

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY INTERDENOMINATIONAL PROTESTANT FESTIVAL SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 20th, 2025 Easter Sunday — The Resurrection of Our Lord

THE REV. DR. ROBERT ALLAN HILL, DEAN





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▶ Please rise, as you are able.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Acclamations (from Suite Médiévale)

Jean Langlais (1907–1991)



Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus impe-rat.

"Christ is the victor, Christ is King, Christ is the ruler of the world!"

Easter Acclamation and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Dean: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

▼ Introit Cry out and shout

Knut Nystedt (1915–2014)

Cry out and shout, ye people of God!

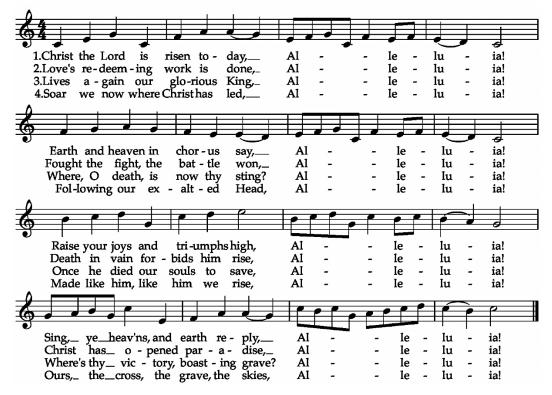
The Lord is strength and song!

Cry out and shout, ye people of God!

Cry out and shout, Alleluia!

Isaiah 12, adapted

Hymn



Text: Charles Wesley, 1739

Tune: EASTER HYMN, from Lyra Davidica, 1708

Arrangement: Andrew Senn

▼ Collect (in unison)

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; 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

The Dean: 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 broken your law, We have not done your will, 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.

The Dean: 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. Alleluia!

■ Exchange of Peace

The Dean: 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.

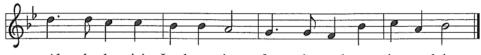
Hymn



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Lesson Acts 10:34–43

Lector: A lesson from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 10, verses 34–43:

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem What stood will stand Paul Halley (b. 1952)

Alleluia.

What stood will stand, though all be fallen,

The good return that time has stolen.

Though creatures groan in misery,

Their flesh prefigures liberty

To end travail and bring to birth their new perfection in new earth.

At word of that enlivening

Let the trees of the woods all sing.

And every field rejoice, let praise

Rise up out of the ground like grass.

What stood - whole in every piecemeal thing that stood -

Will stand though all fall.

Field and woods and all in them,

Rejoin the primal Sabbath's hymn.

from 'Sabbaths,' Wendell Berry (b. 1934)

Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum.

Et vitam venture saeculi.

And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:19–26

Lector: A lesson from Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 15, verses 19–26:

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. For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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



Cantor: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

His steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let Israel say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

Cantor: The Lord is my strength and my power;

the Lord has become my salvation.

People: There are joyous songs of victory

in the tents of the righteous:

Cantor: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,

the right hand of the Lord is exalted,

People: the right hand of the Lord

does valiantly!"

Cantor: I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the Lord.

People: The Lord has chastened me sorely,

but has not given me over to death.

Cantor: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

People: This is the gate of the Lord;

the righteous shall enter through it.

Cantor: I thank you that you have answered me

and have become my salvation.

People: The stone which the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone.

Cantor: This is the Lord's doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: This is the day which the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it. J

▼ Gloria Patri from Vespers of 1610

Claudio Monteverdi (1567–1643)

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Alleluia! Glory to the Father and Son and Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia!

▼ Gospel Lesson Luke 24:1–12

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 24, verses 1–12:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

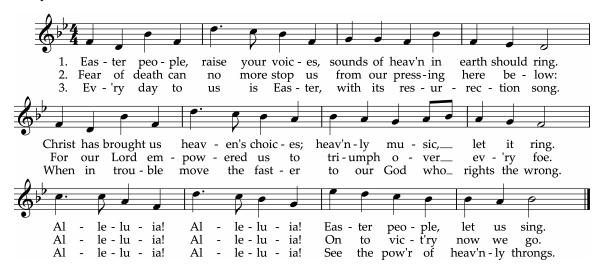
But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Acclamation is then repeated.

¥ Hymn



Descant: Richard Marlow

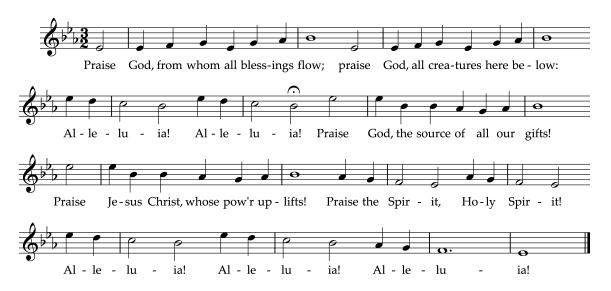
Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory How excellent thy name, O Lord (from *Saul*)

G. F. Handel (1685–1759)

How excellent Thy name, O Lord, In all the world is known! Above all Heavn's, O King ador'd, How hast thou set Thy glorious throne!

Hallelujah!



▼ Offertory Prayer

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

▼ 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.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained stead

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,

brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,

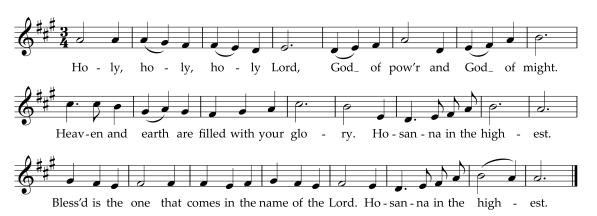
and set before us the way of life.

Celebrant:

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)



₩ Words of Institution

Celebrant:

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

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.

By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy 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:

Celebrant:

"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."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

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:



all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

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 you Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,

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 and an alcoholfree grape juice. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Motet This joyful Eastertide

arr. Philip Ledger (1937–2012)

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
 My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: But now hath Christ arisen!

- My flesh in hope shall rest, And for a season slumber.Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.
- 3. Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus cross'd the river. Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

George R. Woodward (1848–1934)

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.



Text: Edmond L. Budry, 1907 Translation: R. Birch Hoyle, 1923

Tune: Judas Maccabeus, G. F. Handel, 1747

Arrangement: Andrew Senn

■ Benediction

▼ Response Beautiful Savior

arr. F. Melius Christiansen (1871–1955)

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be thine.

J. A. Seiss (1823–1904)

▼ Postlude Toccata (from Symphonie No. 5)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

The preacher and celebrant is the Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.

The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.

The brass quintet is Majestic Brass: Eric Berlin and Richard Watson, trumpet; Whitacre Hill, horn;

Greg Spiridopoulos, trombone; and Takatsugu Hagiwara, tuba.

The timpanist is Robert Schulz.

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.



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