

## MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 11:00 a.m. The Ascension of Our Lord (observed)

## The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

#### This Sunday, the Reverend Scott Donahue-Martens brings us a sermon titled "A Shared Future," recorded specifically for today.

The remainder of the service is being re-broadcast from previous services.

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Please rise in body or in heart

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean:	The Lord be with you
People:	And also with you.
The Dean:	God is gone up with a shout!
People:	The Lord with the sound of the trumpet! Alleluia!

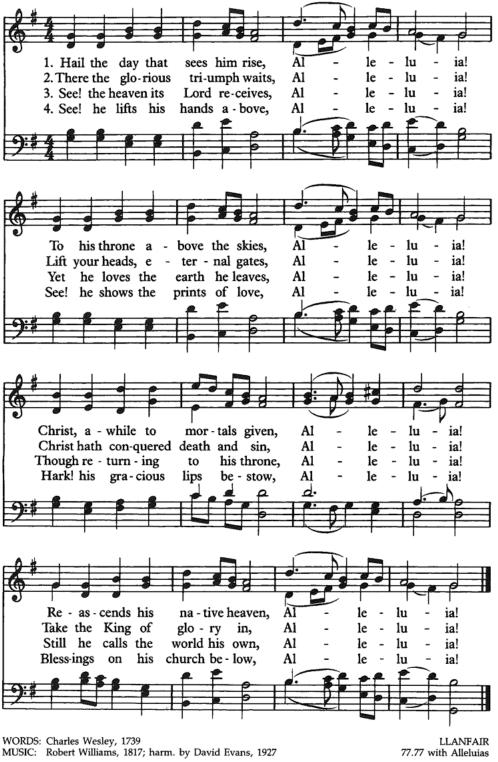
#### ✤ Introit Saints bound for heaven

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!

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Traditional

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#### ★ Collect (in unison)

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Kyrie eleison,	Lord, have mercy,
Christe eleison,	Christ, have mercy,
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.

#### Assurance of Pardon

The Dean: All:	If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>
Lesson	Acts 1:1–11
Lector:	A lesson from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 1, verses 1–11:

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector:	The Word of the Lord
People:	Thanks be to God.

#### Anthem

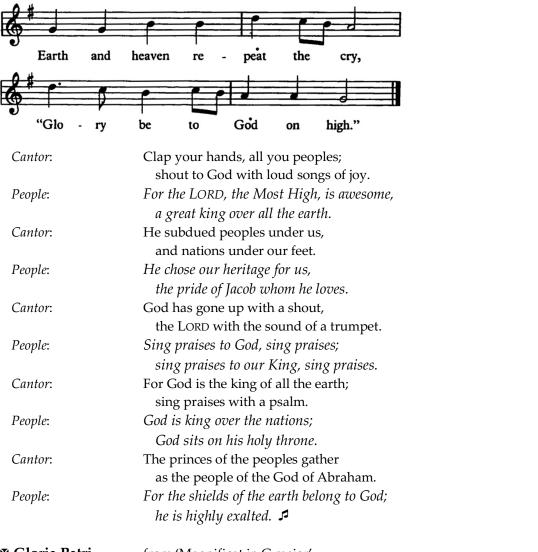
Coelos ascendit hodie, Op. 38, No. 2

Coelos ascendit hodie	Today into the heavens has ascended
Jesus Christus Rex Gloriae:	Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Sedet ad Patris dexteram,	He sits at the Father's right hand,
Gubernat coelum et terram.	and rules heaven and earth,
Iam finem habent omnia	Now have been fulfilled all of
Patris Davidis carmina.	Father David's songs,
Iam Dominus cum Domino	Now God is with God,
Sedet in Dei solio:	He sits upon the royal throne of God,
In hoc triumpho maximo	in this his greatest triumph,
Benedicamus Domino.	Let us bless the Lord:
Laudetur Sancta Trinitas,	Let the Holy Trinity be praised,
Deo dicamus gratias,	let us give thanks to the Lord,
Alleluia. Amen.	Alleluia! Amen.

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

#### Psalm 47

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



#### ■ Gloria Patri from 'Magnificat in G major'

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.

	Luke 24:44–53
Lector: People:	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 24, verses 44–53: <i>Glory to you, O Lord.</i>

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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



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Sermon

"A Shared Future"

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### **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

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up 'til all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee -- let thy will be done.

#### Anthem

God is gone up

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: The Lord with sounding trumpets melodies:Sing Praise, sing praises out, unto our King sing praise seraphicwise!Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing, and let the king of Glory enter in.Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly in flakes of Glory down him to attend,and hear heart-cramping notes of melody surround his chariot as it did ascend;Mixing their music, making ev'ry string more to enravish as they this tune sing.Edward Taylor (1642–1729)

FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius (1865–1957)

Georgia Harkness (1891–1974)

Gerald Finzi (1901–1956)/arr. Scott Perkins



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# ★ Response God be in my head God be 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.

#### **₽** Postlude

The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music. The brass choir is Majestic Brass. The timpanist is Robert Schulz. The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music. Today's broadcast was recorded by Eddie Muizulis, compiled by Justin Blackwell, and edited by Heidi Freimanis-Cordts.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Boston University is currently closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All Marsh Chapel activities—including in-person Sunday morning services—are suspended until further notice.

> The entirety of today's service was recorded prior to broadcast. We look forward to resuming live broadcasts as soon as conditions permit.

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> Visit our website at bu.edu/chapel for a link to our weekly podcast or to view or print a copy of the Sunday morning bulletin.

## WELCOME TO MARSH CHAPEL

We thank you for joining us virtually 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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