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
Prelude in E-flat major, BWV 552/1

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean:  The Lord be with you.
People:  And also with you.
The Dean:  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 73
O worship the King, all-glorious above

Lyons

❖ Collect (in unison)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 632** Draw us in the Spirit’s tether (stanza 1 only)
Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1–11

Lector: A lesson from the book of the prophet Jeremiah, chapter 18, verses 1–11:

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

Anthem: Exsultate justi

Exsultate justi in Domino: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just:
rectos decet collaudatio. Praise is fitting for the upright.
Confitemini Domino in cithara, Give praise to God upon the harp,
in psalterio decem cordarum psallite illi. play upon the ten-stringed psaltery.
Cantate ei canticum novum, Sing to him a new song,
bene psallite ei in vociferatione. Sing skillfully with a strong voice.

Psalm 33:1–3

Lesson: Philemon 1:1–6

Lector: A lesson from the epistle to Philemon, chapter 1, verses 1–6:

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Psalm 139: 1–6

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

🎵 Antiphon (sung by all)

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my thoughts.

Cantor: O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
Cantor: You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD,
you know it completely.
Cantor: You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

✠ Gloria Patri from ‘Magnificat in G major’ C. V. Stanford (1852–1924)

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 Luke 14:25–33

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke,
chapter 14, verses 25–33:
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost,
to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 468 Dear Jesus, in whose life I see

Sermon “Listen to your Life”

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill
Dean of the Chapel

Clarissima

Offertory Sentences
At the Offertory  Jubilate Deo in C

Jubilate Deo in C

Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness: and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves:
   we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving; and into his courts with praise:
   be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:
   and his truth endureth from generation to generation.  

Psalm 100

Glory be to the Father . . .

برز Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)

Moscow

برز Offertory Prayer

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

برز 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,
A Almighty God, creator of heaven and 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.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
And spoke to us through your prophets.

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)  

 Patrick T. Waters (b. 1983)  

 Words of Institution  

Celebrant: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
To proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed,
And to announce that the time had come
When you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
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.
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
In the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.
Celebrant: 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:

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, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

**Distribution of the Elements**

*During this season of increased health risks, we are offering Communion “in one kind” (i.e., bread only).*

*Marsh Chapel at Boston University is an interdenominational faith community and all are welcome and invited to participate in Communion today. If you do not feel comfortable receiving the elements of Communion, you may, if you wish, come forward and receive a blessing instead. Simply let the server know when you approach. If you are unable to come forward, we will come to you with Communion or for a blessing—just raise your hand after the others have finished. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.*

**Motet**

*O sacrum convivium*  
Giovanni Croce *(1557–1607)*

O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur;  
recolitur memoria passionis ejus;  
mens impletur gratia;  
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.  
Alleluia.

**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 400**

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing*  
NETTLETON
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 E-flat major (“St. Anne”), BWV 552/2  J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

The preacher and celebrant is the Rev. 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 Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.
**THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL**

We at Marsh Chapel welcome students back to campus today. **A number of activities are planned over the course of the week as students begin classes.** For more information about any of the events listed below, contact the Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman at revkaren@bu.edu or the Rev. Dr. Jessica Chicka at jchicka@bu.edu.

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**MONDAY**

**Labor Day — Marsh Chapel Offices Closed**

**TUESDAY**

**Day Instruction Begins — Marsh Chapel Weekly Schedule Begins**

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We are happy to provide **free parking for the Sunday morning service** (11:00 a.m.) in the lot behind the College of Arts and Sciences (accessible via Bay State Road). 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.

**Marsh Chapel Choir Auditions** will take place this Thursday, September 8, from 6–9 p.m. in the Main Chapel. Those auditioning should plan to stay for the entire rehearsal period. Please email the music staff at musicmar@bu.edu to reserve an audition slot.
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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