

# MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

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University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Word and Sacrament

Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 — 11:00 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Series LXXV № 33

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The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Prelude

Voluntary in A minor for Double Organ

*William Croft (1678–1727)*

Voluntary in D minor

*Croft*

### Call to Worship and Greeting

*The Dean:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*The Dean:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* God's mercy endures forever.

### ✦ Introit

from *Preces and Responses*

*Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)*

O Lord, open thou our lips. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father...

Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

*Book of Common Prayer*

### ✦ Hymn 159

Lift high the cross

CRUCIFER



*Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

*Harmony*

1. Come, Chris-tians, fol - low this tri-um-phant sign. The  
 2. Each new-born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied bears  
 3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo-rious tree, as  
 4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise

*D.C.*

hosts of God in u - ni-ty com - bine.  
 on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

WORDS: George William Kitchin and Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916, alt.  
 MUSIC: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916

CRUCIFER  
 10 10 with Refrain

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### ✦ Collect (in unison)

*Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## ✠ 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.*

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.

**Lesson**

Isaiah 43:16–21

*The Lord gives water in the wilderness**Lector:*

A lesson from the book of the prophet Isaiah, chapter 43, verses 16–21:

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

*Lector:*

The Word of the Lord.

*People:**Thanks be to God.***Anthem**

When Jesus went into Simon the Pharisee's house

*Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)*

When Jesus went into Simon the Pharisee's house and sat down at meat,  
 behold, a woman in the city which was a sinner,  
 as soon as she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house,  
 she brought an alabaster box of ointment,  
 and stood at his feet behind him weeping,  
 and began to wash his feet with tears,  
 and did wipe them with the hairs of her head,  
 and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

**Lesson**

Philippians 3:4b–14

*To know Christ and his resurrection**Lector:*

A lesson from Paul's epistle to the Philippians, chapter 3, verses 4–14:

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the

surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## The Psalter

Psalm 126

*God does great things for us*

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



*Cantor:* When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

*People:* Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;

*Cantor:* Then it was said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for them."

*People:* The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.

*Cantor:* Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

*People:* May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.

*Cantor:* Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. 🎵

✠ **Gloria Patri** from 'Nunc dimittis', Op. 69/1

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

Ehre sei dem Vater, und dem Sohne,  
und dem Heiligen Geist,  
wie es war zu Anfang, jetzt und immerdar,  
und von Ewigkeit zu Ewigkeit. Amen.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now  
and will be forever and ever. Amen.*

✠ **Gospel Lesson** John 12:1–8

*Mary anoints Jesus for his burial*

*Lector:* The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 12, verses 1–8:

*People:* *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

*Lector:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Sermon** "Communion Meditation"

✠ **Hymn 418** We are climbing Jacob's ladder

JACOB'S LADDER

1. We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are  
2. Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery  
3. Sin - ner, do you love my Je - sus? Sin - ner,  
4. If you love him, why not serve him? If you  
5. We are climb - ing high - er, high - er; we are  
(yes, Lord)

climb - ing    Ja - cob's    lad - der,    we are    climb - ing  
 round goes    high - er,    high - er,    ev - ery    round goes  
 do you    love my    Je - sus?    Sin - ner,    do you  
 love him,    why not    serve him?    If you    love him,  
 climb - ing    high - er,    high - er,    we are    climb - ing

(yes, Lord)

Ja - cob's    lad - der;    sol - diers    of the    cross.  
 high - er,    high - er;    sol - diers    of the    cross.  
 love my    Je - sus?    Sol - diers    of the    cross.  
 why not    serve him?    Sol - diers    of the    cross.  
 high - er,    high - er;    sol - diers    of the    cross.

WORDS: Afro-American spiritual (Gen. 28:10-17)

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

JACOB'S LADDER  
Irr.

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## Offertory Sentences

### At the Offertory    The Woman with the Alabaster Box

*Arvo Pärt* (b. 1935)

<sup>6</sup>Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,

<sup>7</sup>There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat.

<sup>8</sup>But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste?

<sup>9</sup>For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.

<sup>10</sup>When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.

<sup>11</sup>For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.

<sup>12</sup>For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial.

<sup>13</sup>Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

*Matthew 26:6-13*

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

DEO GRACIAS



✦ **Offertory Prayer**

**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.  
In love you made us for yourself;  
and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death,  
your love remained steadfast.  
You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the Easter feast,  
that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments  
and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy,  
we may come to the fullness of grace  
that you have prepared for those who love you.

