MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY INTERDENOMINATIONAL PROTESTANT
SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY, MAY 29TH, 2022
THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (OBSERVED)

THE REV. DR. ROBERT ALLAN HILL, DEAN
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

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Chaplain: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
The Chaplain: God is gone up with a shout!
People: The Lord with the sound of the trumpet! Alleluia!

Introit

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

Hymn 312

Hail the day that sees him rise

Collect (in unison)

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.
Kyrie

from ‘Communion Service in B minor’

Kyrie eleison, Lord, have mercy,
Christe eleison, Christ, have mercy,
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

The Chaplain: 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

Acts 1:1–11

Lector: A lesson from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 1, verses 1–11:

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Alleluia. Ascendit Deus — Dominus in Sina

William Byrd (c.1540–1623)

Alleluia. Ascendit Deus in jubilatione, Alleluia. God is ascended in jubilation,
Et Dominus in voce tubae. Alleluia. And our Lord in the voice of the trumpet. Alleluia.
Dominus in Sina in sancto. Our Lord is in Sinai, in the holy place.
Ascendens in altum, Thou art ascended on high,
Lesson: Ephesians 1:15–23

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul’s epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 1, verses 15–23:

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47

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

Cantor: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

Cantor: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

People: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

Cantor: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
People: Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

Cantor: For God is the king of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm.

People: God is king over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.

Cantor: The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.

People: For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted. ♫

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 unending ages run.


Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke,  
chapter 24, verses 44–53:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew
from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon “Lord, in your mercy…” The Rev. Karen Coleman
University Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry

Hymn HYFRYDOL

1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the
*2 Alleluia! not as orphans are we
3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on
4 Alleluia! King eternal, thee the
*5 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the

1 scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the
2 left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is
3 earth our food, our stay! Alleluia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own; Alleluia! born of
5 scepter his the throne; Alleluia! his the

1 triumph, his the victory alone; Hark! the
2 near us, faith believes, nor questions how: though the
3 sinful flee to thee from day to day: Inter-
4 Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: thou within
5 triumph, his the victory alone; Hark! the
1 songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a
2 cloud from sight received him, when the forty
3 ces-sor, friend of sin-ners, earth's Redeem-er,
4 in the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our
5 songs of ho-ly Zion thunder like a

1 might-y flood; Jesus out of ev-ery
2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for-get his
3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
5 might-y flood; Jesus out of ev-ery

1 na-tion hath re-deemed us by his blood.
2 prom-ise, "I am with you ev-er-more"?
3 sin-less sweep across the crys-tal sea.
4 Vic-tim in the eu-charis-tic feast.
5 na-tion hath re-deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)
Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)
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  

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  
God is gone up with a merry noise  
William Croft (1678–1727)

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.  
O sing praises unto our God: O sing praises unto our King.  
For God is the King of all the earth: O sing ye praises with understanding. Amen.  

Psalm 47:5–7

Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)

Moscow

Offertory Prayer

Hymn 318  
Christ is alive! Let Christians sing  

Truro

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

The preacher is the Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman, University Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry.  
The choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.  
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.
**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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