

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship

Sunday, February 16th, 2020 — 11:00 a.m.

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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 Three Character Pieces *Florence B. Price (1887–1953)*

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** Introit for the Season of Epiphany *Julian J. Wachner (b. 1969)*

O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

The Lord hath manifested forth his glory: O come let us adore him.

The earth is the Lord's and he made it: O come let us adore. *Text adapted by the composer*

✘ **Hymn 577** God of grace and God of glory CWM RHONDDA

✘ **Collect** (*in unison*)

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 'Alma Redemptoris'

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

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

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 30, verses 15–20:

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem

O nata lux

Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)

O nata lux de lumine
 Jesu redemptor saeculi,
 dignare clemens supplicum
 laudes preces que sumere.
 Qui carne quondam contegi
 dignatus es pro perditis,
 Nos membra confer effici,
 tui beati corporis.

*O born light of light,
 Jesus, redeemer of the world,
 mercifully deem worthy and accept
 the praises and prayers of your supplicants.
 Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
 for the sake of the lost ones,
 grant us to be made members
 of your holy body.*

Hymn at Lauds on the Feast of the Transfiguration

Lesson 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Lector: A lesson from Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 3, verses 1-9:

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 119:1-8

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

I shall walk at lib - er - ty,
for I have sought your pre - cepts.

Cantor: Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.

People: *Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,*

Cantor who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways.

People: *You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.*

Cantor: O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

*People: Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.*

*Cantor: I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.*

*People: I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me. ♪*

✘ **Gloria Patri** from 'Magnificat in D major' *George Dyson (1883–1964)*

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** Matthew 5:21–26

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 5, verses 21–26:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

✘ **Hymn 703** Swing low, sweet chariot SWING LOW

Sermon "The Language of the Beloved Community"
The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

Call to PrayerLead 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

All My Trials

arr. Norman Luboff (1917–1989)

If religion was a thing that money could buy,
 the rich would live and the poor would die.

All my trials, Lord, soon be over.
 Too late, my brothers; too late, but never mind.
 All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

*Traditional Spiritual***Community Life and Offering****At the Offertory**

Nunc Dimittis (St. Paul's Service)

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

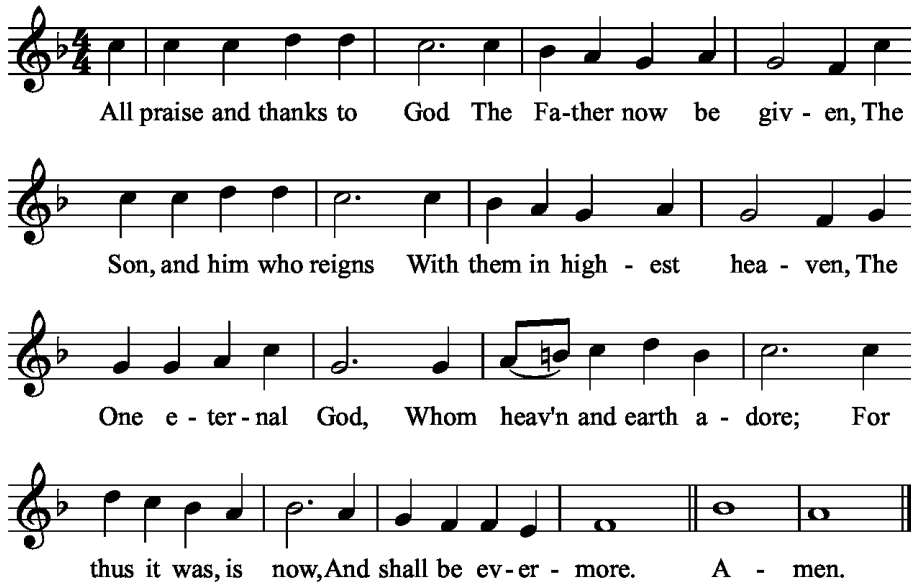
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father...

*Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29–32)**Translation from The Book of Common Prayer, 1662*

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

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



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 133** Leaning on the everlasting arms

SHOWALTER

✘ **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** Jubilate

Fela Sowande (1905–1987)

*The preacher is the Reverend 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.*

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

TODAY	9:45 a.m.	Morning Study Group (Thurman Room)
	10:35 a.m.	Take Note (Robinson Chapel)
	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship Service (Nave)
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)
MONDAY	President's Day – Classes Cancelled – Marsh Chapel Events Cancelled	
TUESDAY	Substitute Monday Schedule of Classes	
	3:00 p.m.	Create Space (Main Chapel, Lower Level)
	6:00 p.m.	Global Dinner Club (Thurman Room)
WEDNESDAY	11:45 a.m.	Tai Chi (Marsh Room)
	5:15 p.m.	Ecumenical Service with Eucharist/Dinner (Robinson Chapel)
THURSDAY	12:00–1:00 p.m.	Silence Practice (Nave)
	12:00–2:00 p.m.	Chaplain Office Hours (Med Campus, Talbot 113c)
	5:00–6:15 p.m.	Mind, Body, and Spirit Yoga (Robinson Chapel)
FRIDAY	10:00 a.m.	Weekly Meditation Group (Robinson Chapel)
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	10:35 a.m.	Take Note (Robinson Chapel)
	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship Service (Nave)
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)
	12:30 p.m.	Abolitionist Chapel Today (Thurman Room)
	12:30 p.m.	Thurman Choir Rehearsal (Robinson Chapel)

Dean's Choice: Visit the Howard Thurman Center sometime this week! (808 Commonwealth Avenue)

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).

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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