M ARSH C HAPEL AT BOSTON U NIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Word and Sacrament
Sunday, September 3rd, 2023 — 11:00 a.m.
University Matriculation
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

Please rise, as you are able.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude  Präludium in G minor, BuxWV 149  Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

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  Above all praise and all majesty  Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Above all praise and all majesty, Lord, thou reignest for evermore. Hallelujah.

Hymn 75  All people that on earth do dwell  OLD 100TH

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 Exodus 3:1–15

*Lector:* A lesson from the book of Exodus, chapter 3, verses 1–15:

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Anthem** Prayer I (from *AMDG*)

*Benjamin Britten* (1913–1976)

Jesu that dost in Mary dwell,
Be in thy servants' hearts as well,
In the spirit of thy holiness,
In the fulness of thy force and stress,
In the very ways that thy life goes
And virtues that thy pattern shows,
In the sharing of thy mysteries;
And every power in us that is
Against thy power put under feet
In the Holy Ghost the Paraclete
To the glory of the Father. Amen.

"Oratio Patris condren: O Jesu vivens in Maria"
Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844–1889)

Lesson Romans 12:9–21

Lector: A lesson from the epistle to the Romans, chapter 12, verses 9–21:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Psalm 105:1–6; 23–26; 45b

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

🔎 Antiphon (sung by all)

They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

Cantor: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.
Cantor: Glory in his holy name;  
       let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: Seek the LORD and his strength;  
        seek his presence continually.

Cantor: Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
        his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

People: O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
        children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Cantor: Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob  
        lived as an alien in the land of Ham.

People: And the LORD made his people very fruitful,  
        and made them stronger than their foes,

Cantor: whose hearts he then turned to hate his people,  
        to deal craftily with his servants.

People: He sent his servant Moses,  
        and Aaron whom he had chosen. Praise the LORD!

=Gloria Patri (sung by all)=[Gloria Patri (sung by all)]

=WESTMINSTER ABBEY=

=Gloria Patri (sung by all)=[Gloria Patri (sung by all)]


Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew,  
chapter 16, verses 21–28:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo  
great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the  
third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it,
Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 383 This is a day of new beginnings (stanzas 1–3, 5) BEGINNINGS

Sermon “Alma Mater” The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill Dean of the Chapel

Clarissima

Offertory Sentences
At the Offertory

Let us break bread together


Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together . . .

Let us praise God together . . .

Traditional Spiritual

Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)

adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Let us praise God together . . .

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.
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.

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.”
Celebrant: 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

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. We provide both wine (pulpit side) and an alcohol-free grape juice (lectern side). Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Communion Motet  
Lamb of God  
F. Melius Christiansen (1871–1955)

Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient still and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer;

Our sins by thee were taken,
Or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

Nicolaus Decius; tr. Arthur T. Russell

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 730  
O day of God, draw nigh  
St. Michael

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  
Rondo in G  
John Bull (c. 1562–1628)

Freely arranged for modern organ by Richard Ellsasser

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.

**TODAY**

11:00 a.m. University Matriculation Service (Nave)
3:00–5:00 p.m. Comm Ave Fest (along Commonwealth Avenue)

**MONDAY**

Labor Day — Marsh Chapel Offices Closed

**TUESDAY**

Day Instruction Begins — Marsh Chapel Weekly Schedule Begins
8:00–10:00 a.m. First Day of Classes Breakfast Handout (Marsh Plaza)

**WEDNESDAY**

12:00 p.m. Greening of the Dorms (Marsh Plaza)

**THURSDAY**

4:30–6:00 p.m. Dean’s Garden Party (BU Beach)
6:00 p.m. Marsh Chapel Choir Auditions (Nave)
6:30–9:00 p.m. Marsh Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

**NEXT SUNDAY**

11:00 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
12:00 p.m. Welcome Back Barbecue (BU Beach)

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!

Marsh Chapel Choir Auditions will take place this Thursday, September 7, 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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The Chapel Office is open 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and on Sunday mornings.

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