The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

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!

Introit

from “Arise, shine, for thy light has come”  
Kenneth Jennings (1925-2015)

Arise, shine, for thy light has come,
And the glory of the LORD has risen upon thee.  
Isaiah 60:1

Hymn 117

O God, our help in ages past  
St. Anne

Collect (in unison)

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Kyrie

from Missa tertia 1944  
Lajos Bárdos (1899–1986)

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

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

*Lector:* A lesson from the prophet Nehemiah, chapter 8, verses 1–3, 5–6, and 8–10:

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Die Himmel erzählen die Ehre Gottes, SWV 386  
*Heinrich Schütz* (1585–1672)

Die Himmel erzählen die Ehre Gottes,  
und die Feste verkündigt seiner Hande Werk.  
Ein Tage sagt's dem andern,  
und eine Nacht tut's kund der andern.  
Es ist keine Sprache noch Rede,  
da man nicht ihre Stimme höre.  
Ihre Schnur gehet aus in alle Lande,  
und ihre Rede an der Welt Ende.  
Er hat der Sonne eine Hütte in derselben gemacht; *He has made a tabernacle for the sun within them;*

The heavens describe the glory of God,  
and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.  
One day tells it to another,  
and one night makes the next aware of it.  
There is no speech or language  
in which their voice is not heard.  
Their tale is sent forth into all the lands,  
and their story to the ends of the earth. 
For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.
Psalm 19

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

The law of God is just, reviving the soul.

Cantor: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

Cantor: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

People: yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Cantor: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

People: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

Cantor: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

People: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

Cantor: the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

People: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Cantor: Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

People: But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Cantor: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

People: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. 📁
Gloria Patri from ‘Magnificat (Winchester Service)’

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 Luke 4:14–21

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke,
chapter 4, verses 14–21:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 368 My hope is built (The Solid Rock) THE SOLID ROCK

Sermon “Hope is the Negation of Negation” 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 and The Lord’s Prayer

Response Amen, from “Lo, the full, final sacrifice” Gerald Finzi (1901–1956)

Community Life and Offering
At the Offertory  Cantique de Jean Racine, Op. 11  Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)

Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance, Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux, De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence: Divin sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.

Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante; Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix; Dissipe ce sommeil d'une âme languissante Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!

Ô Christ! sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle, Pour te bénir maintenant assemblé; Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle, Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.

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

The music to this hymn is found on page 160 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

Praise God who reigns on high, The Lord whom we adore, The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

**Offertory Prayer**

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

**Hymn 178**  Hope of the World  VICAR

**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**
# This Week at Marsh Chapel

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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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