



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship

Sunday, July 27th, 2008 - 11:00 a.m.

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ Please rise, as you are able.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude Praeludium in C major, BuxWV 137 *Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

Call to Worship and Greeting

Rev. Gaskell: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Rev. Gaskell: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

✠ **Introit** Lobe den Herren *Hugo Distler (1908-1942)*

Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren! *Praise to the Lord, the mighty king of glory!*

Meine geliebete Seele, das ist mein Begehren! *My beloved soul, that is my desire*

Kommet zu Hauf! Psalter und Harfe, wacht auf! *Come together! Psaltery and harp, awake!*

Lasset den Lobgesang hören! *Let the song of praise be heard!*

—Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

✠ **Hymn 116** The God of Abraham Praise *LEONI*

✠ **Opening Prayer** (*in unison*)

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.

Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection,

by the renewing of your Spirit,

arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* *Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

All are invited to enter into a time of silent confession during the singing of the Kyrie.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lesson Romans 8:26-39

Lector: A lesson from Paul's epistle to the church in Rome, 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 Surgam et circuibo civitatem *G. P. da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)*

Surgam et circuibo civitatem

per vicos et plateas,

quaeram quem diligit anima mea,

quaesivi illum et non inveni.

I will rise and go about the city,

in the streets and in the squares;

I will seek him whom my soul loves.

I sought him, but found him not.

—Song of Solomon 3:2

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

♪ Response *(sung by all)*

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: that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.
Praise the LORD! ♪

✠ Gloria Patri *(sung by all)*

The music to this hymn may be found on page 559 of the United Methodist Hymnal, verse 4.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

✠ Gospel Lesson Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

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

✠ Hymn 140 Great is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

Sermon "The Seeds of Heaven and Earth" Rev. Randy Day

Call to Prayer Lead Me, Lord *(sung by all)* LEAD ME, LORD

The music to this hymn may be 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

Choral Response

adapted from Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

There for me the Savior stands, shows his wounds and spreads his hands. God is Love! I know, and feel; Jesus weeps and loves me still.
Now incline me to repent, let me now my sins lament, now my foul revolt deplore, weep, believe, and sin no more.

— Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory

Adiuro vos filiae Jerusalem

G. P. da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

Bride:

Adiuro vos filiae Jerusalem,
si inveneritis dilectum meum,
ut nuntietis ei, quia amore languo.

*I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem,
if ye find my beloved,
that ye tell him that I languish with love.*

Daughters of Jerusalem:

Qualis est dilectus tuus ex dilecto,
o pulcherrima mulierum,
quia sic adiurasti nos?

*What is thy beloved more than another,
O thou most beautiful of women,
that thou so chargest us?*

Bride:

Dilectus meus candidus et rubicundus;
electus ex milibus.

*My beloved is white and ruddy,
one chosen from thousands.*

— Song of Solomon 5:8-10

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

CWM RHONDDA

The music to this hymn may be found on page 577 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

✠ Offertory Prayer

✠ Hymn 578

God of Love and God of Power

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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

Fanfare in D major

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

Please remain seated for the postlude.

A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow the service downstairs in the Marsh Room. All are warmly invited to attend.

The preacher is Randy Day.

The presiding minister is Victoria Hart Gaskell.

The conductor and organist Justin Thomas Blackwell.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our continuing **Summer Preaching Series**, we are pleased to welcome back to the pulpit today **The Rev. Randy Day**. Rev. Day served as General Secretary of the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church from 2003-2007. The General Board of Global Ministries is the international mission agency of the denomination. He attended Illinois Wesleyan College in Bloomington and Silliman University in Dumaguete, the Philippines, receiving a B.A. degree in sociology and a certificate of competency in Southeast Asian Studies. His theological degree is from the Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut.

The third and final luncheon in the **Summer Luncheon Seminars for Clergy and Laity** series will take place Wednesday, August 6 from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. in the Howard Thurman Room. Dr. Mark and Rev. Lynn Baker, guest preachers for August 3 and August 10, respectively, will be the guest speakers. The event, including lunch, is free. Please RSVP by calling the main office at 617.353.3560.

Throughout the summer months, the **Marsh Chapel Choir** will be exploring Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's motet collection *The Song of Songs (1584)*. These 29 motets based on texts from the Song of Solomon will be an integral part of worship throughout the summer. We hope you enjoy them!

We are pleased to now offer **child care during our Sunday service**. Inquiries can be made in the main Chapel office on the lower level of the building.

MARSH CHAPEL: A VOICE OF RESPONSIBLE CHRISTIAN LIBERALISM

How to Communicate at Marsh:

1. To note your weekly presence in worship, please sign the Ritual of Friendship, passed down the pew during the prelude or during the offering.
2. To receive our e-newsletter, COMMON GROUND, please sign up on our website at www.bu.edu/chapel.
3. To receive print mailings, please contact Ray Bouchard at 617.358.3390.
4. To identify yourself as a member of the congregation at Marsh Chapel (the 'Chapter'), please sign the red visitor book in the narthex and mark after your name, CHAPTER MEMBER. Provide all and only contact information you are willing to have used and shared. A current Chapter Roster is available in the book. Please help yourself to a copy. The roster is updated quarterly.
5. To speak with the Dean, please call 617.358.3394 or email rahill@bu.edu.
6. To obtain offering envelopes, for weekly tithes and gifts, please call Ray Bouchard at 617.358.3390.
7. To express interest in endowing the future of Marsh Chapel through planned giving, please call Bob Hill at 617.358.3394.
8. To learn about current ministry at Marsh, please visit our newly renovated website at bu.edu/chapel.
9. To get to know the current Marsh membership, please visit the coffee hour downstairs following worship. A full meal is served each first Sunday.
10. To help us improve our communication, please provide suggestions to Justin Blackwell at justintb@bu.edu.

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The events listed here will take place weekly throughout the summer. Additional events for the week will be listed under the community announcements as it becomes necessary.

SUNDAYS 11:00 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Main Chapel)
6:00 p.m. Roman Catholic Mass (Main Chapel)

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.

Please join us downstairs following the service for refreshments and fellowship.

◀ *Hearing Assist System available –please ask an usher. 79.200 MHz*

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The Chapel Office is open 9 am – 5 pm weekdays, and on Sunday Mornings.

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