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
Psalm-Prelude, Op. 32 (Set 1), No. 3
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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 577

God of grace and God of glory

▫ Collect (in unison)

CWM RHONDDA

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Kyrie from Missa ‘pour ung plaisir’

Blasius Ammon (c. 1560–1590)

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 15:1–12, 17–18

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Genesis, chapter 15, verses 1–12 and 17–18:

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates...."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.
Anthem

Meditabor in mandatis tuis
qua dixi valde:
et levabo manus meas ad mandata tua,
qua dixi.

Meditabor in mandatis tuis,
which I will meditate on thy commandments,
qua dixi valde:
which I have loved exceedingly:
et levabo manus meas ad mandata tua,
and I will lift up my hands to thy commandments,
qua dixi.
which I have loved.

Psalm 119:47–48

Lesson

Philippians 3:17–4:1

Lector: A lesson from Paul’s epistle to the Philippians, chapter 3, verse 17 through chapter 4, verse 1:

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

Psalm 27

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

♀ Antiphon (sung by all)

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

Cantor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

People: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.
Cantor: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

People: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
      to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
      to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

Cantor: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
      he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
      he will set me high on a rock.

People: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
      and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
      I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Cantor: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
      be gracious to me and answer me!

People: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
      Your face, LORD, do I seek.

Cantor: Do not hide your face from me.
      Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.
      Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

People: If my father and mother forsake me,
      the LORD will take me up.

Cantor: Teach me your way, O LORD,
      and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

People: Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
      for false witnesses have risen against me,
      and they are breathing out violence.

Cantor: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD
      in the land of the living.

People: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
      wait for the LORD! 🎵

♫ 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.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 13, verses 31–35:
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 730  O day of God, draw nigh

Sermon  Lenten Series—Dorothy Day: Life

Call to Prayer  Lead me, Lord (sung by all)

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 maketh me dwell in safety.

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

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

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.
Psalm 122:6–7

Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)

The music to this hymn is found on page 296 of the United Methodist Hymnal, verse 5.

Unto God be praise and glory: to the Father and the Son,
To th’eternal Spirit honor now and evermore be done;
Praise and glory in the highest, while unending ages run!

Offertory Prayer

Hymn 580  Lead on, O King eternal  Lancashire

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  Fugue in D minor, from Sonata No. 6  Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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 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.

TODAY
9:45 a.m.   Morning Book Study Group (Thurman Room)
11:00 a.m.  Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)

MONDAY
12:00 p.m.  Tai Chi (advanced course) (Marsh Room)

TUESDAY
3:30–5:30 p.m.  Create Space (Marsh Room)

WEDNESDAY
12:00 p.m.  Tai Chi (all levels) (Marsh Room)

THURSDAY
5:15–6:30 p.m.  Mind, Body, Spirit Yoga (via Zoom; register at bu.edu/chapel)

NEXT SUNDAY
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A QR code parking pass for the CAS lot is available on our website. To obtain a printed copy, please speak with a Marsh Chapel staff member. Parking passes are only for Sundays, 8:30am–1:30pm.
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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