



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship

Sunday, February 20th, 2022 –11:00 a.m.
The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✦ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude Choral, from Symphonie No. 2 *Louis Vierne (1870–1937)*

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 “Arise, shine, for thy light has come” *Kenneth Jennings (1925–2015)*

Arise, shine, for thy light has come,
And the glory of the LORD has risen upon thee.

Isaiah 60:1

✦ **Hymn 139** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

✦ **Collect** (*in unison*)

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing; Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Kyrie

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.*

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 45:3–11, 15

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Genesis, chapter 45, verses 3–11 and 15:

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem

Os justi meditabitur

Anton Bruckner (1824–1896)

Os justi meditabitur sapientiam, *The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,*
 et lingua ejus loquetur judicium. *and his tongue speaks what is just.*
 Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius: *The law of God is in his heart,*
 et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus. *and his feet do not falter.*
 Alleluia. *Alleluia.*

Psalm 37:30–31

Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50

Lector: A lesson from Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians,
chapter 15, verses 35–38 and 42–50:

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40

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



Do just - ly, love mer - cy, walk hum - bly with your God.

Cantor: Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,

People: *For they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.*

Cantor: Trust in the LORD, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

People: *Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

Cantor: Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.

People: He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Cantor: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.

People: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

Cantor: For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

People: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

Cantor: But the meek shall inherit the land,
and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

People: The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;
he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

Cantor: The LORD helps them and rescues them;
he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,
because they take refuge in him. ♪

✘ **Gloria Patri** from ‘Magnificat in F major’ Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875–1912)

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** Luke 6:27–38

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke,
chapter 6, verses 27–38:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will

not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

Sermon "A Certain Height" The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ **Hymn 468** Dear Jesus, in whose life I see HURSLEY

Call to Prayer Lead me, Lord (*sung by all*) LEAD ME, LORD

The music to this hymn is found on page 473 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

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.

Prayers of the People

One: O Holy God, open unto me
Many: Light for my darkness, courage for my fear, hope for my despair.
One: O loving God, open unto me
Many: Wisdom for my confusion, forgiveness for my sins, love for my hate.
One: O God of peace, open unto me
Many: Peace for my turmoil, joy for my sorrow, strength for my weakness.
One: O generous God,
Many: Open my heart to receive all your gifts. Amen.

*A Prayer of Howard Thurman
The United Methodist Hymnal, #489, adapted*

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

arr. Scott Allen Jarrett (b. 1975)

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm. *John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872*

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory My God is a rock *Negro Spiritual; arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw*

*My God is a rock in a weary land, shelter in a time of storm.
I know he is a rock in a weary land, shelter in a time of storm.*

Stop and let me tell you about the chapter one, when the Lord God's work was just begun,
Stop and let me tell you about the chapter two, when the Lord God written his Bible through,
Stop and let me tell you about the chapter three, when the Lord God died on Calvary.

Stop and let me tell you about the chapter four, when the Lord God visits among the poor,
Stop and let me tell you about the chapter five, when the Lord God brought the dead alive,
Stop and let me tell you about the chapter six, He went in Jerusalem and healed the sick.

Stop, let me tell you about the chapter seven, died and risen and went to heaven,
Stop, let me tell you about the chapter eight, John seen Him standing at the Golden Gate,
Stop and let me tell you about the chapter nine, Lord Got turned the water to wine,
Stop and let me tell you about the chapter ten, John says He's coming in the world again.

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

CWM RHONDDA

The music to this hymn is found on page 577 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

✘ **Offertory Prayer**

✘ **Hymn 581** Lord, whose love through humble service

BEACH SPRING

✘ **Benediction**

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.

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