



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship
Sunday, August 23rd, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

This Sunday, the Dean of the Chapel brings us a new sermon titled "Liberal Church," which was recorded on Thursday, August 20.

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

1. I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains
 2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord, who filled the earth with
 3. There's not a plant or flower be-low, but makes thy glo - ries

rise, that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad, and built the loft - y skies.
 food, who formed the crea-tures thru the Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 known, and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care;

the moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky.
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres - ent there.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1715
 MUSIC: Trad. English melody; arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

FOREST GREEN
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✦ Collect (*in unison*)

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 1:8–2:10

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Exodus, chapter 1, verse 8 through chapter 2, verse 10:

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said.

Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

Anthem

Tu es Petrus

Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)

Tu es Petrus et super hanc petram
aedificabo ecclesiam meam et portae inferi
non praevallebunt adversus eam.

*You are Peter, And upon this Rock
I will build My Church: and the gates of hell
shall not overcome it.*

Matthew 16:18

Lesson

Romans 12:1–8

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, chapter 12, verses 1–8:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

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



When the storms of life are rag-ing, stand by me.

Cantor: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—
let Israel now say—

People: if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;

Cantor: then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;

People: then over us would have gone the raging waters.

Cantor: Blessed be the LORD,
who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

People: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;

Cantor: the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

People: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth. ♪

✕ 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 16:13–20

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew,
chapter 16, verses 13–20:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

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Sermon

"Liberal Church"

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill
Dean of the Chapel

✘ **Hymn 399**

Take my life and let it be consecrated

MESSIAH

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
2. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no
Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days;
for my King. Take my lips, and let them be
long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;
let them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands, and
filled with mes - sag - es from thee. Take my sil - ver
it shall be thy roy - al throne. Take my love, my

let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.
and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.
Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure - store.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
Take my-self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1873 (Rom. 12:1)
MUSIC: Louis J. F. Hérold, 1839; arr. by George Kingsley, 1839

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Call to Prayer (*sung by all*)

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - eous-ness;
make thy way plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord,
thou, Lord on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

Prayers of the People and 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

from "Peace I leave with you"

Walter L. Pelz (b. 1926)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:
not as the world giveth give I unto you.

John 14:27

At the Offertory

How can I keep from singing?

Ronald Staheli (b. 1947)

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing;
it sounds an echo in my soul: how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble sick with fear and hear their death knells ringing,
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell or dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging,
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

What if my joys and comforts die? I know that Truth is living.
What tho' the darkness 'round me close? Still Truth its light is giving!
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging;
since Love is Lord of heaven and earth: how can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it.
And day by day this pathway smoothes, since first I learned to love it.
The peace from love makes fresh my heart, a song of hope is springing.
All things are mine since Truth I've found: how can I keep from singing?

American Folk Hymn

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

CWM RHONDDA



God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy pow'r;
crown thine an - cient church-'s sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flow'r.
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

☒ Offertory Prayer

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963

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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. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.

The conductor is Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.

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

Today's broadcast was recorded by Eddie Muizulis, compiled by Justin Blackwell, and edited by Chloe McLaughlin.

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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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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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