

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship
Sunday, March 14th, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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
“Love Outlasts Death” which was recorded on Wednesday, March 10th.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✦ *Please rise in body or in heart*

Prelude

Präludium in C major

Georg Böhm (1661–1733)

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you
People: *And also with you.*
The Dean: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People: *God’s mercy endures forever.*

✦ Introit

Invocation

William Billings (1746–1800)

Majestic God our muse inspire,
And fill us with seraphic fire,
Augment our swells, our tones refine,
Performance ours, the glory thine.

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne, still may we dwell se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges, in thy sight, are like an eve - ning gone;
 5. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, bears all who breathe a - way;
 6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come;

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!
 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing, thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night, be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 they fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the open - ing day.
 be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 90)
 MUSIC: Attr. to William Croft, 1708; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861

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✦ Collect (*in unison*)

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Kyrie

Kyrie in D minor, K. 90

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

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 Numbers 21:4–9

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Numbers, chapter 21, verses 4–9:

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem They are at rest

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

They are at rest.
We may not stir the heav'n of their repose
By rude invoking voice, or prayer address
In waywardness to those
Who in the mountain grotts of Eden lie,
And hear the fourfold river as it murmurs by.

And soothing sounds
Blending with the neighb'ring waters as they glide;
Posted along the haunted garden's bounds,
Angelic forms abide,
Echoing, as words of watch, o'er lawn and grove
The verses of that hymn which Seraphs chant above.

John Henry Newman (1801–1890)

Lesson Ephesians 2:4–10

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul's epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 2, verses 4–10:

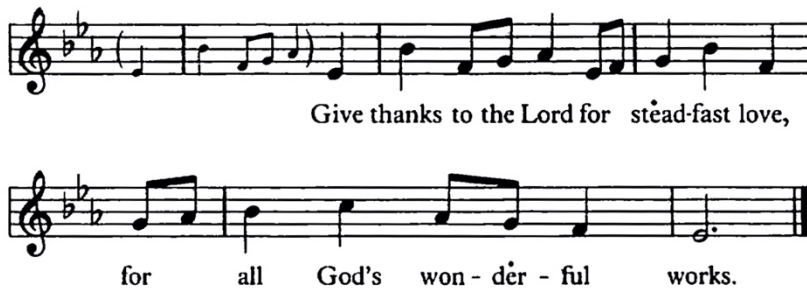
But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

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



Cantor: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Cantor: Some were sick through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

People: they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.

Cantor: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress;

People: he sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from destruction.

Cantor: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

People: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy. 🎵

✘ **Gloria Patri** from 'Nunc Dimittis 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** John 3:14-21

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 3, verses 14-21:
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

1. And are we yet a - live, and see each
 2. Pre - served by power di - vine to full sal -
 3. What trou - bles have we seen, what might - y
 4. Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us
 5. Then let us make our boast of his re -
 6. Let us take up the cross till we the

oth - er's face? Glo - ry and thanks to
 va - tion here, a - gain in Je - sus'
 con - flicts past, fight - ings with - out, and
 by his love; and still he doth his
 deem - ing power, which saves us to the
 crown ob - tain, and glad - ly reck - on

Je - sus give for his al - might - y grace!
 praise we join, and in his sight ap - pear.
 fears with - in, since we as - sem - bled last!
 help af - ford, and hides our life a - bove.
 ut - ter - most, till we can sin no more.
 all things loss so we may Je - sus gain.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1749
 MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

DENNIS
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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 after "Abendlied"

adapted from Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Stay with us in your mercy;
 May we live the song you teach us;
 Stay with us Lord, O stay with us;
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scott Allen Jarrett

At the Offertory Deep river

arr. Roy Ringwald (1910-1995)

Deep river,
 My home is over Jordan,
 Deep river, Lord,
 I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go, to that gospel feast,
 That promised land where all is peace?

Oh, deep river, Lord,
 I want to cross over into campground.

Traditional Spiritual

✦ 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

✦ 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.

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**

II. Menuet gothique (from *Suite Gothique*, Op. 25)

Léon Boëllman (1862–1879)

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

*The readers are the Reverend Dr. Karen Coleman, University Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry,
and Dr. Sandro Galeo, Dean of the Boston University School of Public Health.*

The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.

Today's broadcast was recorded by Eddie Muizulis, compiled by Justin Blackwell, and edited by Heidi Freimanis-Cordts.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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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