The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

Please rise, as you are able.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645  
J. S. Bach (1685–1750)
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659  
J. S. Bach

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
The Dean: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Introit

I look from afar  
adpt. from G. P. da Palestrina (c. 1525–1594)

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
Tell us, art thou he that should come?
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

Hymn 203

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed  
ELLACOMBE

Collect (in unison)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Kyrie

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

Isaiah 2:1–5

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Isaiah, chapter 2, verses 1–5:

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Es wird das Scepter von Juda

Es wird das Scepter von Juda nicht entwendet werden nor a teacher from between his feet, The scepter shall not pass from Judah, noch ein Meister von seinen Füßen Until the champion comes, bis der Held komme And to him shall the people gather, und demselben werden die Völker anhangen. He will bind his foal to the vine, Er wird sein Füllen an den Weinstock binden And his donkey’s son to the choice vine, und seiner Eselin Sohn an den edlen Reben. He will wash his garment in wine, Er wird sein Kleid in Wein waschen And his robe in the blood of grapes. und seinen Mantel in Weinbeerblut. He will wash his robe in the blood of grapes, Seine Augen sind rötlicher denn Wein His eyes are redder than wine und seine Zähne weißer denn Milch. And his teeth whiter than milk.

Genesis 49:10–12
Lesson
Roman 13:11–14

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul’s epistle to the Romans, chapter 13, verses 11–14:

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Psalm 122

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

Antiphon (sung by all)

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Cantor: I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

People: Our feet are standing within your gates,
O Jerusalem.

Cantor: Jerusalem built as a city
that is bound firmly together.

People: To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

Cantor: For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

People: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

Cantor: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say,
"Peace be within you."

People: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.
Gloria Patri from ‘Magnificat: Collegium Regale’ 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.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 24:36–44

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 24, verses 36–44:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus]: "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 720 Wake, awake, for night is flying (st. 1 and 2)

Sermon “Ready and Steady” The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill Dean of the Chapel

Hymn 720 Wake, awake, for night is flying (st. 3)

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 makest me dwell in safety.
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 ‘There is no rose’ Robert Young (1923–2011)

Leave we all this worldly mirth
and follow we this joyful birth.
Transeamus. (Let us follow.) Anonymous; 15th century

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory My Lord, what a morning Spiritual; arr. Harry T. Burleigh (1866–1949)

My Lord, what a morning,
My Lord, what a morning,
Oh, my Lord, what a morning
When the stars begin to fall.

Done quit all my worldly ways,
Gonna join that heavenly band.

Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all) Picardy

Un-to God be praise and glori-y: to the Fa-ther and the Son,
to the-ter-nal Spir-it hon-or now and ev-er-more be done;
praise and glo-ry in the high-est, while un-end-ing a ges run.

Offertory Prayer

Hymn 202 People, look east; the time is near Besançon
**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**

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661  

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

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The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel. The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett. The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.
## This Week at Marsh Chapel

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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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