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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!

Introt from the All-Night Vigil, Op. 37 Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873–1943)

Priidite, poklonimsya Tsarevi nashemu Bogu. O come, let us worship God our King.
Priidite, poklonimsya i pripadyom Yemu O come, let us worship and fall down before Him.

Hymn 100 God, whose love is reigning o’er us Lauda anima

Collect (in unison)

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Kyrie based on the motet “Hear the voice and prayer”  

Thomas Tallis (c.1505–1585)

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

Ruth 3:1–5, 4:13–17


Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do." So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Total Praise  

Richard Smallwood (b. 1948)

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills  
Knowing my help is coming from you;  
Your peace you give me in time of the storm.  
You are the source of my strength.  
You are the strength of my life.  
I lift my hands in total praise to you. Amen.
Psalm 127

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

🎵 Antiphon (sung by all)

Tell to every generation
that the Lord will be our guide.

Cantor: Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
      Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.
People: It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,
        eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.
Cantor: Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD,
      the fruit of the womb a reward.
      Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth.
People: Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them.
        He shall not be put to shame when he speaks to his enemies in the gate.🎵

✠ 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 Mark 12:38–44

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark,
        chapter 12, verses 38–44:
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be
greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places
of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long
prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and
watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor
widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his
disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."


*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Hymn**

Eternal Father, strong to save

1. Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
   rest- less wave, who bidd'st the migh - y oce - an deep its
   own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we

2. O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging
   at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and
calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we

3. Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
   dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

4. O Tri - n - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in
   dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.

rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.
Sermon
“Hold Fast To What Is Good” The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

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
from “Abide with Me” Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s pow’r?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

Henry F. Lyte (1793–1847)

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory Glorify the Lord Smallwood

Glory; glorify the Lord.
Praise his name for all that he’s done.
Lift his name, let’s glorify the Lord.
Oh, praise him, let’s glorify the Lord.

Love him, Praise him,
Thank him, Love him,
Glorify the Lord.
Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)

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

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given, The
Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven, The
One eternal God, Whom heav’n and earth adore; For
thus it was, is now, And shall be ever more. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Those wishing to attend Children’s Education may exit the chapel during the singing of the next hymn.

Hymn 730  O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power  St. Michael

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 Inner Strength Gospel Choir is conducted by Herbert S. Jones.
The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.
The organist is Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett.
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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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