

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

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University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Worship

Sunday, February 16th, 2025 — 11:00 a.m.

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Series LXXV № 26

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

Ex Sion species

Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

Ex Sion species decoris ejus:

Deus manifeste veniet.

Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi,
in domus Domini ibimus. Alleluia.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,

God hath shined.

*I was glad when they said unto me,
let us go into the house of the Lord. Alleluia.*

✱ 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** (*in unison*)

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 'Trahe me post te'	<i>Tomás Luis de Victoria</i> (1548–1611)
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 Corinthians 15:12–20 *Christ has been raised*

Lector: A lesson from Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 15, verses 12–20:

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem Ich weiß daß mein Erlöser lebt *Johann Michael Bach* (1648–1694)

Ich weiß daß mein Erlöser lebt	²⁵ <i>I know that my redeemer lives</i>
und er wird mich hernach	<i>and that he shall stand at the latter day</i>
aus der Erden auferwecken,	<i>upon the earth</i>
und werde darnach mit dieser meiner Haut	²⁶ <i>and though this body be destroyed</i>

umgeben werden,
und werde in meinem Fleisch Gott sehen,
den selben werde ich mir sehen,
und meine Augen werden ihm schauen
und kein Fremder.

*even then,
in my flesh shall I see God,
²⁷whom I shall see for myself
and my own eyes shall behold him,
and no other.*

Job 19:25–27

Sopranos *in ripieno*

Christus der ist mein Leben
sterben ist mein Gewinn,
dem thu ich mich ergeben
mit Fried und Freud fahr ich dahin.

*Christ is my life,
to die is my reward.
I shall surrender to Him,
In peace and joy I now depart.*

Text: anon

Chorale tune: Melchior Vulpius, 1609

Psalm 1 *The Way of the Righteous*

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



Cantor: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
People: *but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.*
Cantor: They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
People: *The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.*
Cantor: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
People: *for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish. ♪*

✠ **Gloria Patri** from 'Magnificat: St. Peter's, Westminster'

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** Luke 6:17–26 *Jesus speaks blessings on the poor, woes on the rich*

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke,
chapter 6, verses 17–26:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

✠ **Hymn 133** Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, Lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, lean - ing on Je - sus, safe and se - cure from all a - larms; lean - ing on

ing, Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Sermon

"Faith in the Shadows"

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

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,



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.

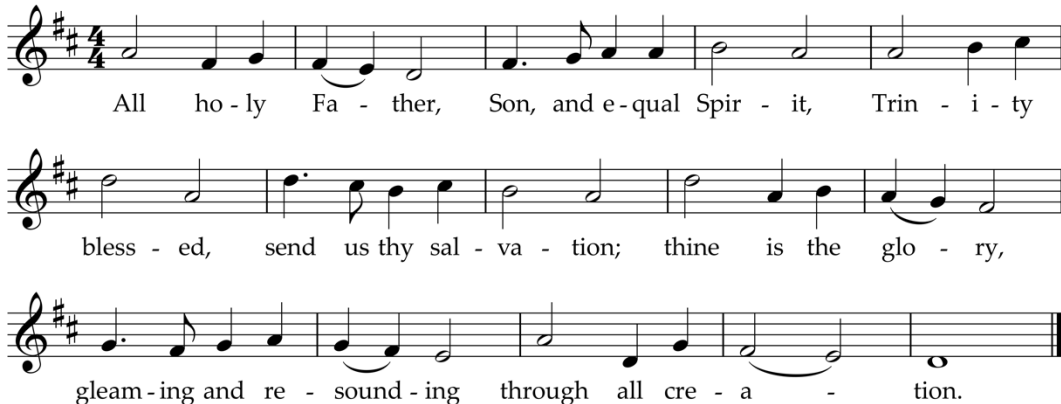
Response Amen, from "The Lord bless you and keep you" *John Rutter* (b. 1949)

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory Beati quorum via, Op. 38, No. 3 *C. V. Stanford* (1852–1924)

