The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

Please rise, as you are able.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Cry out and shout

Cry out and shout, ye people of God! The Lord is strength and song!
Cry out and shout, ye people of God! Cry out and shout, Alleluia!

Hymn 110

A mighty fortress is our God

Collect (in unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Kyrie

Kyrie in A major (for Double Choir)

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 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8

Lector: A lesson from Paul’s first Epistle to the Thessalonians, chapter 2, verses 1–8:

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott Melchior Franck (c.1579–1639)

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, A mighty fortress is our God,
Ein gute Wehr und Waffen; A fine defense and weapon;
Er hilft uns frei aus aller Not, He saves us freely out of all the trouble
Die uns jetzt hat betroffen. That has now befallen us.
Der alte böse Feind, The old evil Enemy
Mit Ernst er’s jetzt meint, Now has serious intent;
Groß Macht und viel List Great might and much cunning
Sein grausam Rüstung ist, Are his cruel armament;
Auf Erd ist nicht seinsgleichen. On earth there is not his equal.

Martin Luther (1483–1546)
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

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

Cantor: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth,
       or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
       from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Cantor: You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

People: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,
       or like a watch in the night.

Cantor: You sweep them away;
       they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

People: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
       in the evening it fades and withers.

Cantor: Turn, O LORD! How long?  
       Have compassion on your servants!

People: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
       so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Cantor: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
       and as many years as we have seen evil.

People: Let your work be manifest to your servants,
       and your glorious power to their children.

Cantor: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
       and prosper for us the work of our hands.

People: O prosper the work of our hands! 🎵

* Gloria Patri * from ‘Evening Service in B minor’

T. Tertius Noble (1867–1953)

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 22:34–46

Lector:  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 22, verses 34–46:

People:  Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.


People:  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 85  We believe in one true God  RATISBON

Sermon  “A Mighty Fortress”  The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

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

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  Amen, from Geistliches Lied, Op. 30  Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)
Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory

Populi omnes jubilate et decantate
All people shout and chant
All people shout and chant

P. Martinus Roth (c.1580 – 1610)
canticum novum quia in excelsis est Deus.
a new song unto God in the highest.
Filiae Sionis congratulentur omnes
Let all the Daughters of Sion laud Him
organa cum cantu sonent vehementer.
with organ and song fervently sounding.
Tympana laeta pulsantur
Let drums joyfully resound
Dominusque laudetur, and let the Lord be praised,
qui solus in numeru facit opera seculo, who alone achieved unnumbered works of the ages,
ae quod gens hominum vivit, by whom all people live,
minima nec Domini curam praeterierunt neither do the least neglect the care of the Lord.

Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)

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.

Offertory Prayer

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

Hymn 102

Now thank we all our God
Nun danket alle Gott

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. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.
The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.
500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

500th Anniversary Celebration—Tuesday, October 31—Marsh Plaza/Marsh Chapel
On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed ninety-five theses to the doors of the Wittenberg Cathedral to protest against the corrupt practices within the Catholic church, spurring what we now know as the Protestant Reformation. Join us as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with a series of interactive educational opportunities as well as a few moments for food and fellowship.

Film Screening: Luther and the Reformation—Tuesday, October 31—6:00 p.m.—Marsh Chapel
Join us for a screening of PBS travel host Rick Steves’s film Luther and the Reformation. A life-long Lutheran, Steves produced the film to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Learn more about the history of the Reformation and its religious, political, and social effects on the world. A brief discussion follows the film, and a German-themed dinner is provided.

Break the Chains! Holiday Coffee Hour—Sunday, November 12—12:00 p.m.—Marsh Room
Presented by Abolitionist Chapel Today
Join us for resources, samples, and Internet links for welcome and guilt-free holiday gifts and entertaining. Enjoy a complimentary fair trade soup, bread, coffee, tea, and dessert lunch. Learn from a brief and hopeful presentation on modern-day slavery. Consider easy ways you can make a difference to break the chains of millions of women, men, and children in the US and around the world. For more information, contact the Rev. Victoria Hart Gaskell at vgaskell@bu.edu.
THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

**TODAY**

9:45 a.m.  Morning Study Group (Nave)
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 p.m. Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)
12:30 p.m. Bible Study (Thurman Room)

**MONDAY**

12:15 p.m. Monday Meditation (Robinson Chapel)
6:00 p.m. Community Dinner (Marsh Room)

**TUESDAY**

DEAN’S CHOICE: 500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION
All Day  500th Anniversary Celebration (Marsh Chapel/Marsh Plaza)
6:00 p.m. Film Screening: Luther and the Reformation (Lower Level)

**WEDNESDAY**

5:15 p.m. Ecumenical Evening Prayer (Nave)
5:30 p.m. BU United Methodist Fellowship (Thurman Room)

**THURSDAY**

12:00 p.m. Silence Practice (Nave)
12:20 p.m. Common Ground Communion (Marsh Plaza)
5:00 p.m. Mind, Body, and Spirit Yoga (Robinson Chapel)

**NEXT SUNDAY**

9:45 a.m. Morning Study Group (Nave)
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 p.m. Covered Dish Luncheon (Marsh Room)
12:30 p.m. Bible Study (Thurman Room)
12:30 p.m. Thurman Choir Rehearsal (Robinson Chapel)

Marsh Chapel is pleased to offer childcare during our Sunday morning services. Inquiries can be made at the main office on the lower level of the building.

Our children’s education is available every Sunday during the school semester excluding the first Sunday of the month. Those interested are invited to leave the service during the last hymn for a time of lessons, crafts, and fun.

To take a Virtual Tour of Marsh Chapel, as featured in BU Today, visit our website at bu.edu/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.

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