

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship Sunday, February 28th, 2021 – 11:00 a.m. The Second Sunday in Lent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

This Sunday, Dean Robert Allan Hill and Director of Music Scott Allen Jarrett bring us a new sermon titled "The Bach Experience," which was recorded on Wednesday, February 24.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

▶ Please rise in body or in heart

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you People: And also with you.
The Dean: Lift up your hearts.

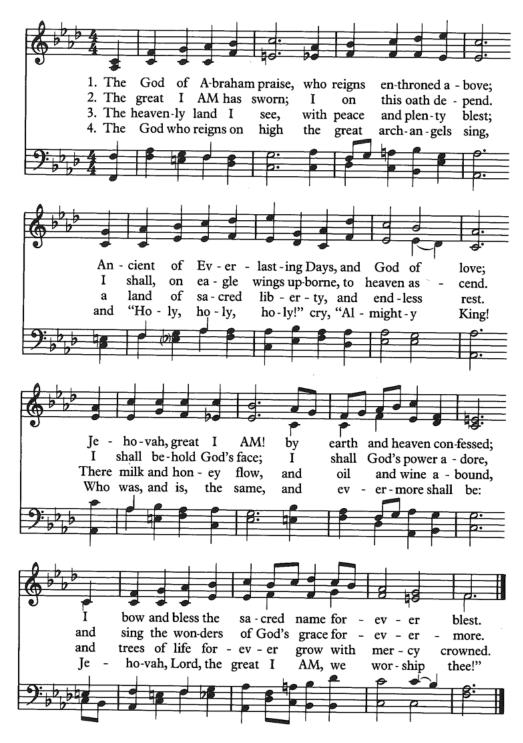
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

▼ Introit from *All-Night Vigil*, Op. 37

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873–1943)

Svyaty Bozhe, svyaty krepki, svyaty bessmertny, pomiluy nas. (3x) Slava Otsu i Synu i Svyatomu Dukhu, i nyne i prisno, i vo veki vekov, amin'. Svyaty bessmertny, pomiluy nas; Svyaty Bozhe, svyaty krepki, svyaty bessmertny pomiluy nas. Holy God, holy, mighty,
holy, immortal, have mercy upon us. (3x)
Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was, is now, and shall be, world without end, amen.
Holy, immortal, have mercy upon us.
Holy God, holy, mighty,

holy, immortal, have mercy upon us.



WORDS: From *The Yigdal* of Daniel ben Judah, ca. 1400; para. by Thomas Olivers, 1760; alt.

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MUSIC: Hebrew melody, Sacred Harmony, 1780; harm. from Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, alt.

▼ Collect (in unison)

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lesson

Romans 4:13-25

Lector:

A lesson from St. Paul's epistle to the Romans, chapter 4, verses 13–25:

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

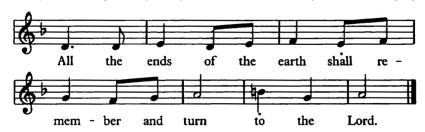
Anthem from 'Communion Service in B minor'

T. Tertius Noble (1867–1953)

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

Psalm 22:23-31

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



Cantor: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

People: For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;

he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

Cantor: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD.

May your hearts live forever!

Cantor: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

People: For dominion belongs to the LORD,

and he rules over the nations.

Cantor: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth

bow down;

People: before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,

and I shall live for him.

Cantor: Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told about the Lord,

People: and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying that he has done it. 🎜

▼ Gloria Patri from 'Jubilate: Collegium Regale'

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

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 8:31–38

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 8, verses 31–38:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Sermon "The Bach Experience"

The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music



WORDS: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1944; trans. by Fred Pratt Green, 1972 MUSIC: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, 1904

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I. Chorale

Herr Jesu Christ, wahr' Mensch und Gott, Der du litt'st Marter, Angst und Spott, Für mich am Kreuz auch endlich starbst Und mir deins Vaters Huld erwarbst, Ich bitt durchs bitt're Leiden dein: Du wollst mir Sünder gnädig sein.

