



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship

Sunday, August 11th, 2019 — 11:00 a.m.

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

◀ Hearing Assist System available — please ask an usher. 79.200 MHz

✘ Please rise, as you are able.

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!*

✘ **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 103** Immortal, invisible, God only wise ST. DENIO

✘ **Collect** (*in unison*)

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Kyrie from 'Missa Secunda'

Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)

Kyrie eleison, *Lord, have mercy,*
Christe eleison, *Christ, have mercy,*
Kyrie eleison. *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 Isaiah 1:1, 10–20

Lector: A lesson from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 1, verse 1, and verses 10–20:

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem If ye love me

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, e'en the spirit of truth.

John 14:15–17

Lesson Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Lector: A lesson from the epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 11, verses 1–3 and 8–16:

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23

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



Be ex - alt - ed, O God, a - bōve the heavens!



Let your glo - ry o - ver all the eārth be found.

Cantor: The mighty one, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

Cantor: Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before whom is a devouring fire,
round about whom is a mighty tempest.

People: *God calls to the heavens above and to the earth,
that the people may be judged:*

Cantor: "Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

People: *The heavens declare God's righteousness,
for God himself is judge.*

Cantor: "Hear, O my people, and I will speak,
O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

People: *Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.*

Cantor: "Mark this, then, you who forget God, or I will tear you apart,
and there will be no one to deliver.

People: *Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me;
to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God."* 🎵

✘ **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** Luke 12:32-40

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 12, verses 32-40:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon “Alive to Possibility” The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ **Hymn 730** O day of God, draw nigh ST. MICHAEL

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 “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 O clap your hands Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

O clap your hands together, all ye people; O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
For the Lord is high and to be feared; He is the great King upon all the earth.
He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.
He shall choose out an heritage for us, even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.
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 the Lord our King.
For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with the understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat.
For God, which is highly exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield. *from Psalm 47*
Glory be to the Father...

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

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

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of 4/4. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the music.

All praise and thanks to God The Fa-ther now be giv - en, The
Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est hea - ven, The
One e - ter - nal God, Whom heav'n and earth a - dore; For
thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more. A - men.

✘ **Offertory Prayer**

✘ **Hymn 529** How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord FOUNDATION

✘ **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 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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The Chapel Office is open 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and on Sunday mornings.

Marsh Chapel Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WBUR 90.9 FM.

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