



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship
Sunday, January 10th, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.
The First Sunday after the Epiphany

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

This Sunday, the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel,
brings us a new sermon titled "Faith Before Daybreak," which was recorded on Thursday, January 7th.

The remainder of the service is being re-broadcast from previous services.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✠ *Please rise in body or in heart*

Prelude

Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein, BWV 641

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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

Introit for the Season after Epiphany

Julian J. Wachner (b. 1969)

O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
The Lord hath manifested forth his glory: O come let us adore him.
The earth is the Lord's and he made it: O come let us adore.

adapted by the composer from scripture

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 (1 Tim. 1:17)
 MUSIC: Welsh melody from *Canaidau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. by John Roberts

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✠ **Collect** (*in unison*)

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Kyrie

from *Mass in the Dorian Mode*

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

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

Genesis 1:1–5

Lector: A lesson from the book of Genesis, chapter 1, verses 1–5:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

Anthem

Light Everlasting

O. C. Christiansen (1901–1984)

O Light everlasting, O Love never failing.
Illumine our darkness, and draw us to Thee;

May we from thy spirit receive inspiration,
That brethren together Thy wisdom may see.
Make known to all nations Thy peace and salvation.
And help us, O Father, Thy temple to be.

O Light everlasting...

Psalm 29

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

♪ Antiphon (sung by all)



- Cantor:* Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- People:* Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.
- Cantor:* The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.
- People:* The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- Cantor:* The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- People:* He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- Cantor:* The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- People:* The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
- Cantor:* The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- People:* May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace! ♪

✠ Gloria Patri from 'Magnificat in D major'

George Dyson (1883–1964)

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 Mark 1:4–11

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 1, verses 4–11:
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out

of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

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Sermon

"Faith Before Daybreak"

The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill
Dean of the Chapel

✦ Hymn 729

O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines

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Unison

1. O day of
2. Then shall the

peace that dim - ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and
wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de - vour the

dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de - liv - ered
small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly graze, a lit - tle

from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate fall from our hands,
 child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies shall learn to love,
 our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's
 all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of
 grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.
 peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982 (Is. 11:6-7)

MUSIC: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, 1916; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1987

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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

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

Light of the world (from *The Light of Life*)

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

Light of the world, we know thy praise,
the angels and archangels raise,
and all the host of heaven;
more worthily than our faint hymns,
whose jarring sound that glory dims,
which God to thee has given.

But thou didst not disdain to take
our low estate, or e'en to make
the tomb thy resting place;
so thou might bring into our night
the dawn of thine eternal light
to shine upon our face.

Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, is Lord,
but thou, O Son of God. Thy word
is now our sov'reign law.
Therefore we thank thee, and we pray
thy light may shine unto the perfect day,
on us for evermore.

Edward Capel Cure (1828–1890)

✦ Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)

NUN DANKET; arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

All praise and thanks to God The Fa-ther now be giv - en, The
 Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est hea - ven, The
 One e - ter - nal God, Whom heav'n and earth a - dore; For
 thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more. A - men.

✦ Offertory Prayer

✦ Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

1. Guide me, O thou great_ Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal_ foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge_ of_ Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious
 bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou_ art_ might - y; hold me with thy_
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y_ pil - lar lead me all my_
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's_ de - struc - tion, land me safe on_
 power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will
 'til I want no more; feed me 'til_ I_ want no more.
 still my strength and shield; be thou still_ my_ strength and shield.
 ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er_ give to thee.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

Music: John Hughes, 1907

Text: William Williams, 1745; in Welsh

Translation: Peter Williams and the author, 1771

✘ **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**

Nun danket alle Gott

Egil Hovland (1924–2013)

The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.

The lessons are read by the Reverend Dr. Victoria Hart Gaskell, Celie Johnson, and Dean Hill.

The prayers are offered by the Reverend Dr. Jennifer Quigley and Dr. Jessica Chicka.

The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett.

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.

Today's broadcast was recorded by Eddie Muizulis, compiled by Scott Allen Jarrett, and edited by Heidi Freimanis-Cordts.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The entirety of today's service was recorded prior to broadcast.
We are not currently holding in-person services at Marsh Chapel.**

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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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