THE REVEREND DOCTOR ROBERT ALLAN HILL, DEAN

The Liturgy of the Word

The congregation is invited into silent prayer prior to the service.

Prelude

Präludium in G minor, BuxWV 149

Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637–1707)

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!

Hymn 160

Rejoice, ye pure in heart

Marion

Collect (in unison)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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  
Jeremiah 2:4–13

Lector:  
A lesson from the prophet Jeremiah, chapter 2, verses 4–13:

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Lector:  
The Word of the Lord.

People:  
Thanks be to God.

Anthem  
Pilgrims’ Hymn (from The Three Hermits)  
Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)

Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God,  
When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer;  
Unceasing love, surpassing all we know.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,  
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You;  
Endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream.  
Both now and for ever, and unto ages and ages, amen.

Michael Dennis Browne (b. 1940)
Psalm 81:10–16

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

Sing praise to God our rock, in whom we take our refuge.

Cantor: Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

People: I am the LORD your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

Cantor: "But my people did not listen to my voice;
Israel would not submit to me.

People: So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,
to follow their own counsels.

Cantor: O that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!

People: Then I would quickly subdue their enemies,
and turn my hand against their foes.

Cantor: Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him,
and their doom would last forever.

People: I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

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 14:1, 7–14

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 14, verses 1 and 7–14:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by
your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."


*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**  “A Day of New Beginnings”  The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

*Hymn 383*  This is a day of new beginnings (stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 5)

### Community Life and Offering

**At the Offertory**  Let the people praise thee, O God

Let the people praise thee, O God:
   yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad:
   for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
      and govern the nations upon earth.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase:
   and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us:
   and all the ends of the world shall fear him.
God be merciful unto us, and bless us:
   and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.
That thy way may be known upon earth:
   thy saving health among all nations.

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.

*Psalm 67, adapted by the composer*
**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 heav’n 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,
and spoke to us through your prophets.
Celebrant: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

[Music notation for Sanctus and Benedictus]

Words of Institution

Celebrant: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. 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.
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.”

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

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Motet Jesu, dulcis memoria Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

Jesu, dulcis memoria, Jesus, how sweet the very thought,
Dans vera cordis gaudia: Giving true joy to the heart,
Sed super mel et omnia But sweeter than honey and all else
Ejus dulcis praesentia. In His presence.

attr. St. Bernard of Clairvaux (c. 1090–1153)

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 670**

Go forth for God

**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**

Nun danket alle Gott

*Egil Hovland* (1924–2013)

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The preacher and celebrant 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, Associate Director of Music.

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**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.
We at Marsh Chapel welcome students back to campus today. **A number of activities are planned for this week as students begin classes.** For more information about any of the events listed below, contact Br. Larry Whitney at lwhitney@bu.edu or Dr. Jessica Chicka at jchicka@bu.edu.

| TODAY    | 11:00 a.m. | University Matriculation Service (Nave) |
|          | 12:00 noon | Community Luncheon (Marsh Room)          |
| MONDAY   | Labor Day — Marsh Chapel Offices Closed |
| TUESDAY  | Day Instruction Begins — Marsh Chapel Weekly Schedule Begins |
|          | 8:00–10:00 a.m. | First Day of Classes Breakfast (Marsh Room) |
|          | 10 a.m.–2 p.m.  | Religious Life Fair and Ice Cream Social (Marsh Plaza) |
| WEDNESDAY| 12:30–2:00 p.m. | MOVE Back to School Giveaway (Marsh Plaza) |
| THURSDAY | 11 a.m.–1 p.m.  | Mindfulness in the Spirit (Marsh Plaza)   |
|          | 4:30 p.m.      | **Dean’s Choice: Marsh Chapel Garden Party (BU Beach)** |
|          | 6:00–9:00 p.m. | Marsh Chapel Choir Auditions (Nave)       |
|          | 6:30–9:00 p.m. | Marsh Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Nave)       |
| FRIDAY   | 11:00 a.m.     | The Greening of the Dorms (Marsh Plaza)   |
| NEXT SUNDAY | 9:45 a.m.  | Morning Study Group (Thurman Room)       |
|          | 10:35 a.m.     | Take Note (Robinson Chapel)               |
|          | 11:00 a.m.     | Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave) |
|          | 11:50 a.m.     | Children’s Education (Thurman Room)       |
|          | 12:00 p.m.     | Barbeque Lunch (BU Beach)                 |
|          | 12:30 p.m.     | Thurman Choir Rehearsal (Robinson Chapel) |
|          | 12:30 p.m.     | Bible Study (Thurman Room)                |
|          | 7:30–9:00 p.m. | Inner Strength Gospel Choir Rehearsal (Nave) |

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).

**Marsh Chapel Choir Auditions** will take place this Thursday, September 6, from 6–9 p.m. in the Main Chapel. Those auditioning should plan to stay for the entire rehearsal period. Please email the music staff at musicmar@bu.edu to reserve an audition slot.
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.

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