

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY
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**University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Word and Sacrament
Sunday, August 2nd, 2026 — 11:00 a.m.
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Series LXXVI №. 51**

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Andante sostenuto (from *Symphonie gothique*) 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** Northfield Jeremiah Ingalls (1764–1828)

How long, dear Saviour, O how long
Shall this bright hour delay,
Fly swifter 'round the wheel of time,
And bring the welcome day. from *The Christian Harmony* (1805)

✠ **Hymn 96** Praise the Lord who reigns above AMSTERDAM

1. Praise the Lord who reigns a - bove and keeps his court be - low;
2. Cel - e - brate th'e - ter - nal God with harp and psal - ter - y,
3. God, in whom they move and live, let ev - ery crea - ture sing,



praise the ho - ly God of love and all his great-ness show;
tim-brels soft and cym-bals loud in this high praise a - gree;
glo - ry to their Mak-er give, and hom-age to their King.

praise him for his no - ble deeds, praise him for his match-less power;
praise with ev - ery tune-ful string; all the reach of heaven-ly art,
Hallow-ed be thy name be-neath, as in heaven on earth a-dored;

him from whom all good pro-ceeds let earth and heaven a - dore.
all the powers of mu - sic bring, the mu - sic of the heart.
praise the Lord in ev - ery breath, let all things praise the Lord.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1743 (Ps. 150)
MUSIC: Foundery Collection, 1742

AMSTERDAM
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✕ **Collect** (in unison)

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.*

✠ 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

Genesis 32:22–31

*Jacob receives God's blessing**Lector:*

A lesson from the book of Genesis, chapter 32, verses 22–31:

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Lector:

The Word of the Lord.

*People:**Thanks be to God.***Anthem**

Thou knowest, Lord

Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
Suffer us not at our last hour,
For any pains of death to fall away from Thee. Amen.

*from The Book of Common Prayer***Lesson**

Romans 9:1–5

*The glory of God's people in Israel**Lector:*

A lesson from the epistle to the Romans, chapter 9, verses 1–5:

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Lector:

The Word of the Lord.

*People:**Thanks be to God.*

The Psalter

Psalm 17:1–7, 15

I shall see your face

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



Cantor: Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

People: From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.

Cantor: If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me,
you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

People: As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.

Cantor: My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.

People: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.

Cantor: Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries
at your right hand.

People: As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness. ♪

✠ Gloria Patri

from Magnificat in B-flat major

Charles Villiers 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

Matthew 14:13–21

Jesus feeds five thousand

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew,
chapter 4, verses 13–21:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

"Communion Meditation"

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill
Dean of the Chapel

✠ Hymn 618

Let us break bread together (stanzas 1–3 only)

LET US BREAK BREAD

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees, (on our knees)
(2. Let us) drink wine to - geth - er on our knees, (on our knees)
(3. Let us) praise God to - geth - er on our knees, (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. (on me) 2. Let us
 3. Let us

*May end after stanza 3

WORDS: Afro-American spiritual (Acts 2:42)

MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986

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LET US BREAK BREAD
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Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory O God, thou art my God

Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

¹O God, thou art my God: early will I seek thee.

²My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee:
 in a barren and dry land where no water is.

³Thus have I looked for thee in holiness: that I might behold thy power and glory.

⁴For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself: my lips shall praise thee.

⁵As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner: and lift up my hands in thy Name.

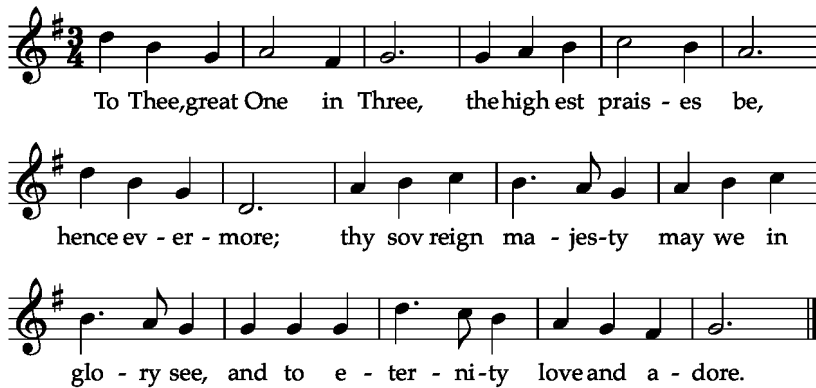
⁸Because thou hast been my helper: therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

Hallelujah!