II. Recitative (T)

Wenn alles sich zur letzten Zeit entsetzet,
Und wenn ein kalter Todesschweiß
Die schon erstarrten Glieder netzet,
Wenn meine Zunge nichts,
Als nur durch Seufzer spricht
Und dieses Herze bricht:
Genung, daß da der Glaube weiß,
Daß Jesus bei mir steht,
Der mit Geduld zu seinem Leiden geht
Und diesen schweren Weg auch mich geleitet
Und mir die Ruhe zubereitet.

III. Aria (S)

Die Seele ruht in Jesu Händen, Wenn Erde diesen Leib bedeckt. Ach ruft mich bald, ihr Sterbeglocken, Ich bin zum Sterben unerschrocken, Weil mich mein Jesus wieder weckt.

IV. Recitative and Aria (B)

Wenn einstens die Posaunen schallen, Und wenn der Bau der Welt Nebst denen Himmelsfesten Zerschmettert wird zerfallen. So denke mein, mein Gott, im besten; Wenn sich dein Knecht einst vors Gerichte stellt, Da die Gedanken sich verklagen, So wollest du allein, O Jesu, mein Fürsprecher sein Und meiner Seele tröstlich sagen: Fürwahr, fürwahr, euch sage ich: Wenn Himmel und Erde im Feuer vergehen, So soll doch ein Gläubiger ewig bestehen. Er wird nicht kommen ins Gericht Und den Tod ewig schmecken nicht. Nur halte dich, Mein Kind, an mich: Ich breche mit starker und helfender Hand

Des Todes gewaltig geschlossenes Band.

Lord Jesus Christ, true man and God,
Thou, who didst bear torture, fear, and scorn,
Finally to die for me on the cross
And win for me Thy father's grace,
By Thy bitter suffering I beg Thee:
Have mercy on me for all my sins.

When terror strikes us all at the final hour,
And when death's chill sweat
Moistens my already rigid limbs,
When my tongue
Utters nothing but sighs
And this heart breaks:
It is enough that faith knows
That Jesus stands by me,
Who patiently draws near His passion
And leads me too along the arduous path
And prepares for me my resting place.

My soul is at rest in the hands of Jesus, When earth shall cover this body.

Ah, call me soon, O funeral bells,
I am unafraid of dying,
For my Jesus shall wake me again.

When one day the trumpets shall sound,
And when the world
Along with heaven's foundation
Shall be shattered and sunk in ruin,
Then think on me, my God, in the best way possible;
When one day Thy servant stands before the court,
Where even thoughts accuse me,
Then may it be Thy wish,
O Jesus, to intercede for me
And speak with comfort to my soul:
Verily, verily, I say to you:
When heaven and earth perish in fire,
Believers shall survive forever.

They shall not be judged And shall not taste eternal death.

Just cling, To me, my child:

I break with my strong and helping hands The powerful bonds of encompassing death.

V. Chorale

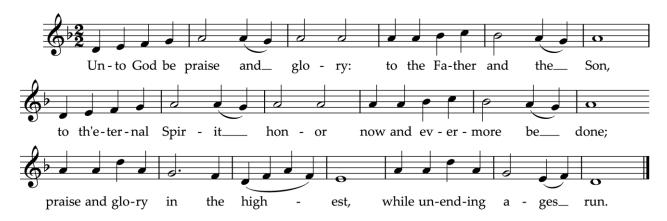
Ach, Herr, vergib all unsre Schuld, Hilf, daß wir warten mit Geduld, Bis unser Stündlein kömmt herbei, Auch unser Glaub stets wacker sei, Dein'm Wort zu trauen festiglich, Bis wir einschlafen seliglich.

MaryRuth Lown, soprano
Ethan DePuy, tenor
Craig Juricka, bass
Benjamin Fox, oboe
Marsh Chapel Choir and Collegium
Scott Allen Jarrett *conducting*

Ah, Lord, forgive us all our guilt, Help us with patience to wait Until our hour of death shall come, And may our faith be ever firm, To trust steadfastly in Thy Word, Till we fall asleep in bliss.

▼ Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)

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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

Toccata from Suite Gothique, Op. 25

Leon Boëllmann (1862–1897)

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