The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

Please rise, as you are able.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Prelude

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß, BWV 622

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

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

Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)

O Lord, open thou our lips. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father...
Praise ye the Lord. The Lord’s name be praised.

Hymn 152

I sing the almighty power of God

Forest Green

Collect (in unison)

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Celebrant: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession of Sin

All: Merciful God we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love towards us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Exchange of Peace

Celebrant: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always!

People: And also with you.

All may exchange signs and words of God’s peace.

Hymn 614 For the bread which you have broken (stanzas 1 and 2)
Lesson

Isaiah 43:16–21

Lector: A lesson from the book of the prophet Isaiah, chapter 43, verses 16–21:

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

God so loved the world

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Lesson

Philippians 3:4b–14

Lector: A lesson from Paul’s epistle to the Philippians, chapter 3, verses 4–14:

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.
Psalm 126

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

Cantor: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

Cantor: Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

People: The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Cantor: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

People: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Cantor: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Gloria Patri from ‘Magnificat in B minor’ 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 John 12:1–11

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 12, verses 1–11:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas
Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.


*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Hymn 363** And can it be that I should gain (stanzas 1–3) SAGINA

**Sermon** Communion Meditation The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

**Hymn 363** And can it be that I should gain (stanzas 4–5) SAGINA

**Offertory Sentences**

At the Offertory Were you there? *arr. Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?… Negro Spiritual

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

Un-to God be praise and glo-ry: to the Fa-ther and the Son,  

to th’e-ter-nal Spir-it hon- or now and ev-er-more be done;  

praise and glo-ry in the high- est, while un-end-ing a-ges run.
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. In love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, your love remained steadfast. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast, that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy, we may come to the fullness of grace that you have prepared for those who love you.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus and Benedictus (sung by all)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God of pow'r and might
Heav'n and earth are full of your Glory. Ho-
Words of Institution

Celebrant:

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world. He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness. He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself, a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”
Celebrant: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(Sung by all):

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Celebrant: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

All: 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.

Agnus Dei (sung by the choir)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.
Distribution of the Elements

Marsh Chapel at Boston University is an interdenominational faith community and all are welcome and invited to participate in Communion today. During this time of increased health risks, communion is distributed in individual pre-packaged containers upon entrance to the chapel. At the appropriate point in the service, the celebrant will direct the congregation when to partake of the communion elements.

Please dispose of the communion packaging in the trash receptacles in the narthex following the service.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 175 Jesus, the very thought of thee St. Agnes

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 Léon Boëllmann (1862–1897)

The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.
The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.
The soprano soloist is MaryRuth Lown.
The organist is Justin Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.
COVID-19 PROTOCOLS
MASKING REQUIRED — VACCINATION EXPECTED

- Please consider wearing a mask while inside Marsh Chapel, particularly if you or a member of your household has increased health risks. When worn properly, high-quality masks have been proven to stop the spread of COVID-19, even when others around you are not masked.
- Masks are still required for the 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning service.
- 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 has greater health risks or concerns.

* THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL *

**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.

†Open to BU students, faculty, and staff only

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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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