

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY
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University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship
Sunday, February 23rd, 2025 — 11:00 a.m.
The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Series LXXV № 27

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Be Still
Chorale Prelude on *Houston*

Ashley Grote (b. 1982)
Rebecca Groom Te Velde (b. 1956)

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 66

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

✠ Collect *(in unison)*

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing; Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Kyrie from Missa 'Trahe me post te' Tomás Luis de Victoria (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 Genesis 45:3–11, 15 *Joseph forgives his brothers*

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Genesis, chapter 45, verses 3–11 and 15:

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord William H. Harris (1883–1973)

¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord; and thou givest them their meat in due season. ¹⁶Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness. ¹⁷The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. ¹⁸The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, yea all such as call upon him faithfully. ¹⁹He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him; he will also hear their cry and will help them. ²⁰The Lord preserveth all them that love him.

Psalms 145:15–20

Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50 *The mystery of the resurrection*

Lector: A lesson from Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 15, verses 35–38 and 42–50:

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40

The lowly shall possess the land

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



Cantor: Do not fret because of the wicked;

do not be envious of wrongdoers,

People: *For they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.*

Cantor: Trust in the LORD, and do good;

so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

People: *Take delight in the LORD,*

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Cantor: Commit your way to the LORD;

trust in him, and he will act.

People: *He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.*

Cantor: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.

*People: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.
 Do not fret — it leads only to evil.*
*Cantor: For the wicked shall be cut off,
 but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.*
*People: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;
 though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.*
*Cantor: But the meek shall inherit the land,
 and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.*
*People: The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;
 he is their refuge in the time of trouble.*
*Cantor: The LORD helps them and rescues them;
 he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,
 because they take refuge in him. ♪*

✠ 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 6:27–38 *Love your enemies*

*Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke,
 chapter 6, verses 27–38:*

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

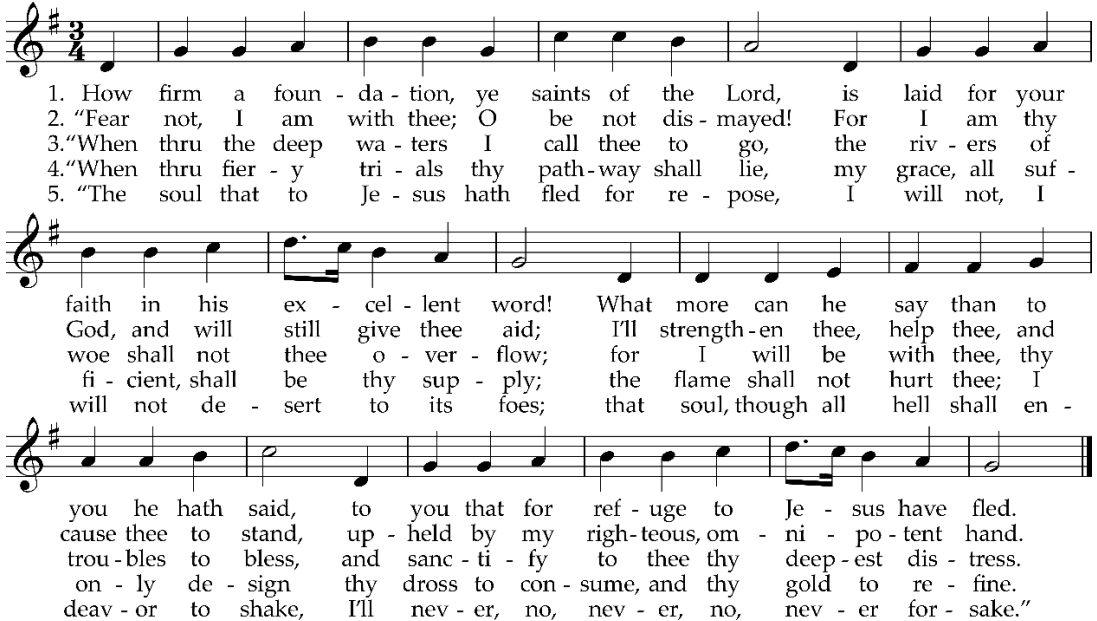
"When We Love"

The Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman
University Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry

✠ Hymn

How firm a foundation

LYONS



1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your
2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For I am thy
3. "When thru the deep waters I call thee to go, the riv - ers of
4. "When thru fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie, my grace, all suf -
5. "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose, I will not, I
faith in his ex - cel - lent word! What more can he say than to
God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and
woe shall not thee o - ver - flow; for I will be with thee, thy
fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I
will not de - sert to its foes; that soul, though all hell shall en -
you he hath said, to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled.
cause thee to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
on - ly de - sign thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
deav - or to shake, I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Call to Prayer

Lead me, Lord (*sung by all*)

LEAD ME, LORD



Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righ - teous - 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

Amen, *from* "The Lord bless you and keep you"

John Rutter (b. 1949)

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory

When We Love

Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1970)

The towering tree spreads his greening canopy
— A veil between the soil and sky —
Not in selfish vanity,
But the gentle thrush to shade and shelter.
So it is with love.

For when we love,
Simply love,
Even as we are loved,
Our weary world can be transformed.


The busy thrush builds her nest below
— A fortnight's work to weave and set —
Not for herself alone,
But her tender brood to shield and cherish.
And so it is with love.

For when we love,
Simply love,
Even as we are loved,
Our weary world can be transformed
Into the Kingdom of God!

Charles Anthony Silvestri (b. 1965)

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

CHRISTE SANCTORUM



All ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty
bless - ed, send us thy sal - va - tion; thine is the glo - ry,
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

✠ **Offertory Prayer**

✠ **Hymn 519** Lift Every Voice and Sing LIFT EVERY VOICE

✠ **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** Fanfare on *MCKEE* *Matthew H. Corl (b. 1965)*
(In Christ there is no east or west; traditional spiritual)

*The preacher is The Reverend Dr. Karen Coleman, University Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry.
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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