



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Worship

Sunday, August 16th, 2009 - 11:00 a.m.

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

☒ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Call to Worship and Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

☒ **Introit** Rejoice in the Lord always *Anonymous*

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.

—Philippians 4: 4

☒ **Hymn 73** O worship the King *LYONS*

☒ **Opening Prayer** (*in unison*)

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of this redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Kyrie from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* *Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

All are invited to enter into a time of silent confession during the singing of the Kyrie.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: 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 1 Kings 3, 3-14

Lector: A lesson from the first book of Kings, chapter 3, verses 3-14:

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem Cantate Domino *Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)*

Cantate Domino, canticum novum:
cantate Domino omnis terra.

*Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini eius:
annuntiate de die in diem salutare eius.

*Sing to the Lord, and bless his name:
announce his salvation from day to day.*

Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam eius,
in omnibus populis mirabilia eius.

*Announce among the nations his glory,
and his wonders to all peoples.*

—Psalm 96, 1-3

Psalm 111

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

♪ **Antiphon** (sung by all)



Cantor: Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: *Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.*

Cantor: Full of honor and majesty are the works of the Lord
whose righteousness endures forever,

People: *Who has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.*

Cantor: The Lord provides food for those who fear him;
and is ever mindful of his covenant.

People: *The Lord has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.*

Cantor: The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

People: *They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.*

Cantor: The Lord sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is God's name.

People: *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
The praise of the Lord endures for ever. ♪*

✘ **Gloria Patri** (sung by all)

The music to this hymn may be found on page 559 of the United Methodist Hymnal, verse 4.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

✘ **Gospel Lesson** John 6, 51-58

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 6,
verses 51-58:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

✘ **Hymn 465** Holy Spirit, Truth divine CANTERBURY

Sermon 'A Discerning Heart' Rev. Rodney L. Petersen, PhD
Executive Director, Boston Theological Institute
Lecturer, BU School of Theology

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

The music to this hymn may be found on page 473 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
That makest me dwell in safety.

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.

Choral Response

adapted from Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

There for me the Savior stands, shows his wounds and spreads his hands. God is Love! I know, and feel; Jesus weeps and loves me still.
Now incline me to repent, let me now my sins lament, now my foul revolt deplore, weep, believe, and sin no more.

— Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Community Life and Offering

✦ At the Offertory Lobe den Herren

Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

Lobe den Herren,
den mächtigen König der Ehren!
Meine geliebete Seele,
das ist mein Begehren!
Kommet zu Hauf!
Psalter und Harfe, wacht auf!
Lasset den Lobgesang hören!

*Praise to the Lord,
the mighty king of glory!
My beloved soul,
that is my desire
Come together!
Psaltery and harp, awake!
Let the song of praise be heard!*

Lobe den Herren,
der alles, so herrlich regieret,
der dich auf Adellers Fittichen
dich sicher geführt;
der dich erhält,
wie es dir selber gefällt;
hast du nicht dieses verspüret? (da capo)

*Praise to the Lord,
who rules so gloriously over all,
who has led you safely
on eagle's wings,
who preserves you
as it pleases you.
Have you not perceived this? (da capo)*

— Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

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

CWM RHONDDA

The music to this hymn may be found on page 577 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

✦ Offertory Prayer

✦ Hymn 145 Morning has broken

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✦ Benediction

✦ Response God be in my head

arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.
God be at mine end and at my departing.

— Old English Prayer from *Sarum Primer*

Please remain standing until the procession has left the nave.

Postlude

*The preacher is Rodney L. Petersen.
The choir is conducted by Aram Demirjian.
The organist is Glen Goda.*

DARWIN AND FAITH: 2009 SUMMER PREACHER SERIES

The third annual **Marsh Chapel National Summer Preacher Series** brings some of the finest preaching in the country to the pulpit of Howard Thurman. In recognition of the bicentennial of the birth of Charles Darwin and the sesquicentennial of the publication of his *On the Origin of Species*, this summer we offer **eleven weeks of sermonic considerations of Darwin**, his thought, and the implications of his thought for the life of faith. It is no secret that the so-called wars of science and religion have become entrenched especially in fundamentalist Christian theology and the contemporary movement known as the New Atheism. At Marsh Chapel, in a spirit of responsible Christian liberalism, we long for a way forward toward a faith that appeals to culture and a culture that is attractive to faith, acknowledging that all truth is God's truth.

This summer's series includes voices from around the country, from Boston University's School of Theology, and from the Marsh community itself. The second edition of Marsh Chapel's new on-line magazine, *motives*, will present the printed texts of these summer sermons. In addition, Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett and the Marsh Chapel Choir (who last summer presented to much appreciation Palestrina's motets on the Song of Songs), will be offering choral music related to the theme of creation. As was done previously, two summer luncheons on the theme of Darwin and Faith will be offered July 15 and July 29, 12--1:30PM in the Thurman Room of the Chapel. For more information call 617.353.3560 or email chapel@bu.edu.

June 21: Rev. Dr. Wesley Wildman

June 28: Rev. Dr. Robert C. Neville

July 5: Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

July 12 and July 19: Rev. Dr. Dean Snyder

July 26 and August 2: Rev. Dr. Charlie Yoost

August 9: Dr. Kirk Wegter-McNelly

August 16: Rev. Dr. Rodney Petersen

August 23: Br. Lawrence Whitney, LC+

August 30: Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

WELCOME TO MARSH CHAPEL!

We thank you for joining us this morning for worship, and hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Marsh Chapel, or have other questions, please feel free to contact any of the Chaplains or Associates listed below.

Although Boston University is in summer session, and many of our faculty, staff, administrators and students are away for summer break, we continue at Marsh Chapel to offer Sunday services of ordered worship, every week of the year, including the summer months. Each year we offer a special National Preacher Series for the summer (see the information printed elsewhere in the bulletin). We are happy that you have joined us for our summer worship. We look forward to the regathering of our full worshipping community in early September, and invite you also to join us in the autumn.

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