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
Komm, Heiliger Geist, BWV 652
J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Call to Worship and Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Introit
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
arr. Scott Allen Jarrett (b. 1975)

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!
Joachim Neander

Hymn 103
Immortal, invisible, God only wise
ST DENIO

Collect (in unison)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Kyrie

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: 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

Amos 8:1–12

Lector: A lesson from the book of the prophet Amos, chapter 8, verses 1–12:

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!"

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Justitiae Domini

Justitiae Domini rectae, laetificantes corda;
et judicia eius dulciorsa super mel et favum.
Nam servus tuus custodit ea.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart
his judgments sweeter than honey and the honey-comb.
For thy servant keeps them.

Psalm 18:9, 11, 12
Lesson Colossians 1:15–28

Lector: A lesson from Paul’s epistle to the Colossians, chapter 1, verses 15–28:

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 52 (The antiphon is sung twice, first by choir alone, and then by choir and congregation.)

Cantor: Why do you boast, O mighty one, of mischief done against the godly?
    All day long you are plotting destruction.

People: Your tongue is like a sharp razor, you worker of treachery.
    You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking the truth.
Cantor: You love all words that devour,
       O deceitful tongue.

People: But God will break you down forever;
           he will snatch and tear you from your tent;
           he will uproot you from the land of the living.

Cantor: The righteous will see, and fear,
        and will laugh at the evildoer, saying,

People: "See the one who would not take refuge in God,
        but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth!"

Cantor: But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.
       I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

People: I will thank you forever, because of what you have done.
        In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name,
        for it is good.

Presentation of the Gifts (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 10, verses 38–42:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then
to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

* People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**

"Woven Promises"  
The Rev. Scott Donahue-Martens  
PhD Candidate, School of Theology

**Hymn 396**  
O Jesus, I have promised  
ANGEL’S STORY

**Call to Prayer** *(sung by all)*

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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.
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**Prayers of the People and 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  from “Peace I leave with you”  Walter L. Pelz (b. 1926)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I unto you.

John 14:27

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory  Ubi caritas  Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Where there is charity and love, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

ตรา O Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)  MOSCOW

ตรา O Offertory Prayer

ตรา O Hymn
God be in my head

Benediction

Response

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.

Postlude

Allegro vivace assai (from Sonata No. 1)

The preacher is the Rev. Scott Donahue-Martens.

The conductor and organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.

SUMMER WORSHIP

Each year, from late May to early September, many from our community of faith are away from Boston. Nevertheless, we continue to provide our regular worship service—with choir, sermon, and liturgy—every Sunday all summer (broadcast on WBUR, 90.9 FM). If you are visiting here this summer, we are delighted to have you with us, and hope you will come back soon. Our full fall worship schedule begins with Matriculation Sunday on September 4, and we also hope you will plan to join us that day. In addition, some special summer education and fellowship events are provided, including our Summer Preaching Series (this year on the theme “Lukan Biblical Theology”). For personal or pastoral needs, please contact the Chapel office at 617.353.3560.
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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