

# MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

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University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Worship

Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 — 11:00 a.m.

University Matriculation

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Series LXXVI № 1

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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

Carillon de Westminster

*Louis Vierne (1870–1937)*

### 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

*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 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of cre - a -  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -  
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend  
4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour-ish thy life and re - store  
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -  
 ing bears thee on ea - gle's wings, e'er in his keep - ing main -  
 thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -  
 thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -  
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw  
 tain - ing. God's care en - folds all, whose true good he up -  
 tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can  
 fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth - er doth  
 fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a -

near; join me in glad ad - o - ra tion!  
 holds. Hast thou not known his sus - tain - ing?  
 do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 speed, spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.  
 gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; sts. 1, 3, 5 trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863  
 st. 2 by S. Paul Schilling, 1986; st. 4 by Rupert E. Davies, 1983 (Ps. 103:1-6; 150)  
 MUSIC: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. by William Sterndale Bennett, 1864

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## ✦ 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.*

## Kyrie

from 'Communion Service in B minor'

T. Tertius Noble (1867–1953)

Kyrie eleison,  
Christe eleison,  
Kyrie eleison.

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

## Assurance of Pardon

*The Dean:* 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.*

## Anthem

Alleluia

Randall Thompson (1899–1984)

## The Psalter

Psalm 81:1, 10–16

*Honey from the rock*

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



**Sing praise to God our rock, in whom we take our ref-uge.**

*Cantor:* Sing aloud to God our strength;  
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

*People:* *I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.*

*Cantor:* "But my people did not listen to my voice;  
Israel would not submit to me.

*People:* *So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,  
to follow their own counsels.*

*Cantor:* O that my people would listen to me,  
that Israel would walk in my ways!

*People:* *Then I would quickly subdue their enemies,  
and turn my hand against their foes.*

*Cantor:* Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him,  
and their doom would last forever.

*People:* *I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,  
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."* 🎵

✦ **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 14:1, 7–14

*Invite the poor to your banquet*

*Lector:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke,  
chapter 14, verses 1 and 7–14:

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

*Lector:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Sermon** "Humility and Generosity"

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✦ **Hymn 413** A charge to keep I have

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1. A charge to keep I have, a God to glo - ri - fy,  
2. To serve the pres - ent age, my call - ing to ful - fill;  
3. Arm me with jeal - ous care, as in thy sight to live,  
4. Help me to watch and pray, and on thy - self re - ly,

a nev-er-dy-ing soul to save, and fit it for the sky.  
 O may it all my powers en-gage to do my Mas-ter's will!  
 and oh, thy ser-vant, Lord, pre-pare a strict ac-count to give!  
 as-sured, if I my trust be-tray, I shall for-ev-er die.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1762 (Lev. 8:35)  
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1832

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## 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 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

Amen, from Requiem, Op. 48

Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)

## Offertory Sentences

### At the Offertory

I was glad when they said unto me

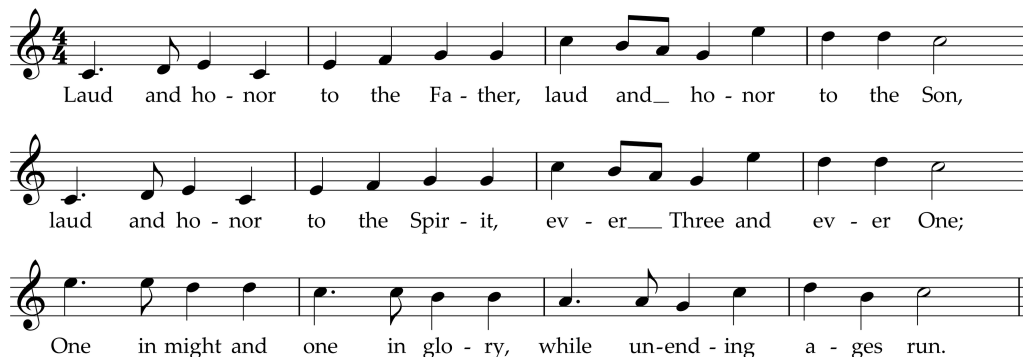
C. Hubert H. Parry (1848–1918)

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord.  
 Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.  
 Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself.  
 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee.  
 Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

