

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

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University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Word and Sacrament

Sunday, March 2nd, 2025 — 11:00 a.m.

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Series LXXV № 28

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Bye and Bye
Give me Jesus

arr. William Farey Smith (1941–1997)
arr. Marques L. A. Garrett (b. 1984)

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Dean: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God!

People: *And worship God upon the holy mountain*

✠ 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.*

1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the
 2. Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa -
 3. Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of

on - ly light, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, a - rise,
 nied by thee; joy - less is the day's re - turn,
 sin and grief; fill me, Ra - dian - cy di - vine,

tri - umph o'er the shades of night; Day-spring from on
 till thy mer - cy's beams I see; till they in - ward
 scat - ter all my un - be - lief; more and more thy -

high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
 light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
 self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1740

MUSIC: J. G. Werner's *Choralbuch*, 1815; harm. by William H. Havergal, 1861

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✠ **Collect** *(in unison)*

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION, PARDON, & PEACE *God's people prepare for Word and Table*

✠ **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Celebrant: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

✠ **Confession of Sin**

All: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love towards us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

✠ Exchange of Peace

Celebrant: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always!

People: And also with you.

All may exchange signs and words of God's peace.

✠ Hymn 551

Awake, O sleeper

MARSH CHAPEL

1. A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2. Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.

GOD'S WORD *Proclamation & Response*

Lesson

Exodus 34:29–35

Moses' face shone

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Exodus, chapter 34, verses 29–35:

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

In splendenti nube

Peter Philips (1561-1628)

In splendenti nube Spiritus Sanctus vivus est,
paterna vox audita est:

Hic est filius meus dilectus
in quo mihi bene complacui.

Ipsium audite.

Apparuit nubes obumbrans,
et vox patris intonuit:

Hic est filius meus dilectus
in quo mihi bene complacui.

Ipsium audite.

*In a splendid cloud the Holy Spirit was seen,
the Father's voice was heard:*

*This is my beloved Son
in whom I am well pleased.*

Listen to Him.

*A cloud appeared and overshadowed them
and the Father's voice was heard:*

*This is my beloved Son
in whom I am well pleased.*

Listen to Him.

Matthew 17: 5

Psalms 99

Worship upon God's holy hill

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

♩ Antiphon (sung by all)



Cantor: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

People: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is the LORD!

Cantor: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

People: Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool.

Holy is the LORD!

Cantor: Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

People: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

Cantor: O LORD our God, you answered them;

you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

People: Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain.

Surely the LORD our God is holy! ♪

✠ **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 9:28–36. *Jesus is transfigured on the mountain*

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke,
chapter 9, verses 28–36:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon "A Certain Height"

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

1. Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)
 2. Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)
 3. Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. (on me) 2. Let us
 3. Let us

*May end after stanza 3

me) 4. Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy if you please. (if you please)

Fine

WORDS: Afro-American spiritual (Acts 2:42)

MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986

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LET US BREAK BREAD

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Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory Give me Jesus

arr. Larry L. Fleming (1936–2003)

O when I am alone, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

O when I come to die . . .

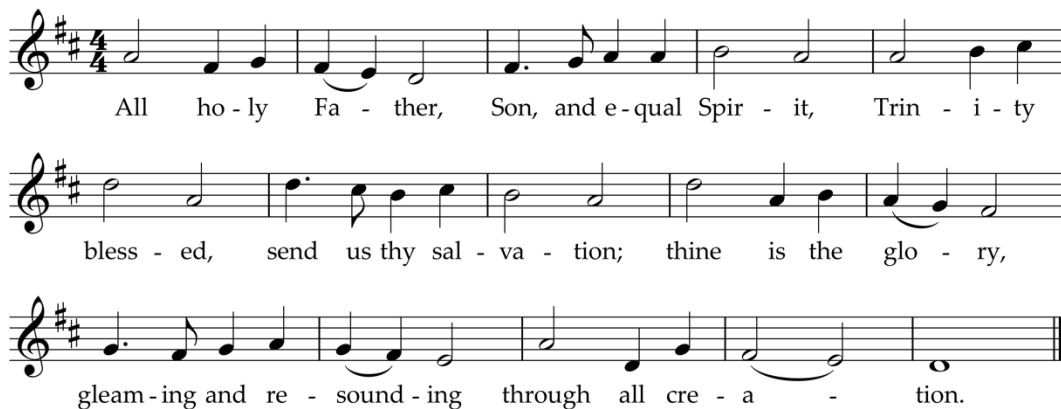
And when I want to sing . . .

