

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship
Sunday, July 12th, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

This Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Victoria Hart Gaskell, Minister for Visitation, brings us a new sermon titled "Finding Our Own Good Ground," which was recorded on Wednesday, July 8.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

✦ *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: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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1. God, whose love is reign-ing o'er us, source of all, the
 2. Word of God from na-ture bring - ing spring-time green and
 3. Ho-ly God of an-cient glo - ry, choos-ing man and
 4. Cove-nant, new a - gain in Je - sus, Star-child born to
 5. Lift we then our hu-man voic - es in the songs that

end - ing true; hear the u - ni - ver - sal cho - rus
 au - tumn gold; moun-tain streams like chil-dren sing - ing,
 wom - an, too; A-br'am's faith and Sa - rah's sto - ry
 set us free; sent to heal us, sent to teach us
 faith would bring; live we then in hu - man choic - es

raised in joy - ful praise to you: Al - le - lu - ia,
 o - cean waves like thun - der bold: Al - le - lu - ia,
 formed a peo - ple bound to you. Al - le - lu - ia,
 how love's chil-dren we might be. Al - le - lu - ia,
 lives that, like our mu - sic, sing: Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, wor-ship an-cient, wor-ship new.
 Al - le - lu - ia, as cre - a - tion's tale is told.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to your cove-nant keep us true.
 Al - le - lu - ia, ris - en Christ, our Sav - ior he!
 Al - le - lu - ia, joined in love our prais - es ring!

WORDS: William Boyd Grove, 1980
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869
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✠ Collect (in unison)

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Lesson Isaiah 55:10–13

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Isaiah, chapter 55, verses 10–13:

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem Thy word is a lantern

Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

Thy word is a lantern unto my feet:
and a light unto my paths.
I have sworn, and am steadfastly purposed :
to keep thy righteous judgements.
I am troubled above measure :
quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word.
Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord :
and teach me thy judgements.
The ungodly have laid a snare for me :
but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.
Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever :
and why? they are the very joy of my heart.
Hallelujah!

Psalms 119:105–8, 110–11

Lesson Romans 8:1–11

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, chapter 8, verses 1-11:

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law--indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 65

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



Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices.

Cantor: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
People: *and to you shall vows be performed.*
Cantor: To you who hear prayer
all flesh shall come because of their sins.
People: *When our transgressions prevail over us,*
you forgive them.
Cantor: Blessed are those whom you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!
People: *We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,*
your holy temple!
Cantor: By dread deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation,
People: *who is the hope of all the ends of the earth,*
and of the farthest seas;
Cantor: who by your strength established the mountains,
being girded with might;
People: *who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,*
the tumult of the peoples;
Cantor: so that those who dwell at earth's farthest bounds
are afraid at your signs;
People: *you make the morning and the*
evening resound with joy.
Cantor: You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
People: *the river of God is full of water;*
you provide its grain, for so you have prepared it.
Cantor: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,
softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
People: *You crown the year with your bounty;*
the tracks of your chariot drip with fatness.
Cantor: The pastures of the wilderness drip,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
People: *the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,*
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy. ♪

✠ **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** Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 13, verses 1–9 and 18–23:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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Sermon

“Finding Our Own Good Ground”

The Reverend Dr. Victoria Hart Gaskell
Minister for Visitation

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1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
 2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
 3. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
 4. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,

be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
 strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
 hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
 to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,

in God's good Spir - it dai - ly to in - crease,
 help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
 ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
 and serv - ing Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,

till in the king - dom we see face to face.
 God's love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.
 shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's power.

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
 Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.
 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

WORDS: John R. Peacey, 1975
 MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; harm. by C. Winfred Douglas, 1940, alt.
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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.

At the Offertory

God so loved the world (from *The Crucifixion*)

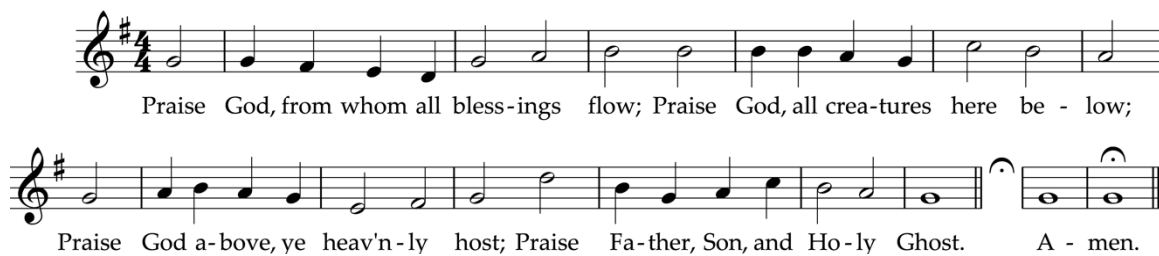
John Stainer (1840–1901)

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

John 3:16–17

✦ Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)

adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;
Praise God a-bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

✦ Offertory Prayer

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1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my dai-ly
 2. The task thy wis-dom hath as - signed, O let me
 3. Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine
 4. For thee de - light-ful - ly em - ploy what-e'er thy

la - bor to pur - sue; thee, on - ly thee, re -
 cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; in all my works thy
 in - most sub - stance see, and la - bor on at
 boun-teous grace hath given; and run my course with

solved to know in all I think or speak or do.
 pres - ence find, and prove thy good and per - fect will.
 thy com - mand, and of - fer all my works to thee.
 e - ven joy, and close-ly walk with thee to heaven.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1749
 MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793

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✦ 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 Reverend Dr. Victoria Hart Gaskell, Minister for Visitation.

The soloists are Caroline Olson, alto; Ethan DePuy, tenor; and Andrew Miller, bass.

The conductor and 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.

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We look forward to resuming live broadcasts as soon as conditions permit.

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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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