

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship

Sunday, September 29th, 2024 — 11:00 a.m.

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Master Tallis's Testament

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

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

Above all praise and all majesty

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Above all praise and all majesty. Lord, Thou reignest evermore. Hallelujah!

✠ Hymn 674

See the morning sun ascending

UNSER HERRSCHER

1. See the morn - ing sun as - cend - ing, ra - dant in the
2. So may we, in low - ly sta - tion, join the cho - ris -
3. For thy lov - ing - kind - ness ev - er shed up - on our
4. "Wis - dom, hon - or, power, and bless - ing!" with the an - gel - ic

east - ern sky; hear the an - gel voic - es blend - ing
 ters a - bove; sing - ing with the whole cre - a - tion,
 earth - ly way; for thy mer - cy, ceas - ing nev - er,
 host we cry; round thy throne, thy name con - fess - ing,

in their praise to God on high! Al - le - lu - ia!
 prais - ing thee for thy great love. Al - le - lu - ia!
 for thy bless - ing day by day: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, we would to thee draw nigh. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God a - bove!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God al - way!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high!

WORDS: Charles Parkin, 1953 (Rev. 5:11-14; 7:11-12)
 MUSIC: Joachim Neander, 1680

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✦ Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Kyrie

Kyrie in A major (for Double Choir)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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

Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Numbers, beginning at chapter 11, verse 4:

The camp followers with them had a strong craving, and the Israelites also wept again and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic, but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom as a wet nurse carries nursing a child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me, saying, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting and have them take their place there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses,

stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem This Amazing Day

Mark Kilstofte (b. 1958)

i thank You God for most this amazing
day:for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky;and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

E. E. Cummings (1894–1962)

Lesson James 5:13–20

Lector: A lesson from the epistle of James, chapter 5, verses 13–20:

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:7–14

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



The law of God is just, re - viv - ing the soul.

Cantor: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
People: *the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;*
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;
Cantor: the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
People: *More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;*
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.
Cantor: Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
People: *But who can detect their errors?*
Clear me from hidden faults.
Cantor: Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
People: *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart*
be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. 🎵

✠ **Gloria Patri** from 'Magnificat in E-flat' Charles Wood (1866–1926)

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** Mark 9:38–50

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 9,
verses 38–50:
People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm

never dies and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon "From Fear to Hope"

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ **Hymn 730** O day of God, draw nigh

ST. MICHAEL

1. O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty
2. Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain
3. Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may
4. Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign
5. O day of God, draw nigh as at cre -

and in power; come with thy time - less
and a - fraid, the qui - et of a
dwell se - cure, and fine - ly build for
word of peace, that war may haunt the
a - tion's birth; let there be light a -

judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
earth no more, and des - o - la - tion cease.
gain, and set thy judg - ments on the earth.

WORDS: R. B. Y. Scott, 1937

MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; arr. by William Crotch, 1836

ST. MICHAEL
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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

Amen, from *Geistliches Lied*, Op. 30

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory

Nunc dimittis

John Paulson (b. 1968)

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.

Luke 2:29–32

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

NUN DANKET; *arr. John Rutter* (b. 1945)

All praise and thanks to God The Fa-ther now be giv - en, The

Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est hea - ven, The

One e - ter - nal God, Whom heav'n and earth a - dore; For

thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more. A - men.

✘ **Offertory Prayer**

✘ **Hymn** (*next page*) Love divine, all loves excelling

HYFRYDOL

✘ **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** Carillon, Op. 31, no. 2

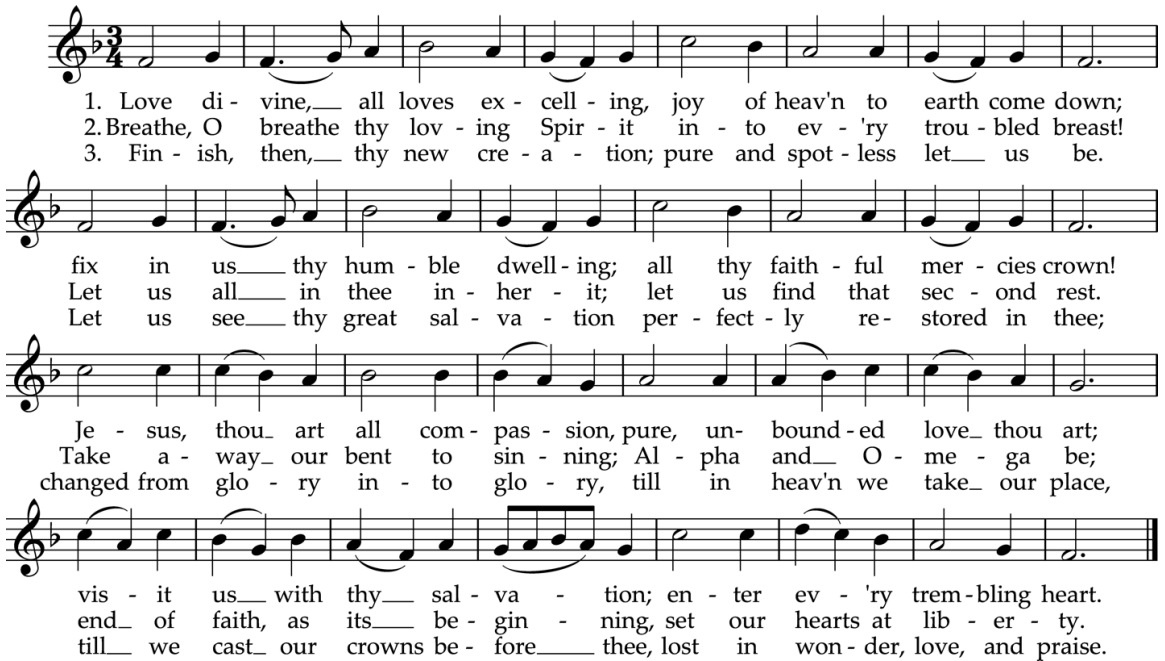
Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

Today's preacher is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.

Music at Marsh Chapel is under the direction of Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett.

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.

✦ Closing Hymn



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heav'n to earth come down;
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast!
3. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be.

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown!
Let us all in thee in - her - it; let us find that sec - ond rest.
Let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
Take a - way our bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Tune: HYFRYDOL; Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887)

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