



# MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant  
Service of Worship

Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 — 11:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Service

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The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

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✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Prelude

### 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** from “Arise, shine, for thy light has come” *Kenneth Jennings (1925–2015)*

Arise, shine, for thy light has come,  
And the glory of the LORD has risen upon thee.

*Isaiah 60:1*

✠ **Hymn 545** The church’s one foundation *AURELIA*

✠ **Collect** (*in unison*)

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Kyrie** from Missa 'pour ung plaisir'

*Blasius Ammon* (c. 1560–1590)

Kyrie eleison,	<i>Lord, have mercy,</i>
Christe eleison,	<i>Christ, have mercy,</i>
Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

**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** Isaiah 49:1–7

*Lector:* A lesson from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 49, verses 1–7:

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

**Anthem** O ye that love the Lord

*Samuel Coleridge-Taylor* (1875–1912)

O ye that love the Lord,  
see that ye hate the thing which is evil:  
the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints;  
he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

*Psalms 97:10*

## Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

*Lector:* A lesson from Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 1, verses 1–9:

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 40:1–11

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



*Cantor:* I waited patiently for the Lord, who inclined to me and heard my cry.

*People:* *The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,  
set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.*

*Cantor:* The Lord put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.

*People:* *Many will see and be in awe,  
and put their trust in the Lord.*

*Cantor:* Blessed are those who make the Lord their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods!

*People:* *O Lord my God, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds  
and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!*

Cantor: Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be numbered.

People: *Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;  
but you have given me an open ear.*

Cantor: Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

People: *Then I said, "Lo, I come; in the roll of the book it is written of me;  
I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."*

Cantor: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

People: *lo, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O Lord.*

Cantor: I have not hid your saving help within my heart,  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

People: *I have not concealed your steadfast love and faithfulness  
from the great congregation.*

Cantor: O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from me,

People: *let your steadfast love and faithfulness ever preserve me! ♪*

✠ **Gloria Patri** from 'Magnificat in F major' Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875–1912)

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** John 1:29–42

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 1, verses 29–42:  
People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak

and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

*Lector:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon** "Love As Action\*" Mr. Christopher A. Edwards  
Marsh Chapel Advisory Board

✠ **Hymn 140** Great is thy faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

**Call to Prayer** (*sung by all*) Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - eous-ness;

make thy way plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord,

thou, Lord on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

## Prayers of the People

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\* The full title of Mr. Edwards's sermon is "Love As Action: Reflections on the Philosophy of Dr. King and Howard Thurman."

## 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 William Gardiner's 'Sacred Melodies', 1815*

Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heaven above shall come the city of our God.

*Frank Mason North (1850–1935)*

## Offertory Sentences

### At the Offertory

Plenty good room

*arr. William Henry Smith (1908–1944)*

*Plenty good room! Plenty good room! Plenty good room in my Father's kingdom.*

*Plenty good room! Plenty good room, so choose your seat and sit down.*

I would not be a backslider, I'll tell you the reason why:  
'Cause if my Lord should call on me, I wouldn't be ready to die.

I would not be a liar, I'll tell you the reason why:  
'Cause if my Lord should call me, I wouldn't be ready to die.

Oh, heaven's so high and I'm so low; Oh, my Lord!  
I've had my trials here below; Oh, my Lord!

But my Lord says there's room enough; Oh, my Lord!  
There's room for you, there's room for me; Oh, my Lord!

## ✠ Presentation of the Gifts *(sung by all)*

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*The music to this hymn is found on page 160 of the United Methodist Hymnal.*

Praise God who reigns on high,  
The Lord whom we adore,  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
One God forevermore.

*Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.*

## ✂ Offertory Prayer

## ✂ Hymn 519

Lift every voice and sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

## ✂ 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

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*The preacher is Mr. Christopher A. Edwards, a member of the Marsh Chapel Advisory Board.*

*The conductor and organist is Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.*

# MR. CHRISTOPHER A. EDWARDS

Dean Hill and Marsh Chapel extend a warm welcome to today's guest preacher, Christopher A. Edwards. Chris has served on the Marsh Chapel Advisory Board since 2009, and previously preached the sermon "A Radicalized Love" during Marsh's 2017 service celebrating Dr. King.

Mr. Edwards is the former Executive Assistant Attorney General at the New Jersey Attorney General's office. Prior to his role as EAAG, the third ranking position in the Office, Mr. Edwards served multiple Attorneys' General in numerous roles. Additionally, Mr. Edwards was recently confirmed to the New Jersey trial court after being nominated by Governor Philip D. Murphy.

Edwards obtained his BA, *summa cum laude*, from Pace University in 1995 and his JD from Harvard Law School in 1998. He continues to serve Pace University as a member of the University's Board of Trustees and the Chair of the Student Affairs Committee. Chris is the recipient of Pace University's Martin Luther King Jr. Award for Excellence in Social Justice, and gave the keynote address at the New Jersey Department of Transportation's 2017 MLK program.

Please join Marsh Chapel in welcoming Mr. Christopher A. Edwards to the pulpit today.

## 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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