

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE



SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

11 AM

DANIEL L. MARSH CHAPEL

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

*\*Please rise, as you are able.*

PRELUDE Marcia (from Symphonie No. 3)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)  
Justin Thomas Blackwell, MM, CFA'09  
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. 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

★OPENING PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Karen Coleman  
University Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry

LESSON Ecclesiastes 3:1–8

Dr. Jean Morrison  
Provost 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 Beati quorum via, Op. 38, No. 3

Music: C.V. Stanford (1852–1924)  
Text: Psalm 119:1

Beati quorum via integra est:  
qui ambulat in lege Domini.

*Blessed are they whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.*

PSALM 19:1–6

Father Kevin Staley-Joyce  
University Chaplain for Catholic Students

*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.

*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

1. For the splen - dor of cre - a - tion that draws us to in - quire, for the  
2. For the schol - ars past and pre - sent whose boun - ty we di - gest, for the

mys - ter - ies of knowl - edge to which our hearts as - pire, for the  
teach - ers who in - spire us to sum - mon forth our best, for our

deep and sub - tle beau - ties which de - light the eye and ear, for the  
ri - vals and com - pan - ions, some - times fool - ish, some - times wise, for the

dis - ci - pline of log - ic, the strug - gle to be clear, for the  
hu - man web up - hold - ing this no - ble en - ter - prise, for the

un - ex - plained re - maind - er, the puz - zling and the odd: for the  
com - mon life that binds us through days that soar or plod: for this

joy and pain of learn - ing, we give you thanks, O God.  
place and for these peo - ple, we give you thanks, O God.

Tune: THAXTED

Music: Gustav Holst, 1921, alt.

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

\*COLLECT (*spoken by all*)

Jonathan Byung Hoon Lee  
Associate Chaplain for Student Outreach

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

President Brown

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill  
Dean of Marsh Chapel

\*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

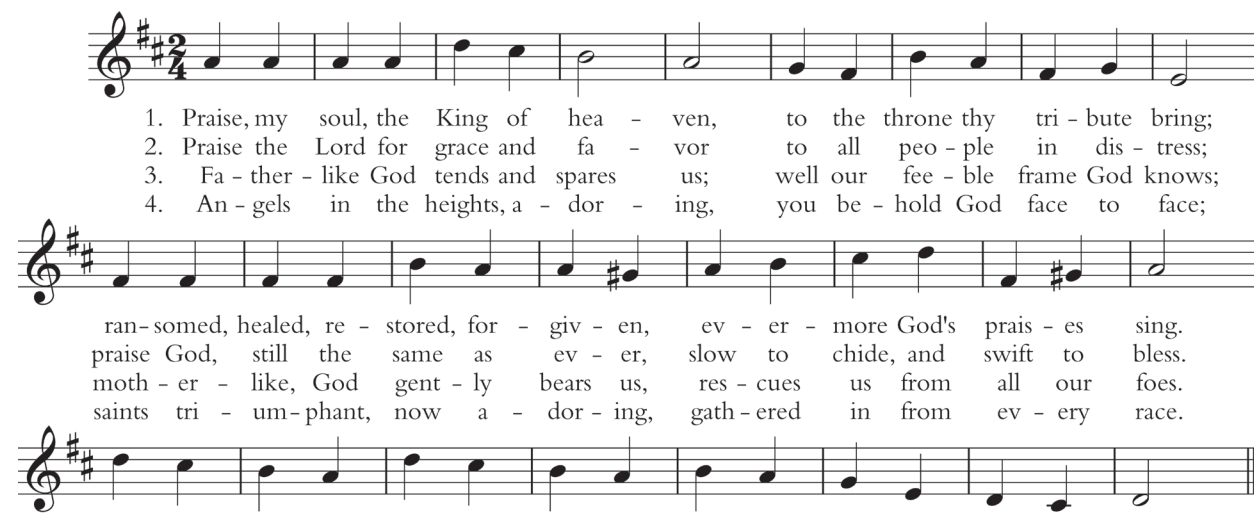
The Rev. Dr. Jessica Chicka, PhD, STH'19  
University Chaplain for International Students

ANTHEM God is gone up

Music: Gerald Finzi (1901–1956)  
Arrangement: Scott Perkins, BM, CFA'02 (b. 1980)  
Text: Edward Taylor (1642–1729)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: The Lord with sounding trumpets melodies:  
Sing Praise, sing praises out, unto our King sing praise seraphicwise!  
Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing, and let the king of Glory enter in.  
Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly in flakes of Glory down him to attend,  
and hear heart-cramping notes of melody surround his chariot as it did ascend;  
Mixing their music, making ev'ry string more to enravish as they this tune sing.

\*HYMN



1. Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven, to the throne thy tri - bute bring;  
2. Praise the Lord for grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple in dis - tress;  
3. Fa - ther - like God tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame God knows;  
4. An - gels in the heights, a - dor - ing, you be - hold God face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais - es sing.  
praise God, still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
moth - er - like, God gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
saints tri - um - phant, now a - dor - ing, gath - ered in from ev - ery race.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious now God's faith - ful - ness.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet God's mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Tune: LAUDA ANIMA; John Goss, 1869

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1834 (Ps. 103)

Fanfare: Scott Perkins

Final Stanza: Scott Allen Jarrett

\*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 Toccata

Leo Sowerby (1895–1968)

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.*

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

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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 the **Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill**.

**T**he Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill is the Dean of Marsh Chapel and a Professor of New Testament and Pastoral Theology at Boston University. As Dean of Marsh Chapel, he preaches most Sundays, leads the Marsh Chapel staff, gives oversight to all University religious life (including 7 University chaplains, 26 religious life groups, and 22 campus ministers), meets with University leadership, and guides pastoral care for the community.

At Boston University School of Theology, Dr. Hill teaches courses in New Testament and Pastoral Theology. He participates in teaching courses for BU undergraduates on vocation and the history of Boston University. Dr. Hill is the author of 17 books and has also written or co-authored and published a number of articles, chapters, sermons, and essays. His passionate interest lies at the intersection of Scripture and life, especially in the work of preaching. His perspective on pastoral theology focuses on the special needs of the church in the Northeastern USA in the 21st Century.

Dr. Hill is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University (BA 1976), Union Theological Seminary (M.Div. 1979), and McGill University (PhD 1991). He has been preaching since 1976, and he has taught in several schools including McGill University, Syracuse University, Lemoyne College, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Northeastern Seminary, United Seminary, and various church settings, before coming to Marsh Chapel in 2006. As an elder (Upper New York Conference) in the United Methodist Church, he has had experience in ten local churches, five different annual conferences, multiple annual conference board assignments, and general and jurisdictional conference participation and board reviews. His main denominational interests have been in large church ministry and theological education. Dr. Hill and his wife Jan have three grown children and eight grandchildren.

Dean Hill and Chapel leadership are now preparing with excitement for the 75th anniversary of the dedication of Marsh Chapel, to be held in 2025. Over these decades, the full measure of this pulpit reveals a constant, clarion voice of prophetic wisdom. Here, Howard Thurman preached of a "common ground and common hope," while training a younger protégé, Martin Luther King, Jr. Dean Hill has continued this preaching tradition of a responsible Christian liberalism, Sunday by Sunday, echoing Charles Wesley's hymn, "unite the pair so long disjointed, knowledge and vital piety, learning and holiness combine, truth and love for all to see."