

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

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University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Word and Sacrament

Sunday, April 27th, 2025 — 11:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Easter

Series LXXV № 36

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Fantasia in D minor

William Byrd (1540–1623)

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: Say among the nations, God reigns.

People: *Let the heavens be glad and Earth rejoice!*

The Dean: God is coming to transform the world.

People: *God will redeem the world with righteousness and truth.*

The Dean: So let us worship God with praise and honor.

People: *We will offer God our gratitude for all that God has done.*

✠ Introit

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Scott Allen Jarrett (b. 1975)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,

Joining in glad adoration!

Let the amen sound from his people again.

Gladly forever adore him!

Joachim Neander

✦ Hymn

Earth is full of wit and wisdom

IN BABILONE

1. Earth is full of wit and wis-dom sound-ing God's de - light - ed laugh.
 2. Earth is full of wit and wis-dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
 3. Earth is full of wit and wis-dom: pen - guin, plat - y - pus and snail,
 From the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe,
 Ev' - ry crea-ture has a pur-pose; ev' - ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee,
 cac - tus, sea- slug, oak and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.
 all cre - a - tion sings in won-der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice
 spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse and snake,
 In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth;
 as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Ma - ker's voice.
 live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
 born of soil to live as stew-ards, called to love and serve the earth.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, 2007

Tune: Trad. Dutch; arr. Julius Roentgen, 1906

✦ Collect (in unison)

Sovereign of the universe, your first covenant of mercy was with every living creature. When your beloved Son came among us, the waters of the river welcomed him, the heavens opened to greet his arrival, the animals of the wilderness drew near as his companions. With all the world's people, may we who are washed into new life through baptism seek the way of your new creation, the way of justice and care, mercy and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✦ Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Celebrant says—

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere—for the Charles River, the Muddy River, Fresh Pond, the Massachusetts Bay, and the Atlantic Ocean. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Lesson Romans 8:18–25 *Future glory*

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul's epistle to the Romans, chapter 8, verses 18–25:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem O decus apostolicum *Tomas Luis de Victoria (c. 1548–1611)*

O decus apostolicum,
Christe Redemptor gentium,
quem Thomas apostolus, tactis cicatricibus,
Deum cognovit Dominum:
gregem tuum protege,
quem redemisti sanguine.
Alleluia.

*O glory of the Apostles,
Christ, redeemer of the nations,
whom Thomas the apostle, when he touched the wounds,
recognized as Lord:
protect thy flock,
which thou hast redeemed with thy blood.
Alleluia.*

For the feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle

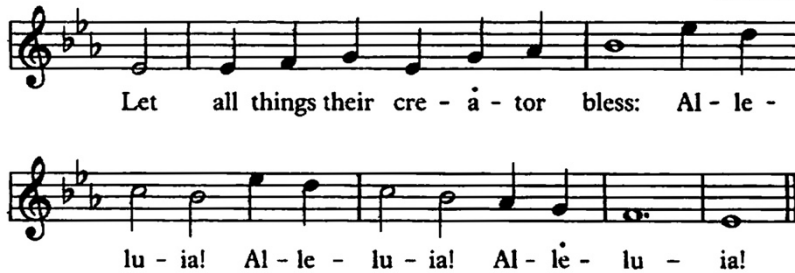
The Psalter

Psalm 150

Let everything praise the Lord

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

♪ Antiphon *(sung by all)*



Cantor: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise God in his mighty firmament!

People: Praise God for his mighty deeds;
praise God for his excellent greatness!

Cantor: Praise God with the trumpet sound;
praise God with the lute and harp!

People: Praise God with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe!

Cantor: Praise God with sounding cymbals;
praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

People: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord! ♪

✠ Gloria Patri from 'Magnificat in D major'

George Dyson (1883–1964)

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 20:19–31

Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 20, verses 19–31:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was

not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon "Go Touch Grass" The Rev. Dr. Jessica Chicka
 University Chaplain for International Students

✂ **Hymn** Touch the earth lightly TENDERNESS

Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

nour - ish the life of the world in our care: _____
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live, _____
 wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet, _____
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun, _____

gift of great won - der, ours to sur - rend - er,
 we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

1-3. 4.

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

Prayers of Intercession

Exchange of Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

All may exchange signs and words of God's peace.

