laying on of hands and/or anointing with oil, please join the members of the healing prayer group under the first windows on the pulpit side of the Nave. Please feel free to stay until you are prayed with as the service continues to hold us all in worship.
Communion Motet  Venite comedite  William Byrd (1543–1623)

Venite comedite panem meum,  
et bibite vinum quod miscui vobis.  

Come, eat my bread,  
and drink the wine which I have prepared for you.

Tract for Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament

Postcommunion  (in unison)

God of all mercy, in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: 
grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken 
world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

�性 Hymn 127  Guide me, O thou great Jehovah  CWM RHONDDA

�性 Benediction

�性 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

�性 Postlude  Festival Toccata  Percy Fletcher (1879–1932)

The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.
The celebrant is Br. Lawrence A. Whitney, LC†, University Chaplain for Community Life.
The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marsh Chapel has noted with horror the devastation wrought by Hurricane Harvey on our 
friends in Texas and Louisiana. For information on how you can assist, contact:

- The United Methodist Committee on Relief  
  458 Ponce De Leon Avenue NE  
  Atlanta, Georgia 30308  
  Email: umcor@umcor.org  
  To donate by phone: 1.888.252.6174

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).
We at Marsh Chapel welcome students back to campus today! **A number of activities are planned for this week as students begin classes.** For more information about any of the events listed below, contact Br. Larry Whitney at lwhitney@bu.edu or Chaplain Jessica Chicka at jchicka@bu.edu.

**TODAY**
- 10:40 a.m. Intercessory Silent Prayer Group (Nave)
- 11:00 a.m. University Matriculation Service (Nave)
- 12:00 p.m. Covered Dish Luncheon (Marsh Room)

**MONDAY**
- Labor Day — Marsh Chapel Offices Closed

**TUESDAY**
- Day Instruction Begins — Marsh Chapel Weekly Schedule Begins
  - 8:00—10:00 a.m. First Day of Classes Breakfast (Marsh Room)
  - 3:00 p.m. Create Space (Marsh Chapel, Lower Level)
  - 6:00 p.m. Global Dinner Club (Thurman Room)

**WEDNESDAY**
- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Religious Life Fair and Ice Cream Social (Marsh Plaza)
- 5:15 p.m. Ecumenical Evening Prayer (Nave)
- 5:30 p.m. BU United Methodist Fellowship (Thurman Room)

**THURSDAY**
- 12:00 p.m. Silence Practice (Nave)
- 12:20 p.m. Common Ground Communion (Marsh Plaza)
- 4:30 p.m. Marsh Chapel Garden Party (BU Beach)
- 6:00 p.m. Marsh Chapel Choir Auditions (Nave)
- 6:30 p.m. Marsh Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

**FRIDAY**
- 11:00 a.m. The Greening of the Dorms (Marsh Plaza)

**SATURDAY**
- 6:30 p.m. Food Service and Fellowship (Thurman Room)

**NEXT SUNDAY**
- 9:45 a.m. Morning Study Group (Thurman Room)
- 10:35 a.m. Take Note (Robinson Chapel)
- 10:40 a.m. Intercessory Silent Prayer Group (Nave)
- 11:00 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
- 11:50 a.m. Children’s Education (Thurman Room)
- 12:00 p.m. Barbeque Lunch (BU Beach)
- 12:30 p.m. Thurman Choir Rehearsal (Robinson Chapel)
- 12:30 p.m. Bible Study (Thurman Room)

**Marsh Chapel Choir Auditions** will take place this Thursday, September 7, from 6-9 p.m. in the Main Chapel. Those auditioning should plan to stay for the entire rehearsal period. Please email the music staff at musicmar@bu.edu to reserve an audition slot.
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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