

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship

Sunday, May 12th, 2024 — 11:00 a.m.

Ascension Sunday

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

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 (1915–2014)

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 89** Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

HYMN TO JOY

1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;

hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with-in its span.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.

WORDS: Henry Van Dyke, 1907; st. 4 alt. 1989

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr. by Edward Hodges, 1864

HYMN TO JOY
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✦ Collect (*in unison*)

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Kyrie from Missa "St. Crucis" in G major

Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, 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 Acts 1:1–11

Lector: A lesson from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 1, verses 15–17 and 21–26:

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem 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.

Psalms 47:1–7

Lesson

Ephesians 1:15–23

Lector: A lesson from the epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 1, verses 15–23:

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

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



Cantor: The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.

People: *He has established the world;
it shall never be moved;*

Cantor: your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

People: *The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.*

Cantor: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!
People: *Your decrees are very sure;*
holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore. ♪

✠ **Gloria Patri** from 'Magnificat in D major' *George Dyson (1883–1964)*

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** Luke 24:44–53

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 24, verses 44–53:
People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

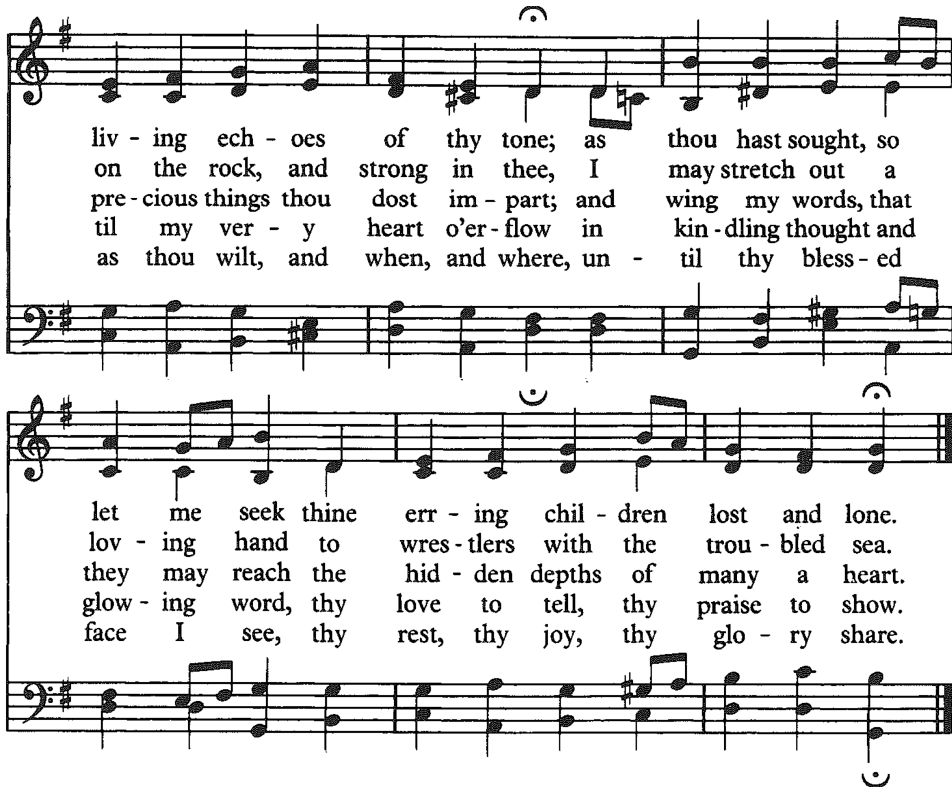
Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

✠ **Hymn 463** Lord, speak to me (stanza 1 only) CANONBURY



1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in
2. O strength - en me, that while I stand firm
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the
4. O fill me with thy full - ness, Lord, un -
5. O use me, Lord, use ev - en me, just



liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; as thou hast sought, so
on the rock, and strong in thee, I may stretch out a
pre - cious things thou dost im - part; and wing my words, that
til my ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
as thou wilt, and when, and where, un - til thy bless - ed

let me seek thine err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
lov - ing hand to wres - tlers with the trou - bled sea.
they may reach the hid - den depths of many a heart.
glow - ing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.
face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glo - ry share.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1872 (Rom. 14:7)
MUSIC: Adapt. from Robert Schumann, 1839

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The congregation may be seated.

A stanza of hymn 463 follows each of the speakers below. The congregation may remain seated during the singing of these stanzas.

