



# MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Worship

Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – 11:00 a.m.

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Prelude** Präludium in F-sharp minor, BuxWV 146 *Dietrich Buxtehude* (c. 1637-1707)

### 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** Introit for the Season of Epiphany *Julian J. Wachner* (b. 1969)

O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

The Lord hath manifested forth his glory: O come let us adore him.

The earth is the Lord's and he made it: O come let us adore.

—adapted by the composer from scripture

✠ **Hymn 62** All creatures of our God and King (verses 1, 2, 3 and 7) *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

✠ **Opening Prayer** (*in unison*)

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you:

Mercifully accept our prayers;

and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you,

give us the help of your grace,

that in keeping your commandments

we may please you both in will and deed;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Kyrie** from 'Mass in E-flat major' *Josef Rheinberger* (1839-1901)

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

Kyrie eleison,	<i>Lord, have mercy,</i>
Christe eleison,	<i>Christ, have mercy,</i>
Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

### Assurance of Pardon

*The Dean:* 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 Corinthians 1: 1-9

*Lector:* A lesson from the first epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, chapter 1, verses 1-9:

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

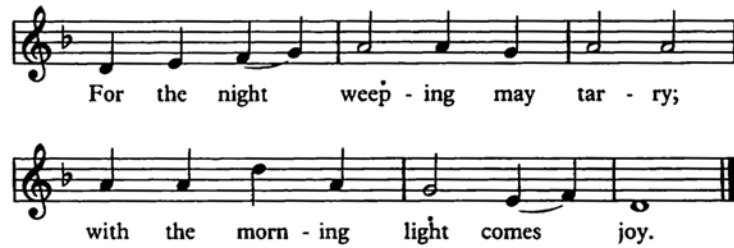
**Anthem** Denn er hat seinen Engeln befohlen *Felix Mendelssohn* (1809-1847)

Denn er hat seinen Engeln befohlen über dir,	<i>For he will command his angels concerning you</i>
dass sie dich behüten auf allen deinen Wegen,	<i>to guard you in all your ways.</i>
dass sie dich auf den Händen tragen	<i>On their hands they will bear you up,</i>
und du deinen Fuß nicht an einen Stein stoßest.	<i>so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.</i>

—Psalm 91: 11-12

## Psalm 30

♪ **Response** (*sung by all*)



**Cantor:** I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**People:** O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.

**Cantor:** O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

**People:** Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

**Cantor:** For God's anger is but for a moment; God's favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

**People:** As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

**Cantor:** By your favor, O LORD,  
you had established me as a strong mountain;  
you hid your face; I was dismayed.

**People:** To you, O LORD, I cried,  
and to the LORD I made supplication:

**Cantor:** "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?  
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

**People:** Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!  
O LORD, be my helper!"

**Cantor:** You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

**People:** so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever. ♪

✠ **Gloria Patri** from 'Magnificat in B-flat major' C. V. 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** Mark 1: 40-45

**Lector:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 1,  
verses 40-45:

**People:** *Glory to you, O Lord.*

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

**Lector:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

✠ **Hymn 382** Have thine own way, Lord! ADELAIDE

**Sermon** "Strength to Start" The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

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

*The music to this hymn is 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

**Choral Response** Precious Lord, take my hand *arr. Roy Ringwald (1910-1995)*

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night,  
Through the dark, through the storm, to thy light.  
I have been to the mount, I have seen the promised Land;  
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

—Joyce Merman

### Community Life and Offering

**At the Offertory** How can I keep from singing?

Ronald Staheli (b. 1947)

1. My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing;  
it sounds an echo in my soul: how can I keep from singing?
2. When tyrants tremble sick with fear and hear their death knells ringing,  
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?  
In prison cell or dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging,  
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?
3. What if my joys and comforts die? I know that Truth is living.  
What tho' the darkness 'round me close? Still Truth its light is giving!  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging;  
since Love is Lord of heaven and earth: how can I keep from singing?
4. I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it.  
And day by day this pathway smoothes, since first I learned to love it.  
The peace from love makes fresh my heart, a song of hope is springing.  
All things are mine since Truth I've found: how can I keep from singing?