And when I am alone, give me Jesus.

Traditional Spiritual

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

CHRISTE SANCTORUM



Three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

GOD'S TABLE *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

✦ The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

God of all times and all places, God of the infinite and infinitesimal,
in the blazing splendor of your glory you called forth light from darkness,
day from night, land from oceans,
and life in all its dazzling array from lifeless matter.

Among the living you made and called humankind,
imprinting upon us your image, to be bearers of your glory in the world.
Though we failed to shine, and hid your image within us,
you continued to call us into fellowship with you
and to fulfill your mission for us through prophets, scriptures, priests,
and a people you redeemed for yourself.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

✠ **Sanctus and Benedictus** (*sung by all*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God_ of pow'r and God_ of might.

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless'd is the one that comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

✠ **Words of Institution**

Celebrant:

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
In him we see the fullness of your glory revealed in human form.
Born into poverty, he fulfilled his mother's song,
that you would fill the hungry with good things,
and send the rich empty away.
Declaring the nearness of your kingdom,
he forgave sinners, cast out demons,
raised the dead, restored the blind and lame,

Celebrant:

visited the sick, the prisoners and the needy,
and gathered disciples to continue to declare
the good news in word and deed,
transfiguring the world in the power of your Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(Sung by all):



Celebrant:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All:

Amen.

✠ The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

All: *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.*

✠ Agnus Dei *(sung by the choir)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

✠ Distribution of the Elements

Marsh Chapel at Boston University is an interdenominational faith community and all are welcome and invited to participate in Communion today. If you do not feel comfortable receiving the elements of Communion, you may, if you wish, come forward and receive a blessing instead. Simply let the server know when you approach. If you are unable to come forward, we will come to you with Communion or for a blessing—just raise your hand after the others have finished. We provide both wine (pulpit side) and an alcohol-free grape juice (lectern side). Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Communion Motet O nata lux

Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)

O nata lux de lumine
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
dignare clemens supplicum
laudes preces que sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi
dignatus es pro perditis,
nos membra confer effici,
tui beati corporis.

O born light of light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
mercifully deem worthy and accept
the praises and prayers of your supplicants.
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
for the sake of the lost ones,
grant us to be made members
of your holy body.

Hymn at Lauds on the Feast of the Transfiguration

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(in unison)*

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH *To be God's light in the world*

✦ Hymn 188

Christ is the world's light

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1. Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er; born in our
2. Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none oth - er; no one can
3. Christ is the world's life, Christ and none oth - er; sold once for
4. Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er; give God the

dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er. If we have seen him,
serve him and de - spise an - oth - er. Who else u - nites us,
sil - ver, murdered here, our broth - er; he, who re - deems us,
glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther; give God the glo - ry,

we have seen the Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
one in God the Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!
reigns with God the Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
God with us, my broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1968

MUSIC: *Paris Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. by David Evans, 1927; alt.

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✠ 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** Deo Gracias (*Grand Plein Jeu*) *Mary Beth Bennett* (b. 1954)

The preacher and celebrant is The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.
The lessons are read by Jonathan Byung Hoon Lee and The Rev. Dr. Jessica Chicka.
The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett and Patrick T. Waters.
Dr. Jarrett played today's service; the Communion Service was composed by Mr. Waters for Marsh Chapel.

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"RETURNING TO GOD" — 2025 LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

RETURNING TO GOD | *Daily Devotional Series for Lent, 2025*

Daily devotional reflection emailed each morning beginning March 5 through April 20

With more than 800 subscribers, 47 newly authored reflections sourced from our community, along with 47 Marsh Chapel Choir anthems selected from our recording archive, Marsh Chapel's Lenten Devotional Series is a unique, daily "creative encounter" for spiritual growth designed by and for our community. Beginning March 5, devotions are emailed early each morning and include (1) a passage of scripture, (2) a unique written reflection by a member of the Marsh Chapel community, and (3) a musical selection from the Marsh Chapel Choir.

Our focus this Lent is *Returning to God*, with scripture passages that invite us, this week, to *REFLECT: How are we, as Christians, using the Lenten season to reflect God's light into the world?*

Explore your faith and the hope that springs from it.

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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. & 6:00 p.m.	Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel Nave) (Marsh Chapel Choir at 6:00 p.m. only)
1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Catholic Mass (Chapel Nave)
<i>Individual Imposition of Ashes available</i>	
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



MARSH CHAPEL & RELIGIOUS LIFE

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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