



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship

Sunday, June 16th, 2024 — 11:00 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✦ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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** Cantate Domino *Giuseppe Pitoni (1657–1743)*

Cantate Domino canticum novum,
laus eius in Ecclesia Sanctorum.
Laetetur Israel in eo, qui fecit eum,
et filii Sion, exultent in rege suo.

*Sing unto the LORD a new song,
and his praise in the congregation of saints.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.*

Psalm 149:1–2

✦ **Hymn 545** The church's one foundation *AURELIA*

1. The church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

WORDS: Samuel J. Stone, 1866
 MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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✦ **Collect** (*in unison*)

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Kyrie from Missa brevis in B-flat, K 275

W. A. Mozart (1756–1791)

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 Ezekiel 17:22–24

Lector: A lesson from the prophet Ezekiel, chapter 17, verses 22–24::

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem Benedicam Dominum

G. P. da Palestrina (c.1525–1594)

Benedicam Dominum *I will bless the LORD,*
Qui tribuit mihi intellectum; *who hath given me counsel:*
Providebam Deum in conspectu meo semper: *I have set the LORD always before me;*
quoniam a dextris est mihi, *because he is at my right hand,*
ne commovear. *I shall not be moved.*

Offertory for Pentecost V

Psalm 92: 1–4, 12–15

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



Sing praise to God our rock, in whom we take our refuge.

- Cantor:* It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
- People:* to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
- Cantor:* to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
- People:* For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
- Cantor:* The righteous flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
- People:* They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.
- Cantor:* In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,
- People:* showing that the LORD is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. ♪

✘ **Gloria Patri** from 'Magnificat in G major' C. V. Stanford (1852–1924)

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** Mark 4:26–34

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 4, verses 26–34:
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the

grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Sermon "Seeds for the Future" William Cordts, CAS'07, STH'11
Sunday Bible Study Leader, Marsh Chapel

✦ Hymn 707 Hymn of Promise PROMISE

Unison

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;

in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.

In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory.

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WORDS: Natalie Sleeth, 1986
MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

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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 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

MARYTON; *H. Percy Smith* (1825–1898)

Teach me thy patience; still with thee, in closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray, far down the future's broad'ning way,
In peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live. *Charles Wesley* (1707–1788)

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory Jesus Christ the apple tree

Elizabeth Poston (1905–1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree

His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while:
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit does make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs (1810)

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

DIADEMATA; *George J. Elvey* (1816–1893)

E - ter-nal, Tri-une God, let all the hosts a - bove, let all on earth be -
low re - cord and dwell up - on thy love. When heav'n and earth are fled be -
fore thy glo-rious face, sing all the saints thy love hath made thine ev - er - last - ing praise.

✠ **Offertory Prayer**

✦ Hymn 97

For the fruits of this creation

EAST ACKLAM

1. For the fruits of this cre - a - tion, thanks be to God;
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done;
 3. For the har-vests of the Spir-it, thanks be to God;

for good gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God;
 in the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done;
 for the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God;

for the plow-ing, sow - ing, reap-ing, si-lent growth while we are sleep-ing,
 in our world-wide task of car-ing for the hun-gry and de-spair-ing,
 for the won-ders that as-tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

SUMMER WORSHIP

Each year, from late May to early September, many from our community of faith are away from Boston. Nevertheless, we continue to provide our regular worship service—with choir, sermon, and liturgy—every Sunday all summer (livestreamed at our website, bu.edu/chapel). If you are visiting here this summer, we are delighted to have you with us, and hope you will come back soon. Our full fall worship schedule begins with Matriculation Sunday on September 1, and we also hope you will plan to join us that day. In addition, some special summer education and fellowship events are provided, including our Summer Preaching Series, this year on the theme “A Look to the Future.” For personal or pastoral needs, please contact the Chapel office at 617.353.3560.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marsh Chapel weekly activities are suspended while students are on summer break. Throughout the summer months, be sure to **check the Marsh Chapel schedule**, printed each week in this bulletin, for a listing of all Marsh Chapel events.

The 11:00 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship Service **will continue to be held every Sunday throughout the summer.**

Our **preachers in this year’s Summer Preaching Series**, on the theme “A Look to the Future,” include: Dr. Jessica Chicka (June 2, July 7), Dean Robert Allan Hill (June 23, August 4, August 25), Jonathan Byung Hoon Lee (July 14), William Cordts (June 16), Dr. Karen Coleman (August 11), Dr. Charles D. Yoost (June 9), Dr. William Lawrence (June 30), Dr. Philip Amerson (July 21), Andrew Kimble (July 28), and Ted Crass (August 18). For more details on the Summer Preaching Series, visit our website at bu.edu/chapel.

We are happy to provide **free parking for the Sunday morning service** (11:00 a.m.) in the lot behind the College of Arts and Sciences (accessible via Bay State Road). A QR code parking pass for the CAS lot is available on our website. To obtain a printed copy, please speak with a Marsh Chapel staff member.

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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The Chapel Office is open 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and on Sunday mornings.

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