

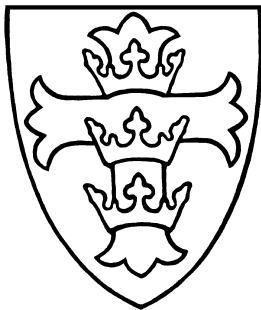
MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY INTERDENOMINATIONAL PROTESTANT
SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2026

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

THE REV. DR. ROBERT ALLAN HILL, DEAN



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY
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**University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship**
Sunday, April 26th, 2026 — 11:00 a.m.
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Series LXXVI №. 37

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Surrexit pastor bonus *Heinrich Scheidemann (1596–1663)*

This organ setting is based on Orlando di Lasso's motet of the same name, sung as today's offertory anthem.

Easter Acclamation and Greeting

The Dean: The heavens declare the glory of God.
People: *The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.*
The Dean: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
People: *The world and those who live in it.*
The Dean: Come let us worship God!

✠ **Introit** Praise and thanksgiving *adapted from Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)*

Praise and thanksgiving be to our God, source of all blessing.
Let the heavens be glad, let earth rejoice. Hallelujah!
Sing and be glad. Hallelujah!

✦ Hymn

God of the fertile fields

ITALIAN HYMN



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

✠ **Collect** *(in unison)*

O Holy God, creator of the world and fount of all life, praise be to you for your wondrous works of creation. From the smallest grains of sand to the brightest stars in the sky, the fingerprints of your power and love glisten all around us. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists, and you never abandon the creatures formed by your wisdom. May we who are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ continue to seek after justice, mercy, and peace as we recognize our oneness with all beings in the community of creation. Amen.

✠ **Confession and Sharing of Peace**

Chaplain: Friends, when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins against each other and all of God's creation on Earth.

All: O God, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen:
You place us in your creation,
and you command us to care for it.
Your works declare glory and splendor,
and you call us to praise and reverence.

*Where we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty,
forgive us.
Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted,
have mercy upon us.
Where we have become estranged
from the creatures with whom we share this planet,
grant us your peace.*

*Renew us in the waters of baptism,
refresh us with the winds of your spirit,
and sustain us with the bread of life.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd
and for the sake of the new creation, we pray. Amen.*

Chaplain: Our righteousness and redemption is found in Christ alone, the good shepherd with whom we are raised to life. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Chaplain: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always!

All: And also with you.

Lesson

Acts 2:42–47

The believers' common life

Lector: A lesson from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2, verses 42–47:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Hymne: Dein sind die Himmel, Op. 69/2

Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

Dein sind die Himmel, und dein ist die Erde;	<i>The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours;</i>
du hast der Welten Kreis,	<i>You have established the circle of the worlds,</i>
hast die Fülle der Erde fest begründet;	<i>You have firmly founded the fullness of the earth;</i>
Gerechtigkeit und der Wahrheit Kraft	<i>Righteousness and the power of truth</i>
sind die Pfeiler deines Thrones.	<i>Are the pillars of your throne.</i>

*Psalm 89:11, 14***Lesson**

1 Peter 2:19–25

Follow the shepherd, even in suffering

Lector: A lesson from the first epistle of St. Peter, chapter 2, verses 19–25:

For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter

Psalm 23

My head anointed with oil

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



My shep-herd is the Lord, noth-ing in-deed shall I want.

Cantor: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: *He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;*

Cantor: he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

People: *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.*

Cantor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.* ♪

✠ **Gloria Patri** from 'Evening Service in B minor'

T. Tertius Noble (1867–1953)

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 10:1–10

Christ the shepherd

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 10, verses 1–10:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again, Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the

sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

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

Sermon Earth Sunday Meditation The Rev. Jonathan Byung Hoon Lee
Associate Chaplain for Student Outreach

✧ Hymn 77 How great thou art! HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der
2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion

con-sid-er all the *worlds thy hands have made,
and hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

I see the stars, I hear the *roll-ing thun-der,
when I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur
that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing,
Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion,

thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played.
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee;
 how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my
 soul, my Sav - ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

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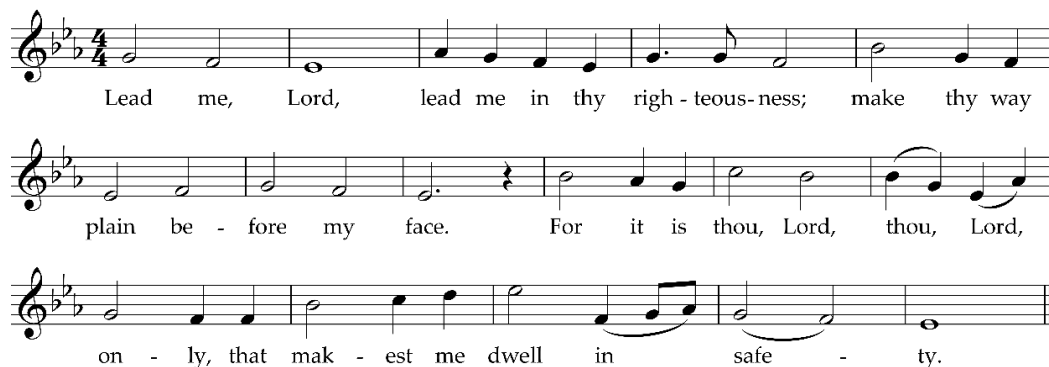
HOW GREAT THOU ART

Irr. with Refrain

Call to Prayer

Lead me, Lord (*sung by all*)

LEAD ME, LORD



Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - 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.

Anointing

After the prayers, you will be invited to receive a blessing with oil from one of the chaplains.

Response

Hear my prayer

Words and music by Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the morning when I rise.

It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within your arms.

It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory

Surrexit pastor bonus a 5

Orlando di Lasso (1532–1594)

Surrexit pastor bonus,
qui animam suam posuit pro ovibus suis,
et pro grege suo mori dignatus est, alleluia.

*The good shepherd has arisen,
who laid down his life for his sheep,
and deigned to die for his flock, alleluia.*

John 10:11

✦ 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

✦ Hymn

Go to the world!

SINE NOMINE



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
 Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,
 bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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SINE NOMINE
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✦ Benediction

✦ **Response** after "Abendlied" *adapted from Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)*

Stay with us in your mercy; May we live the song you teach us;
 Stay with us Lord, O stay with us; Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

✦ **Postlude** Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren, BuxWV 214 *Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)*

*The preacher is the Rev. Jonathan Byung Hoon Lee, Associate Chaplain for Student Outreach.
 Also leading in worship is the Rev. Dr. Jessica Chicka, University Chaplain for International Students.
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 The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.*



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