



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Word and Sacrament
Sunday, September 7th, 2008 - 11:00 a.m.
Matriculation Sunday

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

☒ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Fugue in E-flat major (St. Anne), BWV 552,2 *J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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 Heilig *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

Heilig, heilig, heilig ist Gott der Herr Zebaoth! *Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts!*
Alle Lande sind seiner Ehre voll. *All the earth is full of thy glory.*
Hosianna in der Höh'! *Hosanna in the highest!*
Gelobt sei der da kommt in Namen des Herrn *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*
Hosianna in der Höh'! *Hosanna in the highest!*

☒ **Hymn 578** God of love and God of power *UNSER HERRSCHER*

☒ **Opening Prayer** (*in unison*)

O God, our Guide and Guardian,
you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house.
Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth,
to the comfort of our souls
and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire;
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 F major* *Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)*

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

Liturgist: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: Amen.

Lesson Romans 13: 8-14

Lector: A lesson from Paul's epistle to the Romans, chapter 13, verses 8-14:

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Give me Jesus *arr. Larry L. Fleming (1936-2003)*

O when I am alone, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.
O when I come to die . . .
And when I want to sing . . .
And when I am alone, give me Jesus.

—Traditional Spiritual

Psalm 149

♩ **Response** (*sung by all*)

Let all things their cre - a - tor bless: Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor: Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

People: *Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.*

Cantor: Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

People: *For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.*

Cantor: Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.

People: *Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,*

Cantor: to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

People: *to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,*

Cantor: to execute on them the judgment decreed.

People: *This is glory for all his faithful ones.
Praise the LORD! ♪*

✦ **Gloria Patri** from *Evening Service* (St. Paul) Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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** Matthew 18: 15-20

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew,
chapter 18, verses 15-20:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.* (over)

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

Sermon "Philippians Recited" The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

"...And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ..."
(Philippians 1: 9-10)

✦ **Hymn 568** Christ for the world we sing (verses 1 and 2 only) ITALIAN HYMN

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory O clap your hands *John Rutter* (b. 1945)

O clap your hands together all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the Lord is high and to be feared: he is the great King upon all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet. He shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob whom he loved. God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump. O sing praises unto our God: O sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth: Sing ye praises with understanding.

—Psalm 47:1-7

✦ **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**

✘ A Litany of Ministry for Matriculation Sunday

Leader: People of God, will you praise God who creates you by following in the way of Christ in the year to come, living lives of prayer and presence, generosity and service in the power of the Spirit?

Congregation: *With God's help, we will.*

Leader: Chaplain for Community Life, Chapel, Ministry and Marsh Associates, will you minister among this university community and offer the best of yourselves in heart and service and discipleship to Christ in the embrace of the Holy Spirit?

Associates: With God's help, we will grow in ministry and the partnership of the gospel.

Leader: Hospitality and Support Team, will you guide us all to excel in our ministry of welcome, to watch over one another in love, and to shine forth a model of graceful communication?

Support Team: With God's help, we will welcome our neighbors in love as Christ first loved us.

Leader: Musical leaders, soloists and choristers, will you teach by precept and example that 'one who sings prays twice' (*qui cantat bis orat*), and so prepare us to sing God's praise on earth as in heaven?

Musicians: We offer our God-given gifts with grateful happiness, and we are ready to serve the Lord with gladness.

Leader: Ushers, Sacristan, Advisory Board members, and Chapter members, will you offer gifts of insight and imagination, passion and commitment to those with whom you serve?

Chapter: With God's help, we will discern God's Spirit in our midst.

Leader: People of God, will you support these and others in ministry by your prayers and assistance?

Congregation: *As God gives life and breath, we will celebrate the gift of life with every breath through every day.*

✘ **Hymn 568** Christ for the world we sing (verses 3 and 4 only) ITALIAN HYMN

✘ Invitation to the Lord's Table

Celebrant: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

✘ Confession of Sin

All: *Merciful God*
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love towards us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

All: *Glory to God. Amen.*

✘ Exchange of Peace

Celebrant: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always!
People: *And also with you.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

✘ The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

✠ **Sanctus and Benedictus** (*sung by all*)

Julian J. Wachner (b. 1969)

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was ended, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:

Celebrant:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
(Additional prayers for the day will be offered here.)

✠ **Words of Institution**

Celebrant: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All:

Amen.

✠ The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:
All: *Our Father, who art in heaven . . .*

Agnus Dei (sung by the choir)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

Distribution of the Elements

Marsh Chapel at Boston University is an interdenominational faith community and all are welcome and invited to participate in Communion today. We provide both wine and an alcohol-free grape juice. If you do not feel comfortable receiving the elements of Communion, you may, if you wish, come forward and inform the server that you wish to receive a blessing instead. If you are unable to come forward, we will come to you with Communion or for a blessing—just raise your hand after the others have finished.

Communion Motet O taste and see *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him. (Psalm 34: 8)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others; In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

✠ **Hymn 438** Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go *DUKE STREET*

✠ 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 Allegro assai vivace (Sonata, Op. 65/1) *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

All are invited to attend a luncheon in Barristers' Hall (School of Law) following the service

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

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

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.

In the Service of Marsh Chapel . . .

Please join us today in honoring those who serve the Marsh Chapel community, the Boston University community, and the Boston community at large.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of Marsh Chapel, Professor of New Testament and Pastoral Theology, and Chaplain to the University

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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.

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

TODAY	9:30 a.m.	Small Group Meetings (Thurman Room)
	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Main Chapel)
	12:00 noon	Community Luncheon (Barristers' Hall, School of Law)
	12:30 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Main Chapel)
	1:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social (BU Beach)
	2:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Baptism: Cameron Paul Mara
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Main Chapel)
	10:00 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Main Chapel)
	MONDAY	12:00 noon
	6:00 p.m.	Community Dinner (Marsh Room)
TUESDAY	12:00 noon	Chapel Luncheon (Marsh Room)
	5:00 p.m.	Chaplain's Study I: Sex and the Spirit
	7:00 p.m.	Interfaith Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY	11:00 a.m.	School of Theology Worship (Main Chapel)
	5:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer with Holy Communion (Main Chapel)
	7:00 p.m.	Taizé Prayer Service (Main Chapel)
THURSDAY	5:00 p.m.	Chaplain's Study II: Politics and Religion
	6:00 p.m.	Marsh Chapel Choir Auditions (Main Chapel)
	6:30 p.m.	Marsh Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Main Chapel)
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