

# MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Word and Sacrament Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 — 11:00 a.m. The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

# The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

▶ Please rise, as you are able.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Prelude** 

Trio a 2 Clav. E Pedale, BWV 583

*I. S. Bach* (1685–1750)

Jesus soll mein erstes Wort, from BWV 171

Jesus soll mein erstes Wort In dem neuen Jahre heißen.

Fort und fort

Lacht sein Nam in meinem Munde,

Und in meiner letzten Stunde

Ist Jesus auch mein letztes Wort.

Jesus shall be my first word uttered in the new year. Again and again

His name laughs in my mouth,

and in my last hour

*Jesus will also be my last utterance.* 

Kendra Colton, soprano Peggy Pearson, oboe; Heidi Braun-Hill, violin Agnes Kim, cello; Justin Blackwell, organ

# 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** 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 116 The God of Abraham praise LEONI

#### **▼** Collect (in unison)

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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! *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!* 

All: Glory to God. Amen.

## ■ Exchange of Peace

People:

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)

**UNION SEMINARY** 

**Lesson** Isaiah 58:1–12

Lector: A lesson from the book of the prophet Isaiah, chapter 58, verses 1–12:

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Anthem** Kyrie, from Missa Brevis in F, op. 117 *Josef Rheinberger* (1839–1901)

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

**Lesson** 1 Corinthians 2:1–12

Lector: A lesson from Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 2, verses 1–12:

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him

crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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

#### Psalm 112

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



Cantor: Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD,

who greatly delight in his commandments.

People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Cantor: Wealth and riches are in their houses,

and their righteousness endures forever.

People: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;

they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Cantor: It is well with those who deal generously and lend,

who conduct their affairs with justice.

People: For the righteous will never be moved;

they will be remembered forever.

Cantor: They are not afraid of evil tidings;

their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

People: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;

in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

*Cantor*: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;

their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

*People:* The wicked see it and are angry;

they gnash their teeth and melt away;

the desire of the wicked comes to nothing. **I** 

**▼ 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** Matthew 5:13–20

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 5, verses 13–20:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon** "Communion Meditation" The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

₩ Hymn 175 Jesus, the very thought of thee St. AGNES

**Offertory Sentences** 

# **At the Offertory** Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

Christopher Gilliam (b. 1975)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in love.

### **▼ 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

# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## **▼** 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, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

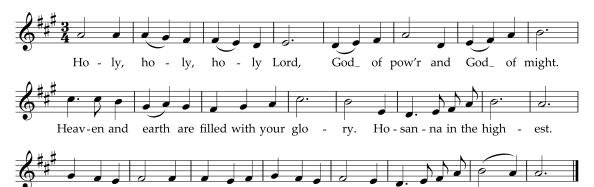
Celebrant:

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,

Bless'd is the one that comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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.

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."

Celebrant:

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.

Sung by all:



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** Ave verum corpus Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

Ave verus Corpus, Hail, true body,

natum de Maria Virgine: born of the Virgin Mary, Vere passum, Who has truly suffered,

immolatum in cruce pro homine: was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,

Cujus latus perforatum, Whose side was pierced,

unda fluxit sanguine: whence flowed water and blood:
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,
O Jesu Fili Mariae.

whence flowed water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste (of heaven)
during our final examining.
O Jesu sweet, O Jesu pure,
O Jesu, Son of Mary.

from the Mass for the feast of Corpus Christi

# 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 589

The church of Christ, in every age

DICKINSON COLLEGE

### **■** 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** Concerto in A minor, I. Allegro *Antonio Vivaldi, op. 3/8* (1678–1741) *arranged for organ by J. S. Bach, BWV 593* (1685–1750)

# THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

**TODAY** 11:00 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave) 12:00-1:00 p.m. Tai Chi: Advanced Course (Marsh Room) MONDAY Community Dinner (Marsh Room) 5:00 p.m. **TUESDAY** 3:00-5:00 p.m. Create Space (Thurman Room) Tai Chi: All Levels (Marsh Room) WEDNESDAY 12:00-1:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. Ecumenical Service with Eucharist (Robinson Chapel) **THURSDAY** 5:15-6:30 p.m. Mind, Body, and Spirit Yoga (Robinson Chapel) FRIDAY 6:00-8:00 p.m. Spiritual Paint Night (Marsh Room)

NEXT SUNDAY 11:00 a.m.



Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)

# 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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