



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

**University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship**
Sunday, February 26th, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
The Transfiguration of Our Lord

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✖ Please rise, as you are able.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The congregation is invited into silent prayer prior to the service.

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Call to Worship and Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God!

People: And worship God upon the holy mountain!

⌘ Introit from “Arise, shine, for thy light has come”

Kenneth Jennings (1925-2015)

Arise, shine, for thy light has come.

And the glory of the LORD has risen upon thee.

Isaiah 60:1

¶ Hymn 674 See the morning sun ascending

UNSER HERRSCHER

⌘ Collect (*in unison*)

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 'O quam gloriosum' *Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)*

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: 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 Exodus 24:12-18

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Exodus, chapter 24, verses 12-18:

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem Steal Away *Spiritual, arr. Benny Cummins*

Steal away, steal away, steal away, steal away home.

Steal away, steal away, haven't got long to stay here.

The green trees are bendin',
Poor sinners' hearts are tremblin'.
The trumpet sounds within my soul,
Haven't got long to stay here.

If you get there, before I do,
Tell all the saints I'm coming too.
When I get to Heaven gonna sing and shout,
Haven't got long to stay here.

Lesson

2 Peter 1:16-21

Lector: A lesson from the second epistle of St. Peter, chapter 1, verses 16-21:

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 99

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

 **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



Be ex - alt - ed, O God, a - bove the heavens!



Let your glo - ry o - ver all the earth be found.

Cantor: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

People: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is the LORD!

Cantor: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

People: Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool.

Holy is the LORD!

Cantor: Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the LORD, and he answered them. (over)

People: *He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.*

Cantor: O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

People: *Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain.
Surely the LORD our God is holy! ♫*

▣ **Gloria Patri** from 'Nunc dimittis' *Gustav Holst (1874-1934)*

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Glory to the Father and Son and Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

▣ **Gospel Lesson** Matthew 17:1-9

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew,
chapter 17, verses 1-9:
People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

▣ **Hymn 258** O wondrous sight! O vision fair *WAREHAM*

Sermon "Christian Particularity and Engaging a Pluralistic World"
The Reverend Soren Hessler
Chapel Associate for Leadership Development

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 (*in unison*)

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

All My Trials

arr. Norman Luboff (1917-1989)

If religion was a thing that money could buy,
the rich would live and the poor would die.

All my trials, Lord, soon be over.
Too late, my brothers; too late, but never mind.
All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

Traditional Spiritual

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory Don't get down on your knees to pray (from *Second Sacred Concert*)

Duke Ellington (1899-1974)

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

CWM RHONDDA

The music to this hymn is 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

Those wishing to attend Children's Education may exit the chapel during the singing of the next hymn.

❖ **Hymn 173** Christ, whose glory fills the skies RATISBON

❖ **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 Soren Hessler, Chapel Associate for Leadership Development.

The Inner Strength Gospel Choir is conducted by Herbert S. Jones.

The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Sean Watland, Marsh Chapel Conducting Fellow.

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner ~ Tuesday, February 28 ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ Marsh Room

Join us for the internationally celebrated Christian tradition of consuming pancakes the day before the season of Lent begins. The Global Ministries Department will be cooking up pancakes (and some other breakfast foods) for dinner. We'll even have a "pancake toss" competition! (Contact: Jessica Chicka, jchicka@bu.edu)

Ash Wednesday ~ Wednesday, March 1 ~ Nave/Robinson Chapel

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a time for penitence in preparation for Easter. Marsh Chapel offers several special services this day, all of which offer the imposition of ashes.

8:30 a.m. Ecumenical Morning Prayer (Nave)

5:15 p.m. Ecumenical Evening Prayer with Communion (Robinson Chapel)

6:00 p.m. Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service (Nave)

Women's Forum ~ Sunday, March 19 ~ 12:30 p.m. ~ Sloane House (135 Ivy Street)

All women in the Marsh Chapel Community are invited to this semester's Women's Forum, hosted by Dr. Beverly Brown at Sloane House, the home of the President of the University. Lunch will be provided, and Dr. Brown will give a short talk on a book that she recently wrote on her family's genealogy. Come and share some of your own family history! Please RSVP to hrf@bu.edu.

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

TODAY	9:45 a.m.	Morning Study Group (Thurman Room)
	10:35 a.m.	Take Note (Robinson Chapel)
	10:40 a.m.	Intercessory Silent Prayer Group (Nave)
	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
	11:50 a.m.	Children's Education (Thurman Room)
	12:00 noon	Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)
	12:30 p.m.	Abolitionist Chapel Today (Thurman Room)
MONDAY	12:15 p.m.	Monday Meditation (Robinson Chapel)
	6:00 p.m.	Community Dinner (Marsh Room)
	7:30 p.m.	Religion on Tap (BU Pub)
TUESDAY	3:00 p.m.	Create Space (Marsh Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (Marsh Room)
ASH WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	Ecumenical Morning Prayer (Nave)
	5:15 p.m.	Ecumenical Evening Prayer (Robinson Chapel)
	5:30 p.m.	BU United Methodist Fellowship (Thurman Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service (Nave)
THURSDAY	12:00 p.m.	Silence Practice (Nave)
	12:20 p.m.	Common Ground Communion (Marsh Plaza)
	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Life Yoga (Robinson Chapel)
NEXT SUNDAY	9:45 a.m.	Morning Study Group (Thurman Room)
	10:35 a.m.	Take Note (Robinson Chapel)
	10:40 a.m.	Intercessory Silent Prayer Group (Nave)
	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
	12:00 noon	Covered Dish Luncheon (Marsh Room)
	12:30 p.m.	Thurman Choir Rehearsal (Robinson Chapel)

Music at Marsh Chapel invites you to participate in its fundraising drive for the *Friends of Music at Marsh Chapel Fund*. This year our goal is \$25,000, and we are delighted to report that we are over halfway there! In addition to your regular giving, please consider making a contribution. Your generosity supports the ongoing efforts of the Marsh Chapel Choir, Inner Strength Gospel Choir, Marsh Chapel Collegium, and the Bach Experience. For more information on how to give visit www.bu.edu/chapel/stewardship. We are deeply grateful for your support!

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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