Beati quorum via integra est: *Blessed are they whose way is blameless,*
qui ambulant in lege Domini. *who walk in the law of the Lord.* *Psalm 119:1*

✠ **Presentation of the Gifts** (*sung by all*) **CHRISTE SANCTORUM**



✠ **Offertory Prayer**

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home;

swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home. *Fine*

1. I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see,
 2. If you get there be - fore I do,
 3. I'm some - times up, I'm some - times down,
 4. The bright - est day that I can say,

com-ing for to car-ry me home? A band of an - gels
 com-ing for to car-ry me home; tell all my friends I'm
 com-ing for to car-ry me home; but still my soul feels
 com-ing for to car-ry me home; when Je - sus washed my

com-ing af - ter me, com-ing for to car-ry me home. *D.C.*
 com-ing too, com-ing for to car-ry me home.
 heav-en - ly bound, com-ing for to car-ry me home.
 sins a - way, com-ing for to car-ry me home.

✘ Benediction

✘ Response

Peace I leave with you

Amy Beach (1867–1944)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:
not as the world giveth give I unto you.

Let not your heart be troubled.

John 14:27

✘ Postlude

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Spiritual, arr. Wilbur Held

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

Today's lessons are read by The Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman, The Rev. Dr. Jessica Chicka, and Dean Hill.

Jonathan Byung Hoon Lee offered the Prayers of the People.

The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett and Mr. Patrick T. Waters.

Dr. Jarrett played today's service.

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Community & Congregational Life at Marsh Chapel

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your presence and participation matter. We're glad you're here.

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code on the right and follow the prompts.



Thank you for joining us today

"RETURN TO GOD" — 2025 LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

YE PEOPLE REND YOUR HEARTS, RETURN TO GOD, FOR HE IS GRACIOUS AND COMPASSIONATE (JOEL 2:13)

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Tuesday, March 4, 6:00–7:00 p.m., Marsh Room, Lower Level

Join us for the internationally celebrated Christian tradition of consuming pancakes the day before the season of Lent begins. We will be cooking up pancakes (and some other breakfast foods) for dinner. Everyone is welcome! (Contact: The Rev. Dr. Jessica Chicka, jchicka@bu.edu)

ASH WEDNESDAY | A holy day for prayer and fasting, the first day of Lent

Ash Wednesday, March 5 – Schedule of Services and Masses at Marsh Chapel

8:30 a.m.	Ecumenical Morning Prayer (Chapel Nave)
1:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Catholic Mass (Chapel Nave)
6:00 p.m.	Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel Nave) <i>with the Marsh Chapel Choir</i>
7:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Catholic Mass (Chapel Nave)

Individual Imposition of Ashes available

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Thurman Room, Marsh Chapel
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Medical School Lobby, Medical Campus
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Thurman Room, Marsh Chapel

WHEN I SURVEY: Discovering the Way of the Cross in Bach's **St. John Passion**

Sundays in March, 12:30–2:00 p.m., lunch provided

Join Marsh Chapel Director of Music Scott Allen Jarrett for a lecture-series on one of Bach's most beloved works, *The Passion According to St. John*. Designed for music-lovers of all experiences, participants will explore Bach's compositional process, his models and departures, and marvel at the enduring power of such tender and delicate music to connect, heal, inspire, and save.

For more information, or to reserve a seat, register at bit.ly/BachLectures or use the QR code.



March 9 "I Lift Mine Eyes to the Hills"

The scope and dimension of the St. John Passion

March 16 "Lift High the Cross"

Bach's compositional models, designs, and departures

March 23 "Lift Up Your Heart"

Imagery and symbolism in the arias of the St. John Passion

March 30 "Love Lifted Me/Them/Us"

Finding ourselves in the reflection of the St. John Passion

CLERGY, STAFF, AND AFFILIATES

The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill,

Dean of Marsh Chapel and Chaplain to the University

Professor of New Testament and Pastoral Theology

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Patrick T. Waters		<i>Assistant Director of Music, Special Projects and Publications</i>
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