



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Worship

Sunday, August 23rd, 2009 - 11:00 a.m.

The Twelfth 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

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** Rejoice in the Lord always *Anonymous*

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

—Philippians 4, 4

✠ **Hymn 662** Stand up and bless the Lord ST. MICHAEL

✠ **Opening Prayer** (*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 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 Ephesians 6, 10-20

Lector: A lesson from Paul's epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 6, verses 10-20:

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Ego sum panis vivus *Juan Esquivel (c. 1560-c. 1625)*

Ego sum panis vivus,
qui de caelo descendi.

Si quis manducaverit ex hoc pane,
vivet in aeternum,
alleluia.

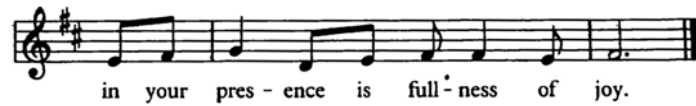
*I am the living bread
which came down from heaven.
Whosoever shall eat of this bread
shall live forever,
alleluia.*

—John 6, 58

Psalm 84

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

♪ **Antiphon** (sung by all)



Cantor: How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

People: *My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

Cantor: Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

People: *Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.*

Cantor: Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

People: *As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.*

Cantor: They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

People: *O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!*

Cantor: Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.

People: *For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.*

Cantor: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

People: *O LORD of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.* ♪

✦ **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, 56-69

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 6,
verses 56-69:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

“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.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

✦ **Hymn 79** Holy God, we praise thy name (verses 1-4 only) GROSSER GOTT

Sermon ‘Feeling Darwin’s God’s Politics’ Br. Lawrence A. Whitney, LC+
University Chaplain for Community Life

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 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.
Let not your heart be troubled; neither let it be afraid.

—John 14, 27

✠ **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 436** The voice of God is calling MEIRIONYDD

✠ 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 Br. Lawrence A. Whitney, LC+, University Chaplain for Community Life.
The conductor and organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.*

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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