

**MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY**  
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**University Interdenominational Protestant  
Service of Word and Sacrament**  
**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 — 11:00 a.m.**  
**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Series LXXVI №. 6

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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**                      Andante sostenuto (from Symphonie No. 5)      *Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)*

**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**                      from “Behold, I build an house”<sup>†</sup>                      *Lukas Foss (1922–2009)*

Behold, I build an house. Then the house was filled with a cloud,  
For the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God.

✦ **Hymn 660**                      God is here! As we your people                      ABBOT’S LEIGH

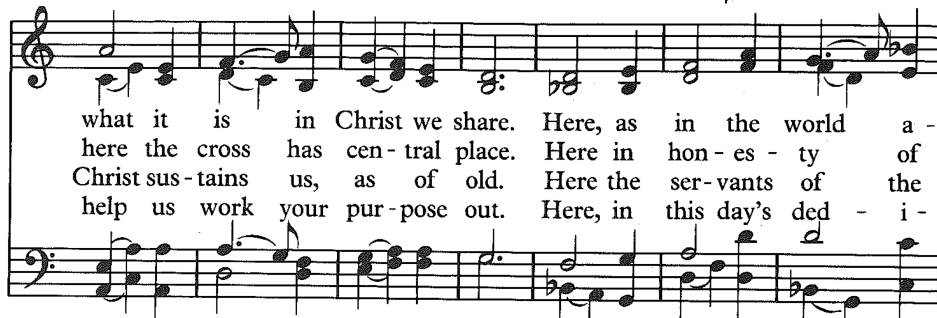
1. God is here! As we your people meet to of - fer  
2. Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3. Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep - herd's  
4. Lord of all, of church and king-dom, in an age of

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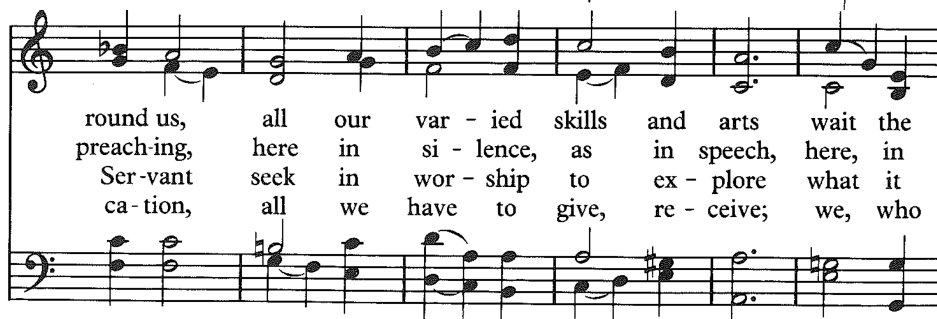
<sup>†</sup> “Behold, I build an house” was written for the dedication of Marsh Chapel, March 14, 1950.



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea-sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul-pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak-en,  
 change and doubt keep us faith-ful to the gos-pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -  
 here the cross has cen-tral place. Here in hon-es-ty of  
 Christ sus-tains us, as of old. Here the ser-vants of the  
 help us work your pur-pose out. Here, in this day's ded-i-



round us, all our var-ied skills and arts wait the  
 preach-ing, here in si-lence, as in speech, here, in  
 Ser-vant seek in wor-ship to ex-plore what it  
 ca-tion, all we have to give, re-ceive; we, who



com-ing of the Spir-it in-to o-pen minds and hearts.  
 new-ness and re-new-al, God the Spir-it comes to each.  
 means in dai-ly liv-ing to be-lieve and to a-dore.  
 can-not live with-out you, we a-dore you! We be-lieve!

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1978  
 MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

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✠ **Collect** *(in unison)*

*Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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 551

Awake, O sleeper

MARSH CHAPEL

1. A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
 2. Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
 so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
 with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.

## Lesson

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

*The wicked surround the righteous*

*Lector:*

A lesson from the book of Habakkuk, chapter 1, verses 1–4, and chapter 2, verses 1–4:

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

*Lector:*

The Word of the Lord.

*People:*

*Thanks be to God.*

## Anthem

Quam pulchri sunt

*Tomás Luis de Victoria (c.1548–1611)*

Quam pulchri sunt gressus tui, filia principis!  
 Collum tuum sicut turris eburnea, oculi tui divini,  
 et comae capitis tui sicut purpura regis.  
 Quam pulchra es, et quam decora carissima!  
 Alleluia.