—American Folk Hymn

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN; *arr. John Rutter* (b. 1945)

*The music to this hymn is found on page 94 of the United Methodist Hymnal.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts,  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

✘ **Offertory Prayer**

✘ **Hymn 680**

Father, we praise thee

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

✘ **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*

**Postlude**

Sonata No. 4 in B-flat major, Op. 65, no. 4

*Felix Mendelssohn* (1809-1847)

IV. Allegro maestoso e vivace

*Please remain seated for the postlude.*

*Following the service, all are invited to attend a luncheon downstairs in the Marsh Room.*

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*The preacher is Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.*

*The choir is the Marsh Chapel Choir, under the direction of Justin Blackwell and Timothy Westerhaus.*

*The soprano soloist is Teresa Wakim.*

*The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.*

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **chapel will be closed tomorrow**, Monday, February 16, in honor of Presidents' Day. All chapel activities, including meals, are cancelled for that day.

The **Marsh Chapel lunch** for Tuesday, February 17 is **cancelled**.

The **Interdenominational Ash Wednesday service** will be held on Wednesday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the nave of the chapel.

On Saturday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m., the **Marsh Chapel Collegium will present a concert** featuring works of Schoenberg and Mozart. Admission to this event is free of charge.

This year **BU Habitat for Humanity** is working to raise \$50,000 to sponsor a house. You can come support this cause by attending "Raise the Roof for Habitat" on **February 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Morse Auditorium**. Come hear performances by student groups including BU On Broadway, Treblemakers, Dear Abbeys, Speak for Yourself, Step About Boston, BU Ballroom, and more. You can vote for your favorite group by donating money to Habitat in the name of your choice. So make sure to come out and support your favorite group. Tickets are \$3 ahead of time, \$5 at the door. To purchase tickets, e-mail BU Habitat for Humanity at [habitat@bu.edu](mailto:habitat@bu.edu).

## THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

<b>TODAY</b>	9:30 a.m.	Small Group Meetings (Thurman Room)
	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
	12:00 noon	Community Luncheon (Marsh Room)
	*12:00 noon	“Speaking of Faith” Listening and Discussion Group (Dean Hill’s Office)
	12:30 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Nave)
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Nave)
	7:00 p.m.	Episcopal Worship (Robinson Chapel)
	10:00 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Nave)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Presidents’ Day – Classes suspended – Marsh Chapel offices closed Marsh Chapel meals suspended</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Substitute Monday schedule of classes Marsh Chapel meals suspended</b>	
	5:30 p.m.	Chaplain’s Study I (Thurman Room)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	11:15 a.m.	School of Theology Worship (Nave)
	5:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer with Holy Communion (Nave)
	9:00 p.m.	ONEprayer Service (Nave)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	5:30 p.m.	Chaplain’s Study II (Thurman Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Marsh Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
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\*“Speaking of Faith” is a weekly radio program airing on Sundays at noon on WBUR 90.9 AM.  
It follows the weekly Marsh Chapel broadcast.

## 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.

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*The Chapel Office is open 9 am – 10 pm weekdays, and on Sunday Mornings.*

### Chapel Staff

**The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean and Chaplain of the University**  
**Br. Lawrence A. Whitney, LC+, University Chaplain for Community Life**  
**Ray Bouchard, MTS STH '95, Director of Marsh Chapel**  
**Scott Allen Jarrett, DMA CFA '08, Director of Music**  
**Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music**  
**Elizabeth Fomby, Director of Hospitality**  
**Herbert S. Jones, Director, Inner Strength Gospel Choir**  
**Timothy Westerhaus, MM CFA '08, Assistant Conductor, Marsh Chapel Choir**  
**Melissa Riesgo and Rachel Cape, Music Program Administrators**  
**The Rev. Victoria Hart Gaskell, OSL, Chapel Associate for Methodist Students**  
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**Liz Douglass, Chapel Associate for LGBTQ Ministry**  
**Susan Forshey, Chapel Associate for Ministry Formation**  
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**Ross Ponder, Ministry Associate for Undergraduate Students**  
**Jeri-Katherine Warden, Ministry Associate for Student Athletes**  
**Tyler Sit, Marsh Associate for LGBTQ Ministry; Ministry Assistant**  
**Tom Reis, Ministry Assistant**  
**David Ames, Sacristan**  
**George Coulter, Mark Gray, Ushers**  
**Andrew Lynch, Jay Reeg, Jennifer Williams, Ushers**  
**Heidi Freimanis, Wedding Coordinator**  
**Karen Smith and Jeannette Lewis, Child Care and Office Assistants**  
**Kaitlin Daly and Michele Buonanduci, Office Assistants**

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