

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY  
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University Interdenominational Protestant  
Service of Worship

Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 — 11:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Series LXXV № 44

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The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

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✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude**

Liturgical Improvisation No. 1

*George Oldroyd* (1886–1951)

**Call to Worship and Greeting**

*The Chaplain:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*The Chaplain:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them up to the Lord!

✠ **Introit**

*Felix Mendelssohn* (1809–1847)

Praise ye the Lord all the earth!

Serve ye the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with singing.

*Psalms 100:1–2*

✠ **Hymn 545**

The church's one foundation

AURELIA

1. The church's one foun - da - 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

AURELIA  
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✦ **Collect** (*in unison*)

*Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Kyrie

from *Missa brevis in G*, K 140

W. A. Mozart (1756–1791)

Kyrie eleison,  
Christe eleison,  
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy.*

## Assurance of Pardon

*The Chaplain:* 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

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14

*Elijah ascends into heaven*

*Lector:* A lesson from the Second Book of Kings, chapter 2, verses 1–2 and 6–14:

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah? Where is he?" He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

## Anthem

Locus iste a Deo factus est

*Anton Bruckner (1824–1896)*

Locus iste a Deo factus est,  
inaestimabile sacramentum,  
irreprehensibilis est.

*This place was made by God,  
a priceless mystery;  
it is without reproach.*

*Gradual at Mass for the  
dedication of a church*

## Lesson

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

*Love is the whole of the law*

*Lector:*

A lesson from Paul's epistle to the Galatians, chapter 5, verses 1 and 13–25:

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

*Lector:*

The Word of the Lord.

*People:*

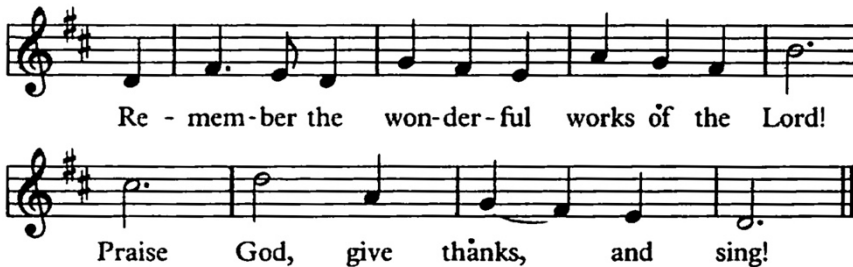
*Thanks be to God.*

## The Psalter

Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20

*You have redeemed your people*

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



*Cantor:*

I cry aloud to God,  
aloud to God, that he may hear me.

*People:*

*In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;  
in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;  
my soul refuses to be comforted.*

*Cantor:*

I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD;  
I will remember your wonders of old.

*People:*

*I will meditate on all your work,  
and muse on your mighty deeds.*

*Cantor:* Your way, O God, is holy.  
                   What god is so great as our God?

*People:* *You are the God who works wonders;  
                   you have displayed your might among the peoples.*

*Cantor:* With your strong arm you redeemed your people,  
                   the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

*People:* *When the waters saw you, O God,  
                   when the waters saw you, they were afraid;  
                   the very deep trembled.*

*Cantor:* The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered;  
                   your arrows flashed on every side.

*People:* *The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;  
                   your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.*

*Cantor:* Your way was through the sea,  
                   your path, through the mighty waters;  
                   yet your footprints were unseen.

*People:* *You led your people like a flock  
                   by the hand of Moses and Aaron. ♪*

✠ **Gloria Patri**                    from *Magnificat in G*                    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**                    Luke 9:51–62                    *Jesus says, Follow me*

*Lector:*                    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke,  
                   chapter 9, verses 51–62:

*People:*                    *Glory to you, O Lord.*

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say

farewell to those at my home." And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

*Lector:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon** "Claiming the Mantle of Prophetic Imagination"

The Rev. Dr. Regina Walton  
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✱ **Hymn** Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

RESTORATION

*Unison or harmony*

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult  
2 as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows,  
5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies,

1 of our life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his  
2 by the Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and  
3 of the vain world's gold - en store; from each i - dol  
4 days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in  
5 Sa - vior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to

1 clear voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"  
2 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.  
3 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
4 cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
5 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

## Call to Prayer

Lead me, Lord (*sung by all*)

LEAD ME, LORD



Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righ - teous-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

### 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

Amen, from Requiem, Op. 48

*Gabriel Fauré* (1845–1924)

## Offertory Sentences

### At the Offertory

Sicut in holocaustis

*G. P. da Palestrina* (1525–1594)

