

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE



SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

11 AM

DANIEL L. MARSH CHAPEL

LEADING IN WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill
Dean of Marsh Chapel

Kenneth W. Freeman
President Ad Interim of Boston University

Dr. Kenneth Lutchen
Provost Ad Interim of Boston University

Father Kevin Staley-Joyce
University Chaplain for Catholic Students

The Reverend Dr. Jessica Chicka
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The Reverend Dr. Karen Coleman
University Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry

Jonathan Byung Hoon Lee
Associate Chaplain for Student Outreach

We welcome to this service all students and their families. May God's richest blessings be with all who graduate as they enter this new time in their lives. Today, we welcome as our speaker **Dr. Walter Earl Fluker**.

Walter Earl Fluker (GRS'88) is a well-known figure in the theory and practice of ethical leadership. Dr. Fluker holds the position of Distinguished Professor of the Howard Thurman Center at Hartford International University for Religion & Peace and previously served as Dean's Professor of Spirituality, Ethics, and Leadership at Emory University's Candler School of Theology. At Morehouse College, he was the founding director of the Andrew Young Center for Global Leadership and the Coca-Cola Professorship of Leadership Studies. He is a Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor Emeritus of Ethical Leadership at Boston University and the editor of the Howard Thurman Papers Project. During his tenure at BU, he developed an acclaimed online course titled *Ethical Leadership: Character, Civility, and Community*. His organization, Walter Earl Fluker & Associates, Inc., continues to advance this mission.

A sought-after consultant, speaker, and workshop leader, Dr. Fluker has shared his expertise at various institutions and organizations worldwide. Recently, he was honored with the 2023 Roosevelt Institute's Four Freedoms Award of Worship, along with Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, the late activist Ady Barkan, Congressman Bennie Thompson, and former Executive Director of the American Library Association Tracie D. Hall.

Dr. Fluker is a prolific author, with notable works including *Ethical Leadership: The Quest for Character, Civility, and Community* (2009) and *The Ground Has Shifted: The Future of the Black Church in Post-Racial America* (2016). He also edited the five-volume documentary edition *The Papers of Howard Washington Thurman*, the four-volume *Walking with God: The Sermon Series of Howard Thurman* (2020–2023), and *The Unfinished Search for Common Ground* (2023).

He earned a BA in philosophy and biblical studies from Trinity College, an MDiv from Garrett-Evangelical Seminary, and a PhD in social ethics from BU. He holds an honorary Doctor of Humanities from Lees-McRae College.

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

**Please rise, as you are able.*

PRELUDE Intrada

Grayston Ives (b. 1948)
Justin Thomas Blackwell
Associate Director of Music, Marsh Chapel

GREETING

The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill
Dean of Marsh Chapel

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 Cry out and shout

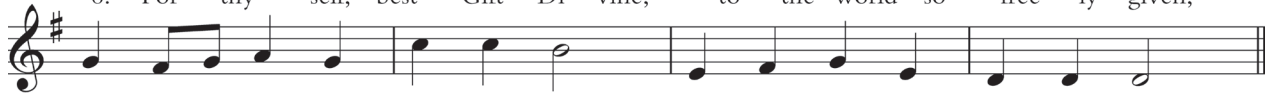
Music: Knut Nystedt (1915–2014)
Text: Isaiah 12, adapted

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!

*HYMN



1. For the___ beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the___ beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the___ joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4. For the___ joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5. For thy___ church, that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
6. For thy - self, best Gift Di - vine, to the world so free - ly given,



for the___ love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies;
hill and___ vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
for the___ mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight;
friends on___ earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild;
of - fering up - on ev - ery shore her pure sac - ri - fice of love;
for that___ great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Tune: DIX
Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. W. H. Monk, 1861
Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864

★OPENING PRAYER

Father Kevin Staley-Joyce
University Chaplain for Catholic Students

LESSON Ecclesiastes 3:1–8

Dr. Kenneth Lutchen
Provost Ad Interim of Boston University

The Provost: A lesson from the book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 3, verses 1–8:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

The Provost: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM My God Is a Rock

Music and Text: African American Spiritual
Arrangement: Alice Parker and Robert Shaw
Soloist: Craig Juricka, baritone

*My God is a rock in a weary land,
shelter in a time of storm.
I know He is a rock in a weary land,
shelter in a time of storm.*

Stop and let me tell you about the chapter one,
when the Lord God's work was just begun,
Stop and let me tell you about the chapter two,
when the Lord God written his Bible through,
Stop and let me tell you about the chapter three,
when the Lord God died on Calvary.

Stop and let me tell you about the chapter four,
when the Lord God visits among the poor,
Stop and let me tell you about the chapter five,
when the Lord God brought the dead alive,
Stop and let me tell you about the chapter six,
He went in Jerusalem and healed the sick.

