ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
The Dean: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People: God’s mercy endures forever.

Introit from “Venite exultemus Domino” Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
O come, let us worship, and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our God. Psalm 95:1, 2, 6

Hymn

1. I bind unto myself today the strong Name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.
Only stanzas 2 and 5 of the following:

2. I bind this day to me forever, by power of faith, Christ's Incarnation; 
   love of cherubim; the sweet "Well done" in 
   God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his 

3. I bind unto myself the power of the great 
   judgment hour; the service of the seraphim; 
   giving ray, the whiteness of the moon at even, 
   might to stay, his ear to hearken, to my need; 

4. I bind unto myself today the virtues 
   in it, his bursting from the spicéd tomb; his riding 
   confessors' faith, apostles' word, the patriarchs' 
   the flashing of the lightning free, the whirling 

5. I bind unto myself today the power of 
   his bursting from the spicéd tomb; his riding 
   confessors' faith, apostles' word, the patriarchs' 
   the flashing of the lightning free, the whirling 

up the heavenly way; his coming at the 
prayers, the prophet's scrolls; all good deeds done un-
wind's tempestuous shocks, the stable earth, the 
guide, his shield to ward; the word of God to 

the day of doom: I bind unto myself today. 
to the Lord, and purity of virgin souls. 
deep salt sea, around the old eternal rocks. 
give me speech, his heavenly host to be my guard.
Stanza 6, in harmony:

*6. Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
   Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
   Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,
   Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

The final stanza, in unison:

7. I bind unto myself the Name, the strong Name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

Of whom all nature hath creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word: praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord.
Collect (in unison)

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Kyrie from Missa ‘O quam gloriosum’

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

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 Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Genesis, chapter 15, verses 1–12 and 17–18:

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates...."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.
**Anthem**  Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt, SWV 380

*Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)*

Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt,
 daß er seinen eingebornen Sohn gab,
 auf daß alle, die an ihn glauben,
 nicht verloren werden,
 sondern das ewige Leben haben.

*For God so loved the world
that he gave his only-begotten son,
so that all who believe in him
would not be forsaken,
but would have everlasting life.*

*John 3:16*

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**Lesson**  Philippians 3:17–4:1

*Lector:* A lesson from Paul’s epistle to the Philippians, chapter 3, verse 17 through chapter 4, verse 1:

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

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**Psalm 27**

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

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*Cantor:* The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

*People:* When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—

my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.
Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.

Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

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.

Lector:  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 13, verses 31–35:

People:  Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"


People:  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 115  How like a gentle spirit

Sermon  "The Divine Presence and St. John of the Cross"  Dean Robert Allan Hill

Call to Prayer (sung by all)  Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)
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 “Were you there? arr. Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory Crucifixus a 8

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis, [He was] crucified also for us
sub Pontio Pilato: under Pontius Pilate,
passus et sepultus est suffered, and was buried.

from the Ordinary of the Mass

※ Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)

Praise and glory in the highest, while endless ages run.

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

✧ **Hymn 451**  
Be thou my vision  

✧ **Benediction**

✧ **Response**  
God be in my head  

arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

Old English Prayer from Sarum Primer

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.

✧ **Postlude**

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*The preacher 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.*
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On Thursday, March 21, from 6:30–8:00 p.m., Dean Hill will be a featured panelist on the Howard Thurman Center’s **Student Forum on Religion**, hosted by BU professor Virginia Sapiro. All are welcome to attend.

On Saturday evening, March 23, at 8:00 p.m., join the Marsh Chapel Choir and Collegium for their March Concert: **Music of the Italian Baroque**. The program features Lotti’s brief Credo in F, a Vivaldi cello concerto featuring cellist Guy Fishman, and Handel’s choral *tour-de-force* Dixit Dominus, written in the Italianate style while Handel was living in Italy. This concert, as well as all Marsh Chapel Choir concerts, are offered free of charge. (Duration: approx. 70 minutes).

On Sunday afternoon, March 24, at 3:00 p.m., members of the queer community (LGBTQ+) and their allies are invited to join at the Old West Church (131 Cambridge Street) for a **Service of Lamentation, Resistance, and Celebration** in response to the actions of the UMC General Conference of 2019. All persons who are friends of equality and justice within God’s Church are invited to attend.

**Lenten Devotions**

For the sixth year, the ministry staff of Marsh Chapel offers a daily emailed Lenten devotion from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday. Each email includes a scripture passage, reflection, and encouragement for further action or more information. Registration for the Lenten devotion is currently available on the Marsh Chapel website under the heading “Worship — Devotions.”

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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