Psalms 63:1–5, 8

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

MOSCOW



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: To Thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be, hence evermore; thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

To Thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be,
hence evermore; thy sovereign majesty may we in
glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

✦ **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 up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

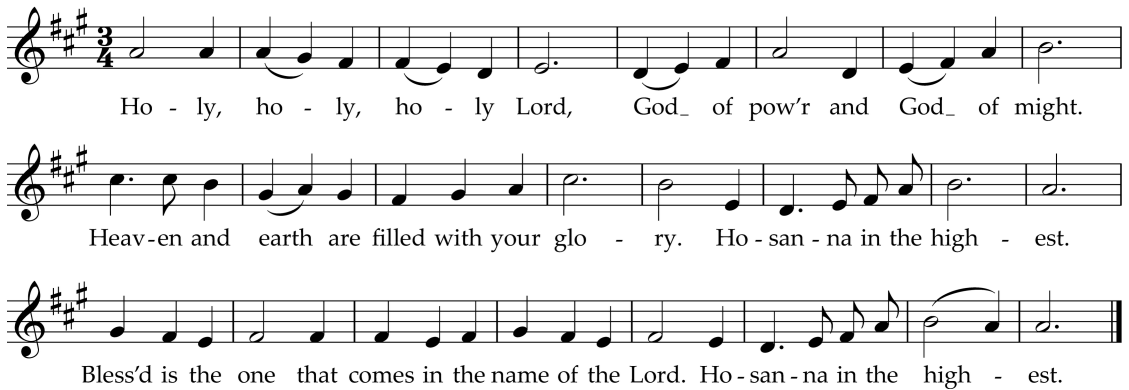
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
Always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
And spoke to us through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
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 are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
To proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed,
And to announce that the time had come
When you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
You gave birth to your Church,
Delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
And made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
In the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
Gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
Gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
Poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Celebrant: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
As a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
As we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Celebrant: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
And on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
That we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
One with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
Until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

✠ The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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 (pulpit side) and an alcohol-free grape juice (lectern side). Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

At the Offertory

Panis angelicus

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921)

Panis angelicus

The bread of the angels

Fit panis hominum;

becomes the bread of mortals;

Dat panis coelicus

the bread of heaven

Figuris terminum:

puts an end to prefigurations.

O res mirabilis!

O wondrous thing!

Manducat Dominum

the poor, the slave and the humble

Pauper, servus et humilis.

feed on their Lord.

Te trina Deitas,

Of you, threefold and

Unaque poscimus,

one God, we ask:

Sic nos tu visita,

Come to visit us

Sicut te colimus;

as we worship you;

Per tuas semitas

lead us on your paths

Duc nos quo tendimus,

to where we want to go:

Ad lucem quam inhabitas.

to the light in which you dwell.

St. Thomas Aquinas (c.1225–1274)

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

O Jesus, I have promised

WOLVERCOTE



1.O Je - sus, I have prom - ised, to serve thee to the end; be
2.O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still, a -
3.O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee, that
4.O let me see thy foot - marks, and in them plant mine own; my



thou for - ev - er near me, my mast - er and my friend; I
bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will; O
where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be; and,
hope to fol - low du - ly is in thy strength a - lone; O



shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side, nor
speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol; O
Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end; O
guide me, call me, draw me, up - hold me to the end; and



wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guar - dian of my soul.
give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.
then in heaven re - ceive me, my sav - ior and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode (1816–1874)

Music: William Harold Ferguson (1874–1950)

✦ Benediction

✦ Response from “Peace I leave with you”

Walter L. Pelz (b. 1926)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:
not as the world giveth give I unto you.

John 14:27

✦ Postlude Fanfare

William Mathias (1934–1992)



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