*Psalms 122:1–3, 6–7*

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

NEANDER



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



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heav'n, to earth come down;  
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast!  
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;  
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be.  
 fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown!  
 Let us all in thee in - her - it; let us find that sec - ond rest.  
 sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.  
 Let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;  
 Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;  
 Take a - way our bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,  
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,  
 vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Tune: HYFRYDOL; Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887)

## ✘ Benediction

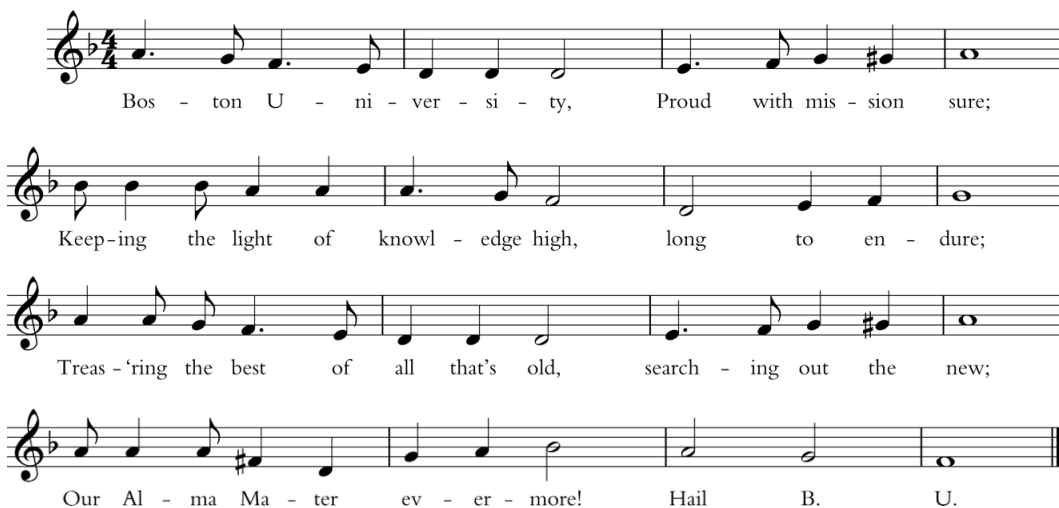
## ✘ Response

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

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

*Luke 2:29*

## ✘ Clarissima



Bos - ton U - ni - ver - si - ty, Proud with mis - sion sure;  
Keep - ing the light of knowl - edge high, long to en - dure;  
Treas - 'ring the best of all that's old, search - ing out the new;  
Our Al - ma Ma - ter ev - er - more! Hail B. U.

## ✘ Postlude

Celebration

*Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)*

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*The preacher 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](mailto:revkaren@bu.edu) or the Rev. Dr. Jessica Chicka at [jchicka@bu.edu](mailto:jchicka@bu.edu).

TODAY	11:00 a.m.	University Matriculation Service (Nave)
	2:00–5:00 p.m.	Comm Ave Fest (along Commonwealth Avenue)
MONDAY	<b>Labor Day — Marsh Chapel Offices Closed</b>	
TUESDAY	<b>Day Instruction Begins — Marsh Chapel Weekly Schedule Begins</b>	
	8:30–10:30 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)

### 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 4, 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](mailto:musicmar@bu.edu) to reserve an audition slot.





# MARSH CHAPEL & RELIGIOUS LIFE

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## **The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill**

*Dean of Marsh Chapel and Chaplain to the University  
Professor of New Testament and Pastoral Theology*

### **MINISTRY**

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The Reverend Dr. Jessica Chicka		<i>University Chaplain for International Students</i>
The Reverend Dr. Karen Coleman		<i>University Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry</i>
Jonathan Byung Hoon Lee		<i>Associate Chaplain for Student Outreach</i>
Darby McMonagle		<i>Ministry Assistant</i>
Emmanuel Segbedzi		<i>Graduate Assistant</i>

### **MUSIC**

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Sung Jin Choi		<i>Technical Director, Marsh Chapel Media</i>
Andrew Marshall		<i>Director, Inner Strength Gospel Choir</i>
Patrick T. Waters		<i>Assistant Director of Music, Special Projects and Publications</i>
Timothy Rodriguez		<i>Manager and Librarian, Marsh Chapel Choir</i>

### **HOSPITALITY & ADMINISTRATION**

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Chloe Kantharia		<i>Director of Hospitality and Weddings</i>
The Reverend Al Carroll		<i>Chapel Associate for Special Projects</i>
David Ames		<i>Sacristan</i>
Catherine Park		<i>Hospitality Intern</i>

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