

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY
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**University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship**

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026 — 11:00 a.m.

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Series LXXVI №. 54

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Aria, from Concerto Grosso, Op. 6, no. 12 *George Frederic Handel* (1685–1759)
Andante, from Organ Concerto in F Major, No. 4, HWV 295

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**

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 100**

God, whose love is reigning o'er us

LAUDA ANIMA

✠ **Collect** (*in unison*)

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 in F

Claudio Monteverdi (1567–1643)

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

Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

Pharaoh's daughter takes Moses as her son

Lector: A lesson from the book of Exodus, chapter 1, verse 8 through chapter 2, verse 10:

Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude, and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This

must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Expectans expectavi Dominum (*Psalms 40*)

Teena Lyle (b.1963)

Expectans expectavi Dominum
et intendit mihi, et exaudivit preces meas
et eduxit me de lacu miseriae

*I waited patiently for the Lord.
He stooped down to me, and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit
and out of the miry clay.*

et statuit petram dos meus
et dirait gressus meos,
et immisit in os meum canticum novum,
Carmen Deo nostro.

*He set my feet upon the rock
and made my footsteps firm.
He put a new song in my mouth,
Praise to our God.*

Videbunt multi et timebunt
et speribunt in Domino.

*Many will see and fear
and trust in the Lord.*

Lesson

Romans 12:1-8

One body in Christ, with gifts that differ

Lector: A lesson from the epistle to the Romans, chapter 12, verses 1-8:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

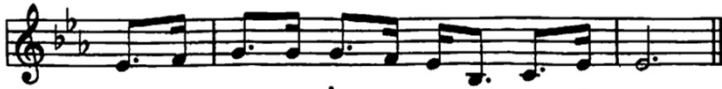
The Psalter

Psalm 124

We have escaped like a bird

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



When the storms of life are rag-ing, stand by me.

Cantor: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—
let Israel now say—

People: *if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;*

Cantor: then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;

People: *then over us would have gone the raging waters.*

Cantor: Blessed be the LORD,
who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

People: *We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;*

Cantor: the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

People: *Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.* ♪

✠ 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 16:13–20

The profession of Peter's faith

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew,
chapter 16, verses 13–20:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him,

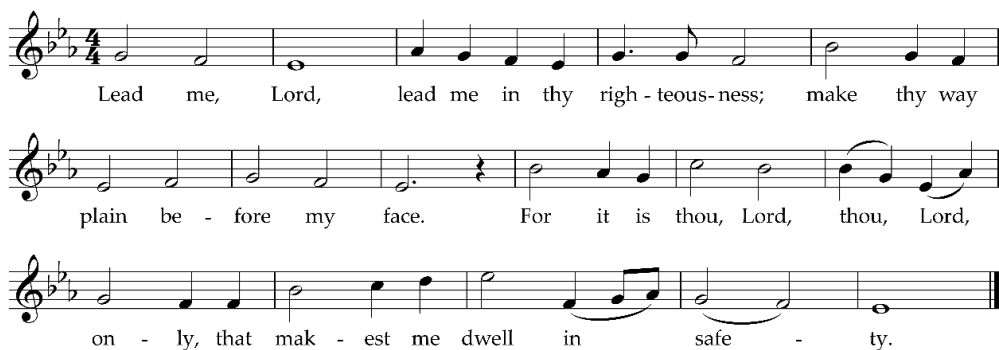
"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Sermon "Summer Reverie" The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill
Dean of the Chapel

Hymn 420 Breathe on me breath of God TRENTHAM

Call to Prayer Lead me, Lord (*sung by all*) LEAD ME, LORD



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 Cast thy burden upon the Lord, from *Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Cast thy burden upon the Lord; and He shall sustain thee.
He will never suffer the righteous to fall; for He is at thy right hand.
Thy mercy, Lord, is great and far above the heavens.
Let none be put to shame that wait upon Thee.

Psalms 16:8 and 108:4

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory Light Everlasting

O. C. Christiansen (1901–1984)

O Light everlasting, O Love never failing.
Illumine our darkness, and draw us to Thee;

May we from thy spirit receive inspiration,
That brethren together Thy wisdom may see.
Make known to all nations Thy peace and salvation.
And help us, O Father, Thy temple to be.

O Light everlasting...

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

MOSCOW



To Thee, great One in Three, the high est prais - es be,
hence ev - er - more; thy sov reign ma - jes-ty may we in
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni-ty love and a - dore.

✠ Offertory Prayer

✦ **Hymn 679**

O splendor of God's glory bright

WAREHAM

✦ **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**

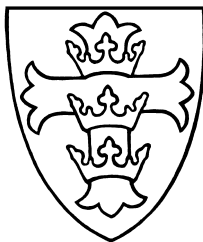
La Marche, HWV 417

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of Marsh Chapel.

The anthems are conducted by Patrick T. Waters (Lyle) and Edith Mora Hernández (Christiansen).

The Marsh Chapel Summer Choir sang today's service with Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett as the organist.



We welcome new students and their families at the

Annual Service of Matriculation

Sunday, August 30, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

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MARSH CHAPEL & RELIGIOUS LIFE



The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill

Dean of Marsh Chapel and Chaplain to the University

Professor of New Testament and Pastoral Theology

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