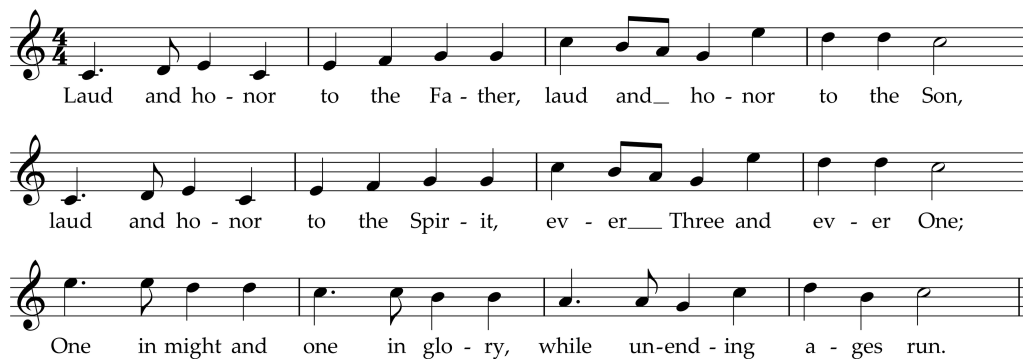
Sicut in holocaustis arietum et taurorum,  
et sicut in millibus agnorum pinguium,  
sic fiat sacrificium nostrum  
in conspectu tuo hodie ut placeat tibi,  
quia non est confusio  
confidentibus in te, Domine.

*As with burnt offerings of rams and of bulls,  
And as with fattened lambs by the thousands,  
So may our sacrifice  
be made today in your sight that it be pleasing to you,  
For there is no confounding of those  
who trust in you, Lord.*

*Offertory for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

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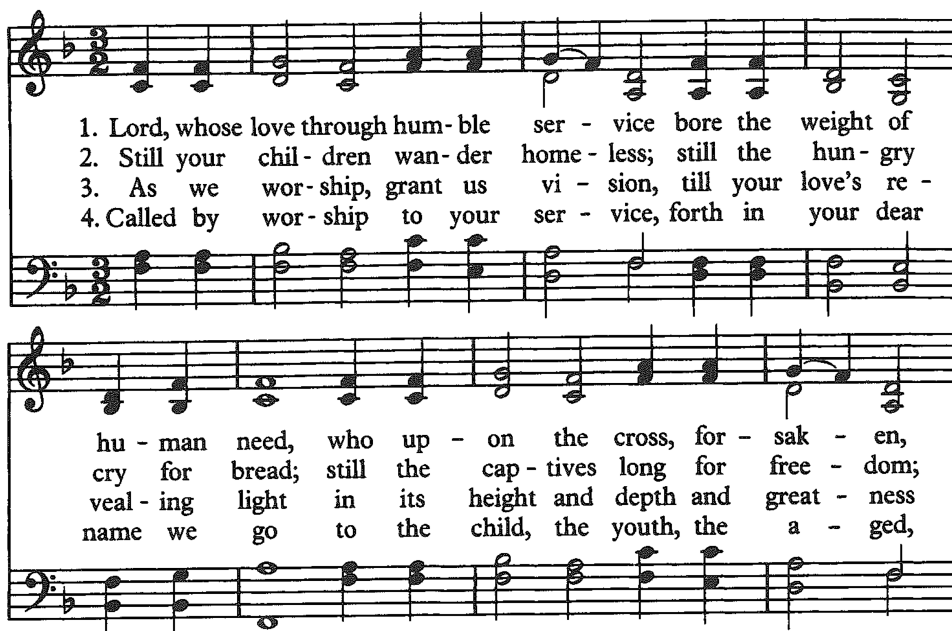
Laud and ho - nor to the Fa - ther, laud and ho - nor to the Son,  
 laud and ho - nor to the Spir - it, ev - er Three and ev - er One;  
 One in might and one in glo - ry, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

✦ Offertory Prayer

✦ Hymn 581

Lord, whose love through humble service

BEACH SPRING



1. Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of  
 2. Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry  
 3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re -  
 4. Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear  
 hu - man need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,  
 cry for bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom;  
 veal - ing light in its height and depth and great - ness  
 name we go to the child, the youth, the a - ged,





of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed: we, your ser-vants, bring the  
 still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com-  
 dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, mak-ing known the needs and  
 love in liv-ing deeds to show; hope and health, good will and

wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart, con-se-crating  
 pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your  
 bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, stir-ring us to  
 com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser-vants,

to your pur-pose ev-ery gift that you im-part.  
 Spir-it kin-dles still to save and make us whole.  
 tire-less striv-ing your a-bun-dant life to share.  
 Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know, and live.

## ✦ Benediction

## ✦ Response

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

Lord, now lettest Thou servant depart in peace,  
 according to thy word. Amen.

*Luke 2:29*

## ✦ Postlude

Fanfare

*William Mathias (1934–1992)*

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