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Service of Word and Sacrament

Sunday, October 4th, 2026 — 11:00 a.m.

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Series LXXVII №. 6

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

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 Jubilate Deo in A major

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;

Serve the Lord with gladness

And come before his presence with a song.

Psalm 100:1–2

✠ **Hymn 545** The church's one foundation

AURELIA

1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

WORDS: Samuel J. Stone, 1866
MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

AURELIA
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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.*

✠ 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

Isaiah 5:1–7

*The song of the vineyard**Lector:*

A lesson from the book of Isaiah, chapter 5, verses 1–7:

I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

Lector:

The Word of the Lord.

*People:**Thanks be to God.***Anthem**Kyrie (from *Messe Basse*)*Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)*

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

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

Philippians 3:4b–14

*To know Christ and his resurrection**Lector:*

A lesson from the Epistle to the Philippians, chapter 3, verses 4–14:

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector:

The Word of the Lord.

*People:**Thanks be to God.*

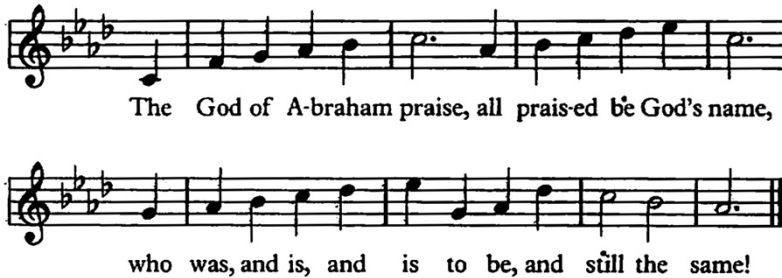
The Psalter

Psalm 80:7–15

Look down from heaven, O God

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



- Cantor:* Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
- People:* You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
- Cantor:* You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.
- People:* The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches;
- Cantor:* it sent out its branches to the sea
and its shoots to the River.
- People:* Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
- Cantor:* The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.
- People:* Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see;
have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted. ♪

✠ **Gloria Patri** *from Magnificat in D major*

Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

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 21:33–46

The parable of the vineyard owner's son

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew,
chapter 21, verses 33–46:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

“The Wicked Tenant, or the Wicked Landlord”

The Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman
University Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry

✱ Hymn

I come with joy to meet my Lord

LAND OF REST

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see and praise him here.
 5 in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

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Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory The heavens declare the glory of God

Thomas Tomkins (1572–1656)

The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament shews his handywork.
One day telleth another:
and one night certifies another.
There is neither speech nor language:
but their voices are heard among them.
Their sound is gone out into all lands:
and their words into the ends of the world.

Psalms 19:1–4

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

MARION

The music to this hymn is found on page 160 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

Praise God who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore,
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

✠ **Offertory Prayer**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Missa 'Sufficit tibi gratia mea' — *Sean R. Glenn* (b. 1986)

✠ **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 everywhere 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.

Celebrant: 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*)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he that
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

✠ **Words of Institution**

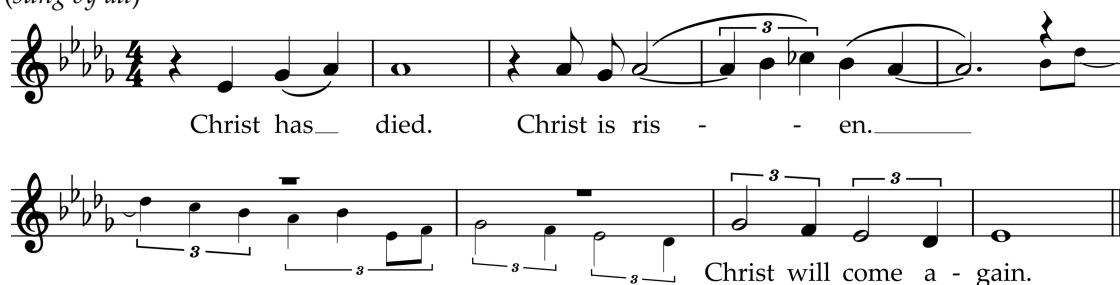
Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

(sung by all)



Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins 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.

Anthem

Ave verum corpus

Mel Bonis (1858–1937)

Ave verum corpus
natum de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum,
mortis in examine.
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,
O Jesu Fili Mariae,
Tu nobis miserere, o Jesu.

*Hail the true body,
born of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced side
flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us
in the trial of death.
O Jesu sweet, O Jesu pure,
O Jesu, Son of Mary,
have mercy on us, O Jesus.*

Hymn for the feast of Corpus Christi

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.*



1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 3. Here vouch - safe to all thy ser - vants what they ask of
 4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or

cor - ner - stone; cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 Hosts, to - day! With thy faith - ful lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee for - ev - er
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear thy peo - ple as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one; one in might and

help for - ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
 one in glo - ry, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

WORDS: 7th cent. Latin; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1851

(Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7)

MUSIC: Henry Purcell, ca. 1680; adapt. by Ernest Hawkins, 1842

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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✦ Benediction

✦ Response *from Nunc dimittis in E-flat major* *Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

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

Luke 2:29

✦ Postlude

The preacher and celebrant is the Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman, University Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry.

The soprano soloist is Abby Hanna.

The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.

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Marsh Chapel welcomes our new and returning Boston University students to worship with us this Sunday. We are so glad that you've chosen to worship with us. Marsh Chapel serves Boston University and its student community as a place of comfort, a refuge from suffering, and a font of inspiration and hope. No matter your faith or where you are along your spiritual journey, there is a place for you here!

If you would like to get connected and learn more about the Marsh Chapel community or have any questions for our team, scan the QR code and fill out the form with your contact information. The Rev. Jonathan Lee, Associate Chaplain for Student Outreach, will be in touch with you soon!



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