'This I Believe' Meditations

Samantha Nelson, BS COM '24

♪ Hymn 463: Lord, speak to me (stanza 2)

Shea Thompson, MTS STH '24

♪ Hymn 463: Lord, speak to me (stanza 3)

Guinevere Keith, BA/MA CAS/GRS '24

♪ Hymn 463: Lord, speak to me (stanza 4)

Dr. David Prabhu, MBA Questrom '24

♪ Hymn 463: Lord, speak to me (stanza 5)

Emma French, BS COM '24

♪ Hymn 463: Lord, speak to me (stanza 1)

Call to Prayer *(sung by all)*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - eous-ness;

make thy way plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord,

thou, Lord on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Response

All My Trials

arr. Norman Luboff (1917–1989)

If religion was a thing that money could buy, the rich would live and the poor would die. All my trials, Lord, soon be over. Too late, my brothers; too late, but never mind.

All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

Traditional Spiritual

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory God is Seen

arr. Alice Parker (1925–2023)

Through all the world below God is seen all around,
Search hills and valleys through, there he's found.
The growing of the corn, the lily and the thorn,
The pleasant and forlorn, all declare, God is there,
In meadows drest in green, God is seen.

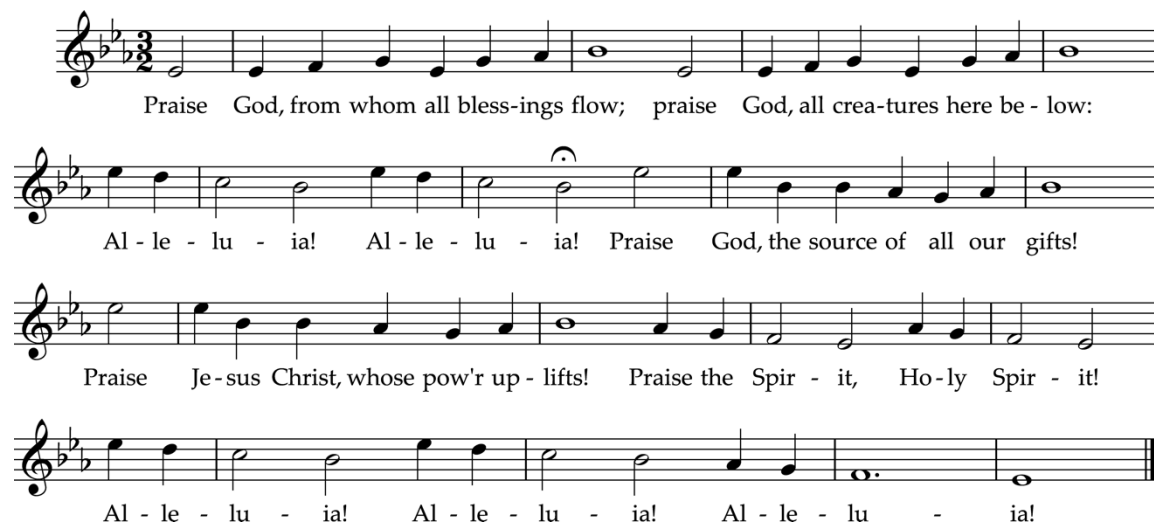
See springing waters rise, fountains flow, rivers run,
The mist that veils the sky hides the sun.
Then down the rain doth pour, the ocean, it doth roar
And beat upon the shore, and all praise, in their ways,
The God who ne'er declines his designs.

The sun with all his rays speaks of God as he flies
The comet in her blaze 'God', she cries;
The shining of the stars, the moon, when she appears,
His awful name declares; see them fly through the sky,
And join the solemn sound all around.

The Southern Harmony (1835)

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

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



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Je - sus Christ, whose pow'r up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

✦ Offertory Prayer



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church -'s sto - ry;
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion

bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,
 free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, (of this hour) for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, (of these days) for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, (king-dom's goal) lest we miss thy king-dom's goal.
 dore, (we a - dore) serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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✦ 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

✠ THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL ✠

TODAY 11:00 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
"This I Believe" Sunday

NEXT SUNDAY 11:00 a.m. **University Baccalaureate (Nave)**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Dean, Chaplains, and staff of Marsh Chapel wish all students well as they complete their final projects and exams.

Marsh Chapel weekly activities have now come to an end. Throughout the summer months, be sure to **check the Marsh Chapel schedule** printed each week in this bulletin for a listing of all Marsh Chapel events.

The 11:00 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship Service **will continue to be held every Sunday throughout the summer.**

A QR code parking pass for the CAS lot is available on our website. To obtain a printed copy, please speak with a Marsh Chapel staff member. Parking passes are only for Sundays, 8:30am–1:30pm.

Welcome to Marsh Chapel! Please scan the QR code on the right to complete our online Connection Form. This form allows us to gather new and updated contact information so that we can stay in touch with you. Thank you for joining us today!



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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