The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Prelude        Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659  J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean:     The Lord be with you.
People:       And also with you.
The Dean:     Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
People:       Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Introit       People look east  arr. Barry Ferguson (b. 1942)

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: love, the guest, is on the way.  

Hymn 203      Hail to the Lord’s Anointed  Ellacombe

Collect (in unison)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
**Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

_Celebrant:_ Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Confession of Sin**

_All:_ Merciful God
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

_Celebrant:_ Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love towards us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

_People:_ In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

_All:_ Glory to God. Amen.

**Exchange of Peace**

_Celebrant:_ The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always!

_People:_ And also with you.

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

**Hymn 192** There’s a Spirit in the air (stanzas 1 and 2 only) _Orientis Partibus_
Lesson Jeremiah 33:14–16

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Jeremiah, chapter 33, verses 14–16:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

Anthem Tröstet, tröstet mein Volk

Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)

Tröstet, tröstet mein Volk,
Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,
Redet mit Jerusalem freundlich,
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem
Prediget ihr daß ihre Ritterschaft ein Ende hat,
And cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished
Denn ihre Missetat ist vergeben;
That her iniquity is pardoned;
Denn sie hat zwiefältiges empfangen
For she hath received
Von der Hand des Herren
Of the Lord’s hand
Um alle ihre Sünde.
Double for all her sins.
Es ist eine Stimme
The voice of him
Eines Predigers in der Wüste:
That crieth in the wilderness.
Bereitet dem Herren den Weg,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
Machet auf dem Gefilde
Make straight in the desert
Ebene Bahn unserm Gott.
A highway for our God,
Alle Tal sollen erhöhet werden,
Every valley shall be exalted,
Und alle Berge und Hügel
And every mountain and hill
Sollen erniedriget werden,
Shall be made low;
Und was ungleich ist, soll eben werden,
And the crooked shall be made straight,
Und was hökkerig ist, soll schlecht werden,
And the rough places plain;
Denn die Herrlichkeit des Herren
And the glory of the Lord
Soll offenbar werden.
Shall be revealed.
Und alle Fleisch miteinander wird sehen,
And all flesh shall see it together,
Daß der Herren Mund redet.
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Isaiah 40:1–5
**Lesson**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

*Lector:* A lesson from Paul’s first Epistle to the Thessalonians, chapter 3, verses 9–13:

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 25:1–10**

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

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To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
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Gloria Patri  
from Magnificat (Collegium Sancti Johannis)  

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

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  

Lector:  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke,  
chapter 21, verses 25–36:

People:  

Glory to you, O Lord.

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations  
confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of  
what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see  
'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to  
take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told  
them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for  
yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place,  
you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until  
all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.  
"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the  
worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who  
live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to  
escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Lector:  
The Gospel of the Lord.

People:  
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon  
“Communion Meditation”  
The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

Hymn 198  
My soul gives glory to my God  

MORNING SONG

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory  
Lo, how a rose e’er blooming  
arr. David Blackwell (b. 1961)

1. Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming  
From tender root hath sprung!  
Of Jesse’s lineage coming  
As those of old have sung.  
Brought forth a flower bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
And in the dark midnight.

2. The Rose, which I am singing,  
Whereof Isaiah told,  
Is Mary, purest maiden,  
Who bears the holy child.  
At God’s eternal will,  
She bore to us a Saviour,  
Yet stays a virgin still.
3. O flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death now save us,
And share our every load.

German, 16th c. (st. 1/2); 19th c. (st. 3)

\* Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)

\* Offertory Prayer

\* The Sacrament of Holy Communion

\* The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant: You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus and Benedictus (sung by all)*

Julian J. Wachner (b. 1969)

Words of Institution

Celebrant: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations. You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts and have mercy on those who fear you from generations to generation. You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree. You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away.
Celebrant: Your own Son came among us as a servant, to be Emmanuel, your presence with us. He humbled himself in obedience to your will and freely accepted death on a cross. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(Sung by all):

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.
**The Lord’s Prayer**

*Celebrant:* And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us 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.

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

**Distribution of the Elements**

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**At Communion**

*Ave, maris stella*  
Edvard Grieg (1843–1907)

Ave, maris stella, Dei Mater alma,  
Atque semper Virgo, Felix caeli porta.  
Solve vincla reis, Profer lumen caecis,  
Mala nostrae pelle, Bona cuncta posce.  
Vitam praesta puram, Iter para tutum,  
Ut videntes Jesum, Semper collaetemur.  
Sit laus Deo Patri, Summo Christo decus  
Spiritui Sancto, Tribus honor unus. Amen.

Hail, star of the sea, loving Mother of God,  
and also always a virgin, Happy gate of heaven.  
Break the chains of sinners, Bring light to the blind,  
Drive away our evils, Ask for all good.  
Keep life pure, Make the journey safe,  
So that, seeing Jesus, we may always rejoice together.  
Praise to God the Father, Glory to Christ in the highest,  
To the Holy Spirit, One honor to all three. Amen.

Hymn at Vespers on feasts of the Virgin Mary

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Those wishing to attend Children’s Education may exit the chapel during the singing of the next hymn.*
**Hymn 196**  
Come, thou long-expected Jesus  

**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**  
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661  
(J. S. Bach (1685–1750))

_The preacher and celebrant is the Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel._  
_The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music._  
_The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music._

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**COMMUNION AT MARSH CHAPEL**

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.

**Those interested in year-end giving may consider ongoing support for the Endowment of the Deanship of Marsh Chapel. For more information visit** [www.bu.edu/stewardship](http://www.bu.edu/stewardship).
**THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL**

**TODAY**
9:45 a.m. Morning Study Group (Thurman Room)
10:35 a.m. Take Note (Robinson Chapel)
11:00 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
11:50 a.m. Children’s Education (Thurman Room)
12:00 p.m. Covered Dish Luncheon (Marsh Room)
12:30 p.m. Bible Study (Thurman Room)

**MONDAY**
12:15 p.m. Monday Meditation (Robinson Chapel)
5:30 p.m. Ecumenical Night Prayer (Nave)
6:00 p.m. Community Dinner (Marsh Room)
7:30 p.m. Religion on Tap (BU Pub)

**TUESDAY**
3:00 p.m. Create Space (Marsh Room)
6:00 p.m. Global Dinner Club (Thurman Room)

**WEDNESDAY**
5:15 p.m. Ecumenical Service with Eucharist (Nave)

**THURSDAY**
12:00 p.m. Silence Practice (Nave)
5:00 p.m. Mind, Body, and Spirit Yoga (Robinson Chapel)
5:00 p.m. Christmas Tree Trimming (Nave)

**FRIDAY**
6:00 p.m. University Service of Lessons and Carols (Nave)

**NEXT SUNDAY**
9:45 a.m. Morning Study Group (Thurman Room)
11:00 a.m. Service of Lessons and Carols (Nave)
11:50 a.m. Children’s Education (Thurman Room)
12:00 p.m. Dean’s Open House (BU Castle, 225 Bay State Road)
12:30 p.m. Bible Study (Thurman Room)
3:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service (Nave)

To receive our monthly newsletter, **Common Ground**, please email Heidi Freimanis-Cordts, Director of Hospitality, at hrf@bu.edu.

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.

Our children’s education is available every Sunday during the school semester. Those interested are invited to leave the service during the last hymn for a time of lessons, crafts, and fun.

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.

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