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: God is gone up with a shout!
People: The Lord with the sound of the trumpet! Alleluia!

Introit Saints bound for heaven arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Our bondage it shall end by and by. From Egypt’s yoke set free, hail the glorious Jubilee, and to Canaan we’ll return by and by. Shouting “Glory to our King”, till the vaults of heaven ring, and through all eternity we’ll rejoice! Traditional

Hymn 312 Hail the day the sees him rise LLANFAIR

Collect (in unison)

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. 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 632** Draw us in the Spirit’s tether (stanza 1 only)
Lesson Acts 1:1–11

Lector: A lesson from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 1, verses 1–11:

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Non vos relinquam orphans

Non vos relinquam orphans. Alleluia.        I will not leave you comfortless. Alleluia.
Vado, et venio ad vos. Alleluia.            I go, and I will come to you. Alleluia.
Et gaudebit, cor vestrum. Alleluia.        And your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.

Antiphon at First Vespers of Pentecost

Lesson Ephesians 1:15–23

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul’s Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 1, verses 15–23:

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and
power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

**Psalm 47**

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

*Cantor:* Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.
*People:* For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.
*Cantor:* He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.
*People:* He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
*Cantor:* God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
*People:* Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
*Cantor:* For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.
*People:* God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.
*Cantor:* The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.
*People:* For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.
Gloria Patri  from ‘Magnificat in B-flat major, Op. 10’  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.


Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke,
chapter 24, verses 44–53:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon  Ascension Communion Meditation  Dean Robert Allan Hill

Hymn 189  Fairest Lord Jesus  ST. ELIZABETH

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory  God is gone up with a merry noise  William Croft (1678–1727)

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
O sing praises unto our God: O sing praises unto our King.
For God is the King of all the earth: O sing ye praises with understanding. Amen.

Psalm 47:5–7
**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 heaven and earth adore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be ever more. Amen.

**Offertory Prayer**

**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 up to the Lord.
*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
*People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,
and set before us the way of life.
Celebrant: 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)

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Celebrant: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
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.
By your great mercy we have been born anew
to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead
and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.
Once we were no people, but now we are your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.
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Celebrant: When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy 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.”

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

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 and Healing Prayer**

_Marshal Chapel at Boston University is an interdenominational faith community and all are welcome and invited to participate in Communion today. Healing Prayer Stations are offered at every Sunday Communion. Other invitations regarding Communion are found on the next page of this bulletin._

**Motet**  
_Viri Galiae_  
_Dulos Couillart (died 1534)_

_Viri Galiae,  
quid admiramini aspicientes in coelum?  
Hic Jesus, qui assumptus est a vobis  
in coelum, sic veniet. Alleluia._

_Ye men of Galilee,  
why stand ye gazing up into heaven?  
This same Jesus, which is taken up from you  
into heaven, shall so come. Alleluia._

_Aets 1:11_

**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.

**Hymn 327**  
_Crown him with many crowns_  
_Diaademata_

**Benediction**
Response

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 and celebrant is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.
The conductor and organist is Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.

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.

Summer Worship

Each year, from late May to early September, many from our community of faith are away from Boston. Nevertheless, we continue to provide our regular worship service—with choir, sermon, and liturgy—every Sunday all summer (broadcast on WBUR, 90.9 FM). If you are visiting here this summer, we are delighted to have you with us, and hope you will come back soon. Our full fall worship schedule begins with Matriculation Sunday on September 1, and we also hope you will plan to join us that day. In addition, some special summer education and fellowship events are provided, including our Summer Preaching Series (this year on the theme “Faith in Community”) and first-Sunday covered dish luncheons. For personal or pastoral needs, please contact the Chapel office at 617.353.3560.
Summer Schedule of Events

The events listed here take place weekly throughout the summer. Additional events for the week will be listed in the bulletin as it becomes necessary.

**Sundays**
- 11:00 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship
- 12:00 noon Coffee Hour (First Sundays, Covered Dish Luncheon)

Community Announcements

As is our annual custom, we are very pleased to welcome Ms. Sharon Wheeler, from the BU Planned Giving Office, to greet us today. Sharon will also speak during our covered dish luncheon, immediately following worship today.

Ms. Heidi Freimanis-Cordts, our Director of Hospitality, continues to solicit information for the **next edition of our photo directory**. Please see her following worship to insure your inclusion in the directory.

Those seeking a copy of “Forms of Ministry in our Midst”, a description of life at Marsh Chapel, may obtain one from Heidi Freimanis-Cordts following worship.

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).

Our **preachers in this year’s Summer Preaching Series**, on the theme “Faith in Community”, include: Dr. Robert Franklin (June 23 and June 30), Br. Lawrence A. Whitney, PhD, LC† (July 7), Dr. Jessica Chicka (July 14), the Rev. Dr. Jen Quigley (July 21), the Rev. Dr. Victoria Hart Gaskell (July 28 and August 4), the Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill (August 11 and August 18), and the Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman (August 25). For more details on the Summer Preaching Series, visit our website at bu.edu/chapel.

**Dean Hill’s summer speaking schedule** this year includes: the Marsh Sundays listed above; the Syracuse Upper New York UMC Conference (June 3–8); the New England Congregational Ministers Barth Study (June 10–11); Lakeside Chautauqua, Ohio (June 22–28); Park United Methodist Church, Hamilton, New York (July 7); Lemoyne College Retreat (July 8); Union Chapel, North Hampton, New Hampshire (July 21), and Point O’Woods, New York (August 20–26).
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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