

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship

Sunday, August 25th, 2024 — 11:00 a.m.
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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** Cantate Domino Giuseppe Pitoni (1657–1743)

Cantate Domino canticum novum, laus eius in Ecclesia Sanctorum. Laetetur Israel in eo, qui fecit eum, et filii Sion, exultent in rege suo.	<i>Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.</i>
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✠ **Hymn 662** Stand up and bless the Lord ST. MICHAEL

1. Stand up and bless the Lord, ye people
2. Though high above all praise, above all
3. O for the living flame from his own
4. God is our strength and song, and his sal -
5. Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your

of his choice; stand up and bless the
 bless - ing high, who would not fear his
 al - tar brought, to touch our lips, our
 va - tion ours; then be his love in
 God a - dore; stand up and bless his

Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.
 ho - ly name, and laud and mag - ni - fy?
 minds in - spire, and wing to heaven our thought!
 Christ pro - claimed with all our ran - somed powers.
 glo - rious name, hence - forth for - ev - er - more.

WORDS: James Montgomery (Neh. 9:5)
 MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; adapt. by William Crotch, 1836

ST. MICHAEL
 SM

✕ Collect (*in unison*)

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Kyrie

from Missa brevis in B-flat, K 275

W. A. Mozart (1756–1791)

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 Kings 8:22–30, 41–43

Lector: A lesson from the First Book of Kings, chapter 8, verses 22–30 and 41–43:

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love with your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed that you promised to your servant my father David. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today, that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; hear and forgive. Likewise when foreigners, who are not of your people Israel, come from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when foreigners come and pray toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place and do whatever the foreigners ask of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem

Expectans expectavi

G. P. da Palestrina (1525–1594)

Expectans expectavi Dominum
et respexit me,
et exaudivit deprecationem meam
et immisit in os meum canticum novum,
hymnum Deo nostro.

*I waited patiently for the Lord:
and he inclined unto me,
and heard my calling.
And he hath put a new song in my mouth:
even a thanksgiving unto our God.*

Offertory for Pentecost XV

Lesson

Ephesians 6:10–20

Lector: A lesson from the epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 6, verses 10–20:

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

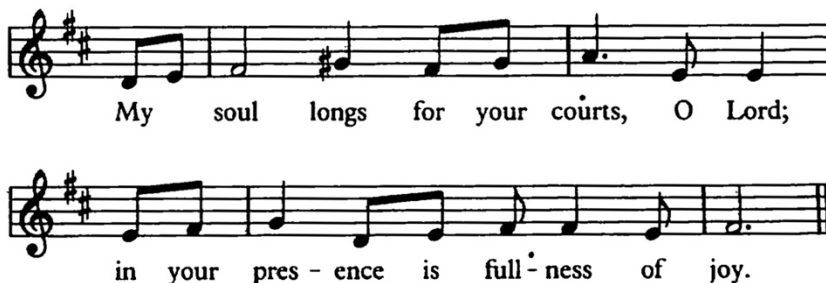
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



Cantor: How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

People: *My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

Cantor: Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

People: *Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.*

Cantor: Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

People: *As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.*

Cantor: They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

People: O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!

Cantor: Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.

People: *For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.*

Cantor: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

People: O LORD of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you. ♪

♪ Antiphon (sung by all)



✠ **Gloria Patri** from 'Magnificat in G 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** John 6:56–69

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 6, verses 56–69:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon "A Summer Look to the Future"

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill
Dean of the Chapel

1. Dear Je - sus, in whose life I see all that I
2. Though what I dream and what I do in my weak

would, but fail to be, let thy clear light for -
days are al - ways two, help me, op - pressed by

ev - er shine, to shame and guide this life of mine.
things un - done, O thou whose deeds and dreams were one!

WORDS: John Hunter, 1889

MUSIC: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774; adapt. from *Metrical Psalter*, 1855

HURSLEY

LM

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

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

MARYTON; *H. Percy Smith (1825–1898)*

Teach me thy patience; still with thee, in closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray, far down the future's broad'ning way,
In peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live. *Charles Wesley (1707–1788)*

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory

Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen,
Herr Zebaoth!
Meine seele verlangt und sehnet
sich nach den Vorhöfen des Herrn;
mein Leib und Seele freuen sich
in dem lebendigen Gott.
Wohl denen, die in deinem Hause wohnen,
die loben dich immerdar.

*How lovely is thy dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth,
for the courts of the Lord :
my soul and body crieth out,
yea for the living God.
Blest are they, that dwell within Thy house:
they praise Thy name evermore.*

Psalm 84:1, 2, 4;

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

DIADEMATA; George J. Elvey (1816–1893)



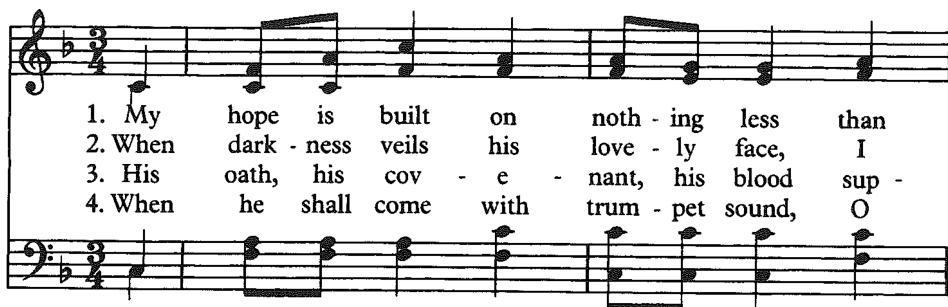
E - ter-nal, Tri-une God, let all the hosts a - bove, let all on earth be -
low re - cord and dwell up - on thy love. When heav'n and earth are fled be -
fore thy glo-rious face, sing all the saints thy love hath made thine ev - er-last-ing praise.

✦ Offertory Prayer

✦ Hymn 368

My hope is built (The Solid Rock)

THE SOLID ROCK



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -
4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and righ-teous-ness. I dare not trust the
rest on his un - chang-ing grace. In ev - ery high and
port me in the whelm-ing flood. When all a-round my
may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righ - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is
sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

THE SOLID ROCK
LM with Refrain

✕ 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

*The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.
The conductor and organist is Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.*

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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