



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Worship

Sunday, March 22nd, 2009 – 11:00 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Adagio in E major *Frank Bridge (1879-1941)*

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Dean: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures forever.

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

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

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come let us adore him.

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

— adapted from the scriptures by the composer

✠ **Hymn 127** Guide me, O thou great Jehovah *CWM RHONDDA*

✠ **Opening Prayer** (*in unison*)

Gracious Father,
whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven
to be the true bread which gives life to the world:
Evermore give us this bread,
that he may live in us, and we in him;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Kyrie from Missa 'pour ung plaisir' *Blasius Ammom (c. 1560-1590)*

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

Kyrie eleison, *Lord, have mercy,*

Christe eleison, *Christ, have mercy,*

Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*

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 Numbers 21:4-9

Lector: A lesson from the book of Numbers, chapter 21, verses 4-9:

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Jesu, the very thought of thee *Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)*

Jesu the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills my breast
But sweeter far thy face to see
And in thy presence rest.

—St. Bernard; translated by E. Caswell

Lesson Ephesians 2:1-10

Lector: A lesson from the Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter 2, verses 1-10:

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those

who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

🎵 **Response** (*sung by all*)



Cantor: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: *Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.*

Cantor: Some were sick through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

People: *they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.*

Cantor: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress;

People: *he sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from destruction.*

Cantor: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

People: *And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.* 🎵

✦ **Gloria Patri** from 'Magnificat: Vespers of 1610' *Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)*

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto. *Glory to the Father and Son and Holy Spirit.*
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, *As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,*
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. *world without end. Amen.*

✦ **Gospel Lesson** John 3:14-21

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 3,
verses 14-21:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

Sermon "A Journey of Complaints" *Rev. Dr. Robert Cummings Neville
Dean of the Chapel, 2003-2006*

✦ **Hymn 510** Come, ye disconsolate *CONSOLATOR*

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

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 Drop, drop, slow tears

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

DROP, drop, slow tears,
And bathe those beautiful feet
Which brought from Heaven
The news and Prince of Peace:
Cease not, wet eyes,
His mercy to entreat;
To cry for vengeance
Sin doth never cease.
In your deep floods
Drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let His eye
See sin, but through my tears.

— 'A Litany', Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650)

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

CWM RHONDDA

The music to this hymn is 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 400** Come, thou Fount of every blessing

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✦ **Benediction**

✦ **Response** Grow us, God, in Jesus' image

Julian J. Wachner (b. 1969)

Grow us, God, in Jesus' image, Icon of Your loveliness:
Radiant in his fetching visage, Rousing us to holy lust.
Stimulate our loving ardour; Change our greed to love's firehue.
Feed us passion's excess, for we're loveliest when loving You.

— Robert C. Neville (b. 1939)

*Once the postlude begins, please **remain standing** until the procession has left the nave.*

Postlude Wir glauben all an einen Gott, BWV 680

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Following the service, all are invited to attend coffee hour downstairs in the Marsh Room.

The preacher is Robert Cummings Neville, Dean of the Chapel, 2003-2006.

The choir is the Marsh Chapel Choir, conducted by Scott Allen Jarrett.

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognize an Influential Person in Your Life by **sponsoring an Easter Lily**: Help decorate the chapel on Easter with lilies in honor or memory of those who have shaped your life. All those who are honored or remembered will have their names listed in the Easter bulletin. If you are interested in purchasing in an Easter lily, please complete the form included as an insert to today's bulletin, or contact Elizabeth Fomby at efomby@bu.edu or 617.353.3560.

This **Saturday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m.**, the Marsh Chapel Choir and Collegium will present **Bach's St. John Passion**, Scott Allen Jarrett conducting. Tenor Nicholas Phan and bass Ulysses Thomas will join the choral scholars, choir and orchestra in this Marsh Chapel Lenten tradition. Tickets are \$20 or **free with a student ID**.

This **Tuesday, March 24, at 6:00 p.m.**, Dr. Katheryn Pfisterer Darr, Professor of Hebrew Bible at Boston University School of Theology, will present the second of three lectures on "**Violence in the Hebrew Bible**." The lecture will be held in Robinson Chapel on the lower level of Marsh Chapel. The final lecture in this series will be held on March 31. More information is available in the Marsh Chapel Termbook.

A Common Hope is now on sale: A printed collection of **Dean Hill's Fall 2008 sermon series** on Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Get your copy for \$10. Please contact Elizabeth Fomby at efomby@bu.edu or at 617-353-3560.

We are pleased to offer **child care** during our Sunday morning services. Inquiries can be made at the main office on the lower level of the building.

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TODAY	9:30 a.m.	Small Group Meetings (Thurman Room)
	9:45 a.m.	Marsh Forum: Todd Klipp
	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
	*12:00 noon	“Speaking of Faith” Listening and Discussion Group
	1:00 p.m.	Baptism and Confirmation Class (Dean Hill’s Office)
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Nave)
	7:00 p.m.	Episcopal Worship (Robinson Chapel)
	10:00 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Nave)
MONDAY	6:00 p.m.	Community Dinner (Marsh Room)
TUESDAY	12:00 p.m.	Community Lunch (Marsh Room)
	4:30 p.m.	Eucharist at Society of St. John the Evangelist
	5:30 p.m.	Chaplain’s Study I (Thurman Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Lecture Series: Violence in the Hebrew Bible (Robinson)
WEDNESDAY	11:15 a.m.	School of Theology Worship (Nave)
	5:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer with Holy Communion (Nave)
THURSDAY	5:30 p.m.	Chaplain’s Study II (Thurman Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Marsh Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
SATURDAY	7:30 p.m.	Marsh Chapel Choir Concert (Nave) BACH St. John Passion, BWV 245
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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.

⏪ *Hearing Assist System available –please ask an usher. 79.200 MHz*

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