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: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts.
People: The whole earth is full of God’s glory.

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!

HYMN 61
Come, thou almighty King

COLLECT (in unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Kyrie

from ‘Missa Secunda’

Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)

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

1 Samuel 15:34–16:13

Lector: A lesson from the first book of Samuel, chapter 15, verse 34 through chapter 16, verse 13:

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.
Anthem

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–1585)

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding, that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name, all the days of our life, that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

from Lidley’s Prayers, 1566

Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:6–17

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul’s second epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 5, verses 6–17:

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation.

Cantor: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.
People: Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

Cantor: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

People: what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

Cantor: Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

People: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,

Cantor: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

People: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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.

Gospel Lesson John 16:12–15

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 16 verses 12–15:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 465 Holy Spirit, Truth divine

Sermon “The God of Second Chances” The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean
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 “Set me as a seal”  

René Clausen (b. 1953)

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.  

Song of Solomon 8:6a

Community Life and Offering
At the Offertory  God so loved the world (from *The Crucifixion*)  *John Stainer* (1840–1901)

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

*John 3:16–17*

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

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✠ **Offertory Prayer**

✠ **Hymn 368**  *My hope is built (The Solid Rock)*  *The Solid Rock*

✠ **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 Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.

The conductor and organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.
**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.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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.

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); the Liberal Methodist Scholars Colloquium, Dallas, Texas (August 7–9); 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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