Stop, let me tell you about the chapter seven,
died and risen and went to Heaven,
Stop, let me tell you about the chapter eight,
John seen Him standing at the Golden Gate,
Stop and let me tell you about the chapter nine,
Lord God turned the water to wine,
Stop and let me tell you about the chapter ten,
John says He's coming in the world again.

PSALM 19:1-6

Jonathan Byung Hoon Lee
Associate Chaplain for Student Outreach

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

People: Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

People: yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

Leader: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

People: Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.

LESSON Romans 12:1-2, 9-13

Kenneth W. Freeman
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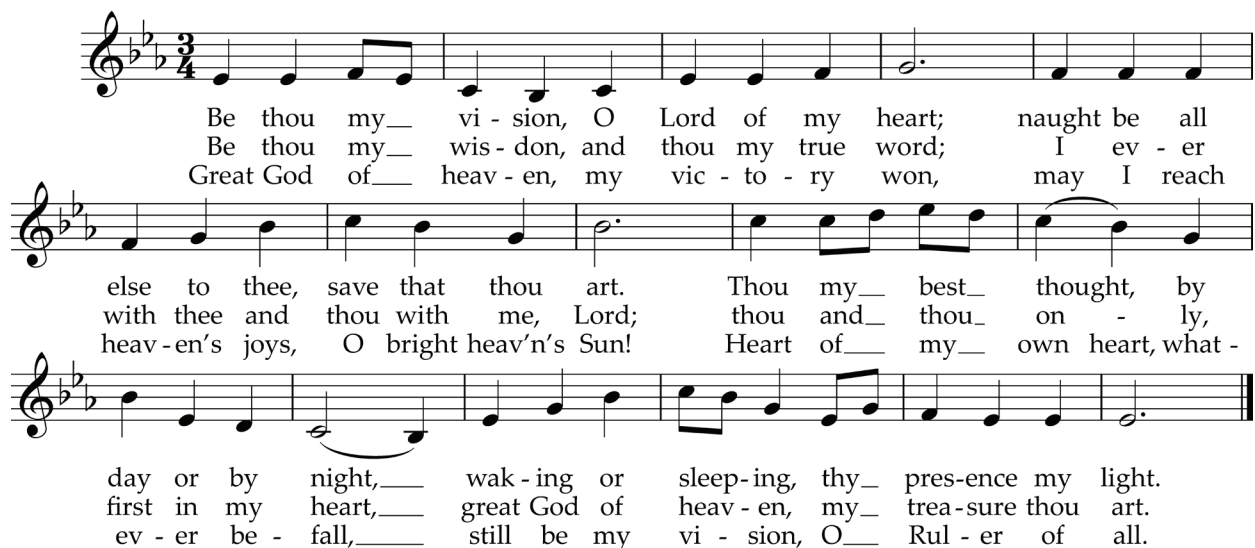
The President: A lesson from Paul's epistle to the Romans, chapter 12, verses 1-2 and 9-13:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

The President: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN



Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
Be thou my wis - don, and thou my true word; I ev - er
Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach
else to thee, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by
with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou on - ly,
heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -
day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
first in my heart, great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Tune: SLANE; Trad. Irish melody
Harmonization: Carlton R. Young, 1963
Text: Ancient Irish; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.

*COLLECT (*spoken by all*)

The Reverend Dr. Karen Coleman
University Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, and especially Boston University, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth. Amen.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER

Dean Hill

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

Dr. Walter Earl Fluker

*CLARISSIMA

Bos - ton U - ni - ver - si - ty, Proud with mis - sion sure;
Keep - ing the light of knowl - edge high, long to en - dure;
Treas - 'ring the best of all that's old, search - ing out the new;
Our Al - ma Ma - ter ev - er - more! Hail B. U.

Music: Brenton C. Patterson, CAS 1911
Text: Dean B. Doner, Vice President of Boston University (1973–1986)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Dr. Jessica Chicka
University Chaplain for International Students

ANTHEM Dona nobis pacem (from *Mass in B minor*)

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Dona nobis pacem. (*Grant us peace.*)

*HYMN

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious
bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on
power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me
jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou
Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will
'til I want no more; feed me 'til I want no more.
still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

Music: John Hughes, 1907

Descant and Arrangement: John Scott

Text: William Williams, 1745; in Welsh

Translation: Peter Williams and the author, 1771

*BENEDICTION

Dean Hill

*RESPONSE God be in my head

Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.

God be at mine end and at my departing.

*POSTLUDE Marcia (from Symphonie No. 3)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

Mr. Blackwell

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

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

The brass ensemble is Majestic Brass.

The timpanist is Robert Schulz.