

# MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Worship

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 — 11:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday in Lent

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**The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean**

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✦ 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:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* *God's mercy endures forever.*

### ✦ Introit

*Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)*

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

O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father...

Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

✦ **Hymn 117** O God, our help in ages past

ST. ANNE

### ✦ Collect *(in unison)*

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 tertia* 1944

Lajos Bárdos (1899–1986)

Kyrie eleison,	<i>Lord, have mercy,</i>
Christe eleison,	<i>Christ, have mercy,</i>
Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

**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**

Romans 5:1–11

*Lector:* A lesson from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, chapter 5, verses 1–11:

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

**Anthem**

Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt, SWV 380

Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)

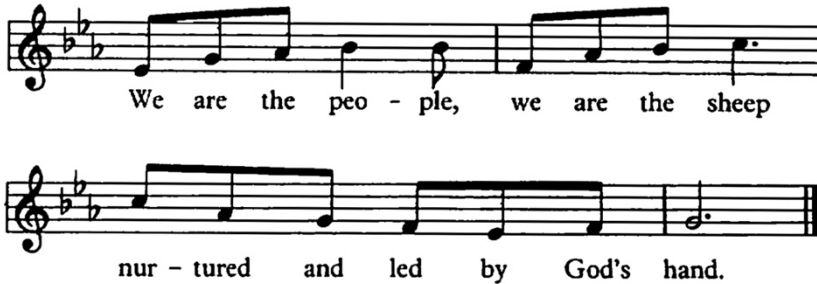
Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt,	<i>For God so loved the world</i>
daß er seinen eingebornen Sohn gab,	<i>that he gave his only-begotten son,</i>
auf daß alle, die an ihn glauben,	<i>so that all who believe in him</i>
nicht verloren werden,	<i>would not be forsaken,</i>
sondern das ewige Leben haben.	<i>but would have everlasting life.</i>

John 3:16

## Psalm 95

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

♪ Antiphon (sung by all)



We are the peo - ple, we are the sheep  
nur - tured and led by God's hand.

- Cantor:* O come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- People:* Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- Cantor:* For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.
- People:* In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- Cantor:* The sea is his, for he made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
- People:* O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- Cantor:* For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.  
O that today you would listen to his voice!
- People:* Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
- Cantor:* when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof,  
though they had seen my work.
- People:* For forty years I loathed that generation and said,  
"They are a people whose hearts go astray,  
and they do not regard my ways."  
Therefore in my anger I swore,  
"They shall not enter my rest." ♪

✠ **Gloria Patri**            from 'Jubilate: Collegium Regale'

*Herbert Howells (1892–1983)*

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 4:5–42

*Lector:*                    The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 4, verses 5–42:

*People:*                    *Glory to you, O Lord.*

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

*Lector:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

✠ **Hymn 341** I sought the Lord PEACE

**Sermon** "The Heart of Sta. Teresa of Avila" The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

**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**                      Amen, from Geistliches Lied, Op. 30                      *Johannes Brahms* (1833–1897)

## **Community Life and Offering**

**At the Offertory**              Wondrous Love                      *arr. Paul Christiansen* (1914–1997)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul,  
That caused the Lord of life  
To bear the heavy cross,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul,  
That Christ should lay aside  
His crown for my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul.

*American Folk Hymn*

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

*The music to this hymn is found on page 296 of the United Methodist Hymnal, verse 5.*

Unto God be praise and glory: to the Father and the Son,  
To th' eternal Spirit honor now and evermore be done;  
Praise and glory in the highest, while unending ages run!

✘ **Offertory Prayer**

✘ **Hymn 673**                      God be with you till we meet again                      RANDOLPH

✘ **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**

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*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

### Boston University closed through April 13.

Greetings and all good wishes to you, the faithful community of Marsh Chapel, Boston University. This letter carries two words, one pastoral and one devotional.

First, amid the changes, challenges, and uncertainties of our current moment, please be mindful that I and our staff team here have you in prayer, and have a daily, watchful interest in noting ways to be of ongoing service and support. We are with you, we are for you, and we carry a daily pastoral embrace of you: you can easily find our contact information on the Marsh website ([bu.edu/chapel](http://bu.edu/chapel)). The verse from Philippians comes to mind, “in all things in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving lift your needs to God” (Phil 4:6). In that same spirit, I might suggest that you, day by day, lift one particular person from our community or from your own personal community, in quiet prayer. Our Lenten sermon series, relying on St. Theresa of Avila, as it happens, is centered on prayer. We will have an added dimension in our prayer lives, just now, given the challenges of the day and hour. We are praying for you.

Second, our worship patterns now will change here at Marsh Chapel, at least for the near-term future. While we have long been both an actual and a virtual congregation, our devotional rhythm will now shift fully to the latter, for the time being. **Our worship service today will be the last one with any public attendance, at least through April 12.** After today, following the BU protocol which begins March 16, we will be closed on Sundays to public attendance. Our current hope and plan is to continue to offer the service broadcast as usual, to an entirely virtual congregation—we hope including you—with only the worship leadership physically present in the nave, at 11am on Sunday mornings, beginning next week. I believe that, especially in this very time, the voice of Marsh Chapel may have something particular and helpful to offer, come Sunday. We look forward to virtual worship with you.

With affection and gratitude,

Bob

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## 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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