



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Worship

Sunday, May 10th, 2009 – 11:00 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ Please rise, as you are able.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Toccata in G major *Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)*

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** Cry Out and Shout *Knut Nystedt (b. 1915)*

Cry out and shout, ye people of God! The Lord is strength and song!

Cry out and shout, ye people of God! Cry out and shout, Alleluia!

—Isaiah 12, adapted

✠ **Hymn 308** Thine be the glory *JUDAS MACCABEUS*

✠ **Opening Prayer** (*in unison*)

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Kyrie Kyrie in A major (for Double Choir) *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

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 1 John 4, 7-21

Lector: A lesson from the first epistle of John, chapter 4, verses 7-21:

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem What stood will stand

Paul Halley (b. 1952)

Alleluia.

What stood will stand, though all be fallen,
The good return that time has stolen.
Though creatures groan in misery,
Their flesh prefigures liberty
To end travail and bring to birth their new perfection in new earth.

At word of that enlivening
Let the trees of the woods all sing.
And every field rejoice, let praise
Rise up out of the ground like grass.
What stood – whole in every piecemeal thing that stood –
Will stand though all fall.
Field and woods and all in them,
Rejoin the primal Sabbath’s hymn.

— from ‘Sabbaths,’ Wendell Berry (b. 1934)

Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum. *And I look for the resurrection of the dead*
Et vitam venturae saeculi. *and the life of the world to come.*

Psalm 133

♪ **Response** (*sung by all*)



Cantor: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
 my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

People: *The poor shall eat and be satisfied;*
 those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
 May your hearts live forever!

Cantor: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
 and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

People: *For dominion belongs to the LORD,*
 and he rules over the nations.

Cantor: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
 before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
 and I shall live for him.

People: *Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the LORD,*
 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
 saying that he has done it. ♪

✘ **Gloria Patri** from ‘Benedictus, Op. 34, no. 2’ *Edward Elgar* (1857-1934)

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** John 15, 1-8

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 15,
 verses 1-8:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

‘This I Believe’ Meditations

✘ **Hymn 57** O for a thousand tongues to sing (verse 1 only) AZMON

A verse of this hymn will follow each speaker.
The congregation may remain seated during the singing of these verses.

- Rebecca Marshburn
- Jaime Pangman
- Nellie Staley
- Tim Kelly
- Jennifer Williams

✦ **Hymn 57** O for a thousand tongues to sing (verse 7 only) AZMON

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 Amen, from 'Lo, the Full, Final Sacrifice' Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory Herr, nun lässest du deinen Diener in Frieden fahren, op. 69/1
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Herr, nun lässest du deinen Diener in Frieden fahren, wie du gesaget hast, denn meine Augen haben deinen Heiland gesehen, den du bereitet hast, vor allen Völkern, ein Licht zu erleuchten die Heiden, und zum Preis deines Volks Israel.	<i>Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.</i>
Ehre sei dem Vater, und dem Sohne, und dem Heiligen Geist, wie es war zu Anfang, jetzt und immerdar, und von Ewigkeit zu Ewigkeit. Amen.	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever and ever. Amen.</i>

✦ **Presentation of the Gifts** (*sung by all*) LASST UNS ERFREUEN; *arr. Julian Wachner* (b. 1969)

The music to this hymn may be 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 433** All who love and serve your city CHARLESTOWN

✦ 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 people respond – Amen!' (from *Rubrics*) Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

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

*The service is read by Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel and Br. Lawrence A. Whitney, LC+,
University Chaplain for Community Life.
The choir is the Marsh Chapel Choir, conducted by Scott Allen Jarrett.
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.*

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week's Baccalaureate service begins at 11:00 a.m. Please note the time change from previous years.

Spring classes have now been completed and the transition into the Summer Marsh Chapel Schedule is beginning. Throughout the summer, be sure to check the weekly schedule before planning to attend Marsh Chapel events, as many activities will be suspended until September. The 11 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship will be held each week during the summer.

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.

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

TODAY	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
	*12:00 noon	"Speaking of Faith" Listening and Discussion Group
	12:00 noon	Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)
	12:30 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Nave)
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Nave)
MONDAY	12:00 noon	Leadership Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Taizé Prayer (Nave)
NEXT SUNDAY	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave) Baccalaureate Service
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Nave)

*"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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