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*)

Patrick T. Waters (b. 1983)

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,  
whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world.  
He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,  
being born in our likeness.

He humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself,  
a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world.

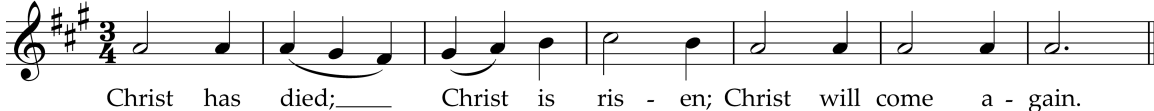
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

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."

*Celebrant:* 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, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, grant us 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.*

## Anthem

Like as the hart

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,  
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.  
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God.  
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
My tears have been my meat day and night,  
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

*Psalm 42:1–3*

## 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.*

## ✦ Hymn 444

O young and fearless prophet

BLAIRGOWRIE

1. O young and fear-less Proph-et of an-cient Gal-i-lee,  
2. We mar-vel at the pur-pose that held thee to thy course  
3. O help us stand un-swerv-ing a-gainst war's blood-y way,  
4. Stir up in us a pro-test a-gainst our greed for wealth,  
5. O young and fear-less Proph-et, we need thy pres-ence here,

thy life is still a sum-mons to serve hu-man-i-ty;  
 while ev-er on the hill-top be-fore thee loomed the cross;  
 where hate and lust and false-hood hold back Christ's ho-ly sway;  
 while oth-ers starve and hun-ger and plead for work and health;  
 a-mid our pride and glo-ry to see thy face ap-pear;

to make our thoughts and ac-tions less prone to please the crowd,  
 thy stead-fast face set for-ward where love and du-ty shone,  
 for-bid false love of coun-try that blinds us to his call,  
 where homes with lit-tle chil-dren cry out for lack of bread,  
 once more to hear thy chal-lenge a-bove our nois-y day,

to stand with hum-ble cour-age for truth with hearts un-cowed.  
 while we be-tray so quick-ly and leave thee there a-lone.  
 who lifts a-bove the na-tions the u-ni-ty of all.  
 who live their years sore bur-dened be-neath a gloom-y dread.  
 a-gain to lead us for-ward a-long God's ho-ly way.

WORDS: S. Ralph Harlow, 1931  
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1872

BLAIRGOWRIE  
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✠ **Benediction**

✠ **Response**                      from *Lo, the full, final sacrifice*, Op. 26                      Gerald Finzi (1901–1956)

When this dry soul those eyes shall see, and drink the unseal'd source of thee.  
When Glory's sun faith's shades shall chase, and for thy veil give me thy Face.  
Lo, the full, final Sacrifice on which all figures fix't their eyes. Amen.                      Richard Crashaw (c. 1613–1649)

✠ **Postlude**                      Toccata: BRESLAU                      Brian Solomons (b. 1948)

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*The preacher and celebrant is the Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.  
The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allan Jarrett, Director of Music.  
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.*

**"RETURNING TO GOD" — 2025 LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES**

**HOLY WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL**

<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> April 13	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship Service (Nave)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> April 16	5:15 p.m.	Tenebrae Reflection Service (Robinson Chapel)
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> April 17	6:00 p.m.	Interdenominational Maundy Thursday Service (Nave)
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> April 18	12–3:00 p.m.	The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross (Nave) Buxtehude: <i>Membra Jesu nostri</i>
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> April 19	7:30 p.m.	The Great Vigil of Easter (Robinson Chapel)
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> April 20	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service (BU Beach) Easter Sunday Festival Eucharist (Nave) Easter Sunday Festival Eucharist (Nave)

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**EASTER LILY ORDER FORMS: DEADLINE TODAY, APRIL 6**



Order forms for the annual Easter lilies are now available. To order lilies in remembrance of or in honor of your loved ones, please use the QR code to the left or go to this link: <https://bit.ly/MarshEasterLily2025>. For assistance, please see our hospitality intern in the narthex after today's worship service. Lily orders close today, April 6.



# MARSH CHAPEL & RELIGIOUS LIFE

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## **The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill**

*Dean of Marsh Chapel and Chaplain to the University  
Professor of New Testament and Pastoral Theology*

### **MINISTRY**

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