

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship Sunday, July 26th, 2020 – 11:00 a.m. The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

This Sunday, the Reverend Scott Donahue-Martens brings us a sermon titled titled "The Parabolic Path," which was recorded on Wednesday, July 22.

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!

▼ Introit Cantate Domino

Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)

Cantate Domino canticum novum, cantate Domino omnis terra.
Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus.
Annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.
Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus, in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.

Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord and bless his name: Proclaim his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his wonders among all people.

Psalm 96:1-3



▼ Collect (in unison)

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 'pour ung plaisir'

Blasius Ammon (c. 1560-1590)

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 Romans 8:26–39

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, chapter 8, verses 26–39:

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Anthem O God, be merciful Christopher Tye (c. 1500–1573)

O God, be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance upon us. So be it.

Psalm 67:1

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

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



Cantor: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,

make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Cantor: Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Cantor: Remember the wonderful works he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

People: O offspring of his servant Abraham,

children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Cantor: He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

People: He is mindful of his covenant forever,

of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,

Cantor: the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,

People: which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,

to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

Cantor: saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan

as your portion for an inheritance."

People: Praise the LORD! 🎜

▼ 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.

▼ Gospel Lesson Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 13, verses 31–33 and 44–52:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

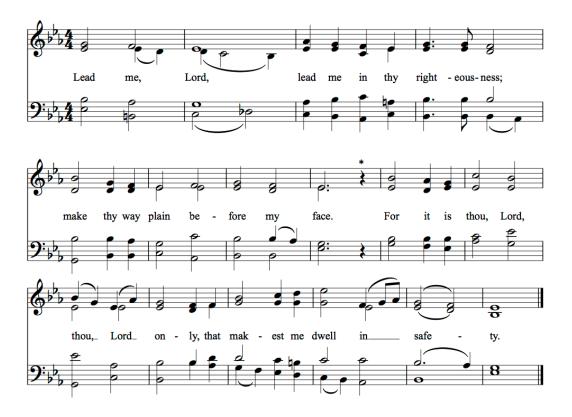


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Sermon

"The Parabolic Path"

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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

FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius (1865–1957)

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.

Georgia Harkness (1891–1974)

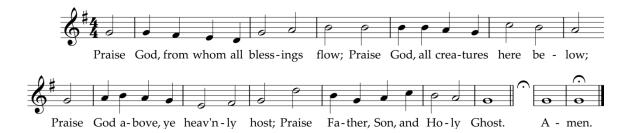
At the Offertory

Dominus meus et Deus meus

Cristóbal de Morales (c.1500–1553)

Dominus meus et Deus meus, ego credidi quia tu es Christus, Filius Dei vivi; qui in hunc mundum venisti. In manus tuas Domine commendo spiritum meum. Redemisti me, Domine, Deus veritatis.

My Lord and my God,
I believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of the living God,
who has come into this world.
Into your hands, Lord,
I commend my spirit.
You have redeemed me, O Lord,
the God of truth.



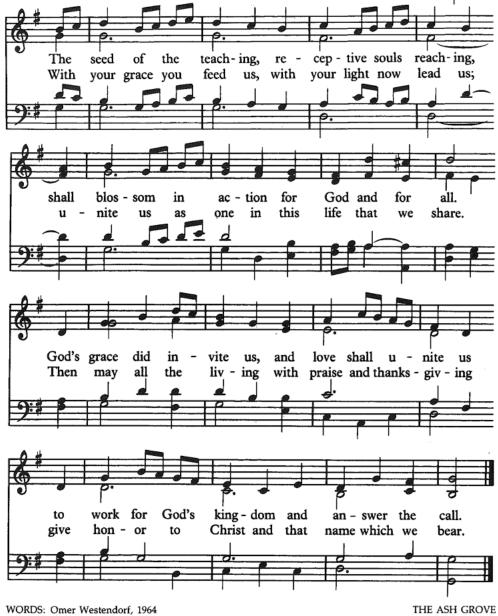
▼ Offertory Prayer

₩ Hymn 664

Sent forth by God's blessing

THE ASH GROVE





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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

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¥ Postlude

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marsh Chapel 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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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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