This Sunday, the Reverend Scott Donahue-Martens brings us a new sermon titled “Imagine That,” which was recorded on Wednesday, April 14th.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please rise in body or in heart

Prelude

Easter Acclamation and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you.
The Dean: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

❄ Introit

Joy is come! Traditional; Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Joy is come! Eastertide! Sing we all far and wide,
See the stone rolled aside, Christ our Lord is risen, bursting from his prison.
Let the sound ring around and the song now rebound: Christ the Lord is risen.

Easter joy may we bring, welcome, Lord, heaven’s King,
Winter turns into spring, darkness overtaking, and our spirits waking.
Praises flow, voices grow, sounding far: “Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Andrew Carter
Hymn 308

Thine be the glory

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;

2. Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!

endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.

Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,

Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,

Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;

kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;

endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

WORDS: Edmond L. Budry, 1904; trans. by R. Birch Hoyle, 1923
MUSIC: Harmonia Sacra, ca. 1753; arr. from G. F. Handel, 1747
JUDAS MACCABEUS
55.65.65.65

Trans. by permission of The World Student Christian Federation
Collect (in unison)

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Kyrie

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

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 John 3:1–7

Lector: A lesson from the first epistle of John, chapter 3, verses 1–7:

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

Anthem

Rise up, my love, my fair one
Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear upon the earth;
The time of the singing of birds is come.

Psalm 4

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

Cantor: Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

People: How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?
Cantor: But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; 
    the LORD hears when I call to him.

People: When you are disturbed, do not sin; 
    ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Cantor: Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

People: There are many who say, “O that we might see some good! 
    Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!”

Cantor: You have put gladness in my heart 
    more than when their grain and wine abound.

People: I will both lie down and sleep in peace; 
    for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

<Gloria Patri> from ‘Magnificat in D major’

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.


Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 24, verses 36b–48:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

<Sermon> “Imagine That”

The Rev. Scott Donahue-Martens
Ph.D. Student in Practical Theology: Homiletics
Boston University School of Theology
Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav’n to earth come down;
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev’ry troubled breast!
3. Finish, then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.

fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faith ful mercies crown!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
changed from glory into glory, till in heav’n we take our place,

visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Call to Prayer (sung by all)

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.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)
Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887)

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)
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

Grow us, God, in Jesus’ image

Grow us, God, in Jesus’ image, Icon of Your loveliness:
Radiant in his fetching visage, Rousing us to holy lust.
Stimulate our loving ardour; Change our greed to love’s firehue.
Feed us passion’s excess, for we’re loveliest when loving You.

At the Offertory

I was glad when they said unto me

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Presentation of the Gifts

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow’r up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Offertory Prayer
O for a thousand tongues to sing (stanzas 1–5, 7 only)

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, as earth abroad the honors of thy name. sin-ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that foul-est clean; his blood availed for me.
4. He breaks the power of can-celled sin, he hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
5. He speaks, and listen-ing to his voice, new Saviour come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your heaven be-low, and own that love is heaven.
7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins for-given; an-tic-i-pate your
Benediction

Response
God be in my head

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 in G major (abridged)
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.

617.353.3560 — chapel@bu.edu — www.bu.edu/chapel
The Chapel Office is open 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and on Sunday mornings.
Marsh Chapel Sunday morning services are broadcast on WBUR 90.9 FM.

The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean and Chaplain of the University

The Reverend Dr. Karen Coleman, University Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry
Mahalia Damm, Ministry Assistant
Alec Vaughn, Ministry Assistant

Jessica Chicka, PhD STH’19, University Chaplain for International Students
Chloe McLaughlin, Ministry Associate
T.J. Bergeron, Ministry Assistant

Scott Allen Jarrett, DMA CFA’08, Director of Music
Justin Thomas Blackwell, MM CFA’09, Associate Director of Music
Margaret Weckworth, MM CFA’15, Music Program Administrator
Herbert S. Jones, Director, Inner Strength Gospel Choir

Ray Bouchard, MTS STH’95, Director of Marsh Chapel
Heidi Freimanis-Cordts, MM CFA’09, Director of Hospitality

The Reverend Dr. Victoria Hart Gaskell, D.Min. STH’19, Minister for Visitation
David Ames, Sacristan
Zoe Chock, Heidi Freimanis-Cordts, Kaitie Noe, Wedding Coordinators
Anastasya Chandra, Zoe Chock, Office Assistants
Emilio Latorre, Jace Shneyderman, Office Assistants
Angelee Verdieu, Office Assistants
Cierra Brown, Ellis Brown, Kaelyn Brown, Charles Cloy, George Coulter, Mark Gray, Ushers
Benista Owusu-Amo, Naa Ameley Owusu-Amo, Sydney Passley-Harris, Jay Reeg, Liz Scully, Ushers

Scripture quotations are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The hymns and the psalm response are from the United Methodist Hymnal, copyright 1989.