*How beautiful are thy feet, O prince's daughter!  
 Thy neck as a tower of ivory, thy eyes divine,  
 and the hairs of thy head as royal purple.  
 How beautiful and pleasing art thou, my dearest!  
 Alleluia.*

*Motet for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

**Lesson**

2 Timothy 1:1–14

*Guard the treasure entrusted to you**Lector:*

A lesson from the second epistle to Timothy, chapter 1, verses 1–14:

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Jesus Christ before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

*Lector:*

The Word of the Lord.

*People:**Thanks be to God.***The Psalter**

Psalm 37:1–9

*Commit your way to the Lord**The antiphon is sung twice, first by choir alone, and then by choir and congregation.*

Do just - ly, love mer - cy, walk hum - bly with your God.

*Cantor:*

Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,

*People:*

*For they will soon fade like the grass,  
and wither like the green herb.*

*Cantor:*

Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

*People:*

*Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

*Cantor:* Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.

*People:* *He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.*

*Cantor:* Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.

*People:* *Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.  
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.*

*Cantor:* For the wicked shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land. 🎵

✠ **Gloria Patri**      from ‘Benedictus, Op. 34, no. 2’      *Edward Elgar (1857–1934)*

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 17:5–10      *Faith the size of a mustard seed*

*Lector:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke,  
chapter 17, verses 5–10:

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

**Sermon**      “The Scourged Back”      The Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman  
University Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry

✱ Hymn

Somebody's knocking at your door

Some- bod- y's knock-in' at your door; Some- bod- y's knock-in' at your door;

O sin- ner, why don't you an- swer? Some- bod- y's knock-in' at your

door. 1. Knocks like Je- sus,  
2. Can't you hear Him? Some- bod- y's knock-in' at your door;  
3. Je - sus calls you,  
4. Can't you trust Him?

1. Knocks like Je- sus,  
2. Can't you hear Him? Some- bod- y's knock-in' at your door; O  
3. Je - sus calls you,  
4. Can't you trust Him?

sin- ner, why don't you an- swer? Some- bod- y's knock-in' at your door.

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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## Offertory Sentences

### At the Offertory Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

Harold W. Friedell (1905–1958)

Come, my way, my truth, my life:  
such a way as gives us breath;  
such a truth as ends all strife;  
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength:  
such a light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length;  
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart:  
such a joy as none can move;  
such a love as none can part;  
such a heart as joys in love.

George Herbert (1593–1633)

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

NUN DANKET; arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)



All praise and thanks to God The Fa-ther now be giv - en, The  
Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est hea - ven, The  
One e - ter - nal God, Whom heav'n and earth a - dore; For  
thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more. A - men.

### ✦ 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 him thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## ✠ 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 and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

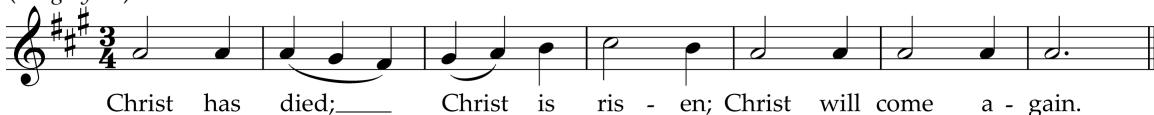
*Celebrant:* He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*(sung by all)*



*Celebrant:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All:* Amen.

## ✠ The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*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/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, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## ✦ Hymn

Rise up, ye saints of God!

FESTAL SONG

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give  
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,  
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.  
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.  
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

Words: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt.  
Music: *Festal Song*, William H. Walter (1825-1893)

✠ **Benediction**

✠ **Response**                      from “Behold, I build an house”                      *Lukas Foss (1922–2009)*

For great is our God.  
That thine eyes may be open upon this house.

✠ **Postlude**                      Allegro maestoso e vivace (Sonata No. 1)                      *Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

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*The preacher and celebrant is the Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman, University Chaplain for Episcopal Students.  
The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.  
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.*

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| <b>THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL</b> |
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| <b>TODAY</b>       | 11:00 a.m.                   | Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)   |
| <b>MONDAY</b>      | 12:00–1:00 p.m.<br>5:00 p.m. | Tai Chi at Marsh Chapel (Marsh Room)<br>Community Dinner (Marsh Room)                       |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>     | 12:00–2:00 p.m.              | Create Space (Thurman Room)   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>   | 12:00–1:00 p.m.<br>5:15 p.m. | Tai Chi at Marsh Chapel (Marsh Room)<br>Ecumenical Service with Eucharist (Robinson Chapel) |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>    | 6:30–9:00 p.m.               | Marsh Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Nave)   |
| <b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> | 11:00 a.m.                   | Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)   |

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# 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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### MUSIC

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| Patrick T. Waters       |  | <i>Assistant Director of Music, Special Projects and Publications</i> |
| Timothy Rodriguez       |  | <i>Manager and Librarian, Marsh Chapel Choir</i>                      |

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