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory Salmo 150

Ernani Aguiar (b. 1950)

Laudate Dominum in sanctis ejus:
Laudate eum in firmamento virtutis ejus.
Laudate eum in virtutibus ejus:
Laudate eum secundum
miltitudinem magnitudinis ejus.

Laudate eum in sono tubae:
Laudate eum in psalterio et cithara.
Laudate eum in tympano et choro:
Laudate eum in chordis et organo.
Laudate eum in cymbalis benesonantibus:
Laudate eum in cymbalis jubilationis:
omnis spiritus laudet Dominum.

*Praise the Lord in his sacred places,
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts,
praise him according to his excellent greatness.*

*Praise him with the sound of the trumpet,
praise him with the psaltery and the harp.
Praise him with the timbrel and the dance,
praise him with strings and pipes.
Praise him with high-sounding cymbals,
praise him with cymbals of joy.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

Psalms 150

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN; arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Je - sus Christ, whose pow'r up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

✠ 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 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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Pascal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

✠ Sanctus and Benedictus *(sung by all)*

Patrick T. Waters (b. 1983)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God_ of pow'r and God_ of might.



Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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

✠ Words of Institution

Celebrant: Holy God, you alone are holy,
You alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
Beyond the stars;
Beneath the sea;
Within each cell;
With every breath.

People: *We praise you, O God.*

Celebrant: Generations bless your faithfulness;
Through the water;
By night and day;
Across the wilderness;
Out of exile;
Into the future.

People: *We bless you, O God.*

Celebrant: We give you thanks for your dear Son:
At the heart of human life;
Near to those who suffer;
Beside the sinner;
Among the poor;
With us now.

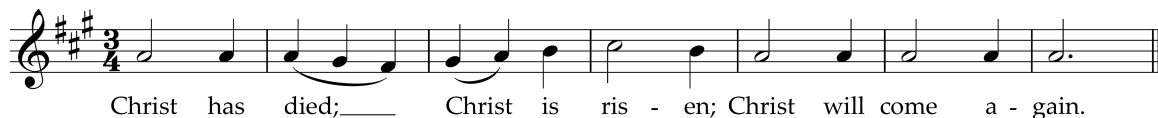
People: *We thank you, O God.*

Celebrant: In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us
On the way, at the table, and to the end,
We proclaim the mystery of faith: *(over)*

Sung by all:



Celebrant: We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
In our gathering;
Within this meal;
Among your people;
Throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks
To you, holy God,
Through Christ Jesus,
By your Spirit,
In your church,
Without end.

All: *Amen.*

✠ The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 and an alcohol-free grape juice. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

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

We were born out of the waters

NETTLETON



1. We were born out of the wa - ters that give life to all the earth.
2. Just as riv - ers join each oth - er, all cre - a - tion joins in song.
3. God, we hear the troub-ling thun - der of the shouts of "Prof - it first!"
4. God who made the whole cre - a - tion, with its riv - ers, fields and streams,

We were made God's sons and daugh - ters at the font of our re - birth.
All of na - ture works to - geth - er, bold and beau - ti - ful and strong.
Land and streams are torn a - sun - der till cre - a - tion cries in thirst.
You have giv - en us a vi - sion of what car - ing for them means.

Ev' - ry day, God's wa - ters bless us! We are nou - rished and re - newed;
Fish that fill a flow - ing riv - er, springs of wa - ter from be - low
God, we thirst for heal - thy wa - ters and for jus - tice for the land,
May we care for all your wa - ters, for your land, for sky a - bove;

For the wa - ters that sur - round us give us life and health and food.
Dai - ly point us to the Giv - er from whom bless - ings o - ver - flow.
As your faith - ful sons and daugh - ters, may we rise to take a stand.
May we serve you as pro - tec - tors of this world that you so love.

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2017

Tune: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

✦ Benediction

✦ **Response** Beautiful Savior *arr. F. Melius Christiansen (1871–1955)*

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration,

Now and forevermore be thine.

J. A. Seiss (1823–1904)

✦ **Postlude** Allegro maestoso (Sonata No. 2) *Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

The preacher and celebrant is the Rev. Dr. Jessica Chicka, University Chaplain for International Students.

The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allan Jarrett, Director of Music.

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.



MARSH CHAPEL & RELIGIOUS LIFE

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