MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship
Sunday, April 23rd, 2023 — 11:00 a.m.
The Third Sunday of Easter

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

Please rise, as you are able.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Easter Acclamation and Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Introit

Cry out and shout

Knut Nystedt (1915–2014)

Cry out and shout, ye people of God!
The Lord is strength and song!
Cry out and shout, ye people of God!
Cry out and shout, Alleluia!

Isaiah 12, adapted

Hymn 325

Hail, thou once despised Jesus

In Babilone

Collect (in unison)

Source of All, open our ears with renewed awe for the splendor that unfolds around us and renewed compassion for your cries for help. Then calm our fears and fill us with your peace, that we, too, might become your risen body, overflowing with grace to transform and renew, until together with all that you have borne, we join in one great anthem of New Life. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.
Kyrie

Kyrie in A major (for Double Choir)  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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

1 Peter 1:17–23

**Lector:** A lesson from the first epistle of Peter, chapter 1, verses 17–23:

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Abendlied, Op. 69, No. 3  
Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

Bleib bei uns,  Bide with us,  
denn es will Abend werden,  for evening shadows darken,  
und der Tag hat sich geneiget.  and the day will soon be over.

Luke 24:29
Psalm 116: 1–4, 12–19

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

🎵 Antiphon (sung by all)

O praise the Lord, who de-liv-ers your soul from death.

Cantor: I love the LORD,
    because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

People: Because he inclined his ear to me,
    therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Cantor: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
    I suffered distress and anguish.

People: Then I called on the name of the LORD:
    "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"

Cantor: What shall I return to the LORD
    for all his bounty to me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation
    and call on the name of the LORD,

Cantor: I will pay my vows to the LORD
    in the presence of all his people.

People: Precious in the sight of the LORD
    is the death of his faithful ones.

Cantor: O LORD, I am your servant;
    I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
    You have loosed my bonds.

People: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
    and call on the name of the LORD.

Cantor: I will pay my vows to the LORD
    in the presence of all his people,

People: in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.
    Praise the LORD!

✠ Gloria Patri from ‘Magnificat in D major’

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.
Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from
Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were
talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from
recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk
along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him,
"Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there
in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth,
who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief
priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had
hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since
these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb
early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that
they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with
us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he
said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have
declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his
glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about
himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked
ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is
almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at
the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were
opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were
not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the
scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven
and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has
appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made
known to them in the breaking of the bread.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon “Reflections for Earth Day” The Rev. Dr. Jessica Chicka
University Chaplain for International Students
**Hymn**

**Touch the earth lightly**

1 Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
2 We who endanger, who create hunger,
3 Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
4 God of all living, God of all loving,

nourish the life of the world in our care:
agents of death for all creatures that live,
water that blesses, and air that is sweet,
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,

Gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
we who would foster clouds of disaster—
health in God’s garden, hope in God’s children,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,

trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!
re-generation that peace will complete.
us-ing us gently, and mak-ing us one.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931)
Music: Colin Gibson (b. 1933)

**Call to Prayer**

Lead me, Lord (sung by all)

**LEAD ME, LORD**

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

Leader: Merciful God,
People: Keep your planet and people in peace.

Response after “Abendlied” adapted from Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)
Stay with us in your mercy; May we live the song you teach us;
Stay with us Lord, O stay with us; Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory The Lord is my strength Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875–1989)
The LORD is my strength and song, And he has become my salvation.
I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of God. Psalm 118:14, 17
O Lord of all, with us abide in this, our joyful Easter-tide;
From ev’ry weapon death can wield thine own redeemed forever shield.
All praise be thine, O risen Lord, From death to endless life restored:
All praise to God the Father be And Holy Ghost eternally.

Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all) LASST UNS ERFREUEN; arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow’r up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Offertory Prayer
**Hymn 537**  Filled with the Spirit’s power  
**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 the Rev. Dr. Jessica Chicka, University Chaplain for International Students.  
The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.  
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.*

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| SATURDAY  | 6:00 p.m. | Inner Strength Gospel Choir Concert (Nave)  
*The 50th Anniversary Concert*  |
| NEXT SUNDAY | 9:45 a.m. | The Bach Experience (Nave)  |
|           | 11:00 a.m. | Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)  |

Welcome to Marsh Chapel

Please scan the QR code on the right to complete our online Connection Form. This form allows us to gather new and updated contact information so that we can stay in touch with you. Thank you for joining us 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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