The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

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Please rise, as you are able.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The congregation is invited into silent prayer prior to the service.

Prelude
Hallelujah! Gott zu loben, bleibe meine Seelenfreund
Max Reger (1873–1916)

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
Northfield
Jeremiah Ingalls (1764–1828)

How long, dear Savior, O how long shall this bright hour delay,
Fly swifter ‘round the wheel of time, and bring the welcome day.

Hymn 102
Now thank we all our God
Nun Danket Alle Gott

Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

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  Song of Solomon 2:8–13

Lector:  A lesson from the Song of Solomon, chapter 2, 8–13:

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

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.  

Song of Solomon 2:10–12

Lesson  James 1:17–21

Lector:  A lesson from the epistle of James, chapter 1, verses 17–21

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of
all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

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

Psalm 100

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

Cantor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
Cantor: Know that the Lord is God.
People: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Cantor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

♫ Gloria Patri (sung by all)

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory, while endless ages run.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY
**Gospel Lesson**  Mark 7:1–8

*Lector:*  The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 7, verses 1–8:

*People:*  *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."


*People:*  *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Hymn 451**  Be thou my vision  

*Sermon*  "Beginning a Conversation"  The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

**Clarissima**
Call to Prayer (sung by all)

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 from “Peace I leave with you”

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

Offertory Sentences
At the Offertory  O clap your hands  

O clap your hands together all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
For the Lord is high and to be feared: he is the great King upon all the earth.
He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet.
He shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob whom he loved.
God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump.
O sing praises unto our God: O sing praises unto our King.
For God is the King of all the earth: Sing ye praises with understanding.  

Psalm 47:1–7

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

**Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn 400**  Come, thou Fount of every blessing  

**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 D major  

Marcel Lanquetuit (1894–1985)
We welcome our visitors today.
Please sign the narthex guest book to indicate your presence and contact Heidi Freimanis-Cordts (hrf@bu.edu) to receive our monthly newsletter, Common Ground.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS
MASKING REQUIRED — VACCINATION EXPECTED

- Boston University requires that masks be worn by everyone while inside University buildings, regardless of vaccination status. Your mask must cover both your mouth and your nose.
- All members of the Marsh Chapel clergy, staff, and choir have been vaccinated against COVID-19. We urge you to be vaccinated as well. For information on the vaccine or how to be vaccinated, go to mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine.
- We urge you to continue to observe physical distancing between households, particularly if you or a member of your household is unvaccinated.
- Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex.
- Singing is permitted while wearing a mask.

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

We at Marsh Chapel welcome students back to campus today. A number of activities are planned over the course of the next two weeks as students begin classes. For more information about any of the events listed below, contact the Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman at revkaren@bu.edu or Dr. Jessica Chicka at jchicka@bu.edu.

TODAY 11:00 a.m.  University Matriculation Service (Nave)

MONDAY Labor Day — Marsh Chapel Offices Closed

THURSDAY Day Instruction Begins — Marsh Chapel Weekly Schedule Begins
8:00–10:00 a.m.  First Day of Classes Breakfast (Marsh Plaza)

NEXT SUNDAY 11:00 a.m.  Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)

Marsh Chapel child care is currently suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are happy to provide free parking for the Sunday morning service (11:00 a.m.) in the lot behind the College of Arts and Sciences (accessible via Bay State Road).

Marsh Chapel Choir Auditions will take place this Thursday, September 2, from 6–9 p.m. in the Main Chapel. Those auditioning should plan to stay for the entire rehearsal period. Please email the music staff at musicmar@bu.edu to reserve an audition slot.
Welcome to Marsh Chapel

We thank you for joining us 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.

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Emilio Latorre, Jace Shneyderman, Office Assistants
Angelee Verdieu, Office Assistants
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