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  Canzona in D minor, BWV 588  
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 116  The God of Abraham praise  
Leoni

Collect (in unison)

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son 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) For the Bread
Lesson Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 26, verses 1–11:

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Denn er hat seinen Engeln befohlen Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Denn er hat seinen Engeln befohlen über dir, For he will command his angels concerning you
dass sie dich behütten auf allen deinen Wegen, to guard you in all your ways.
dass sie dich auf den Händen tragen On their hands they will bear you up,
und du deinen Fuß nicht an einen Stein stoßest. so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

Psalm 91:11–12

Lesson Romans 10:8b–13

Lector: A lesson from Paul’s epistle to the Romans, chapter 10, verses 8–13:

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be
put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16

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

Grant us salvation, Lord; in trouble be our refuge.

Cantor: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,
People: "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
Cantor: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,
People: no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.
Cantor: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
People: On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
Cantor: You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
People: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.
Cantor: When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.
People: With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation. ¶

Gloria Patri from ‘Magnificat in B minor’

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.
Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*Lector:* The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 4, verses 1–13:

*People:* Glory to you, O Lord.

Lector:
The Gospel of the Lord.

People:
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Hymn 452* My faith looks up to thee

*Hymn 395* Take time to be holy

**Offertory Sentences**

**At the Offertory**

Sicut cervus desiderat

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum: As the hart yearns for the water springs:

ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus. so longs my soul for thee, O God!

*G. P. da Palestrina* (c. 1525–1594)

Psalm 42:1
Presentation of the Gifts *(sung by all)*

**Offertory Prayer**

**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.

You brought all things into being and called them good.

From the dust of the earth you formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and made covenant with every living creature on earth.

When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights, you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people.
When your people forsook your covenant, your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights; and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice.

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 are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry. When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand.
Celebrant: 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. Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter, you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

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.”

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):

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

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

**MANNHEIM**

1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
   guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee;
   yet possessing every blessing, if our God our Father be.

2 Savior, breathe forgiveness o'er us: all our weakness thou dost know;
   thou didst tread this earth before us, thou didst feel its keenest woe;
   alone and dreary, faint and weary, through the desert thou didst go.

3 Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
   love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cloy:
   thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.

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

Jesus Christus, unser Heiland (vs. 1)

The preacher and celebrant 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

- 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.

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)

Weekday Chapel activities are suspended while students are on Spring Break. These activities will resume on Monday, March 18.

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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