

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 17, 2020, 11:00 a.m.



View from Chapel Drive
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In the scripture lessons for this morning, we first find Paul arguing astutely before the council of the Areopagus in Athens. He argues that the God of all creation is not bound to altars made by human hands. The God of the universe is not an unknown God, but one who is known in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the gospel lesson, Jesus tells his disciples that the time is coming when the world will no longer see him, though he promises his continued presence through the Holy Spirit, who will abide with them.

Gathering

Opening Voluntary

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr (*All Glory be to God on High*), BWV 662 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn | See hymns at the back of the bulletin.

Christ Is Alive Truro

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | In unison:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*Greeting of Peace | All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

Minister: The Peace of the risen Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: as we hear your scriptures today, may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through Christ who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20 | The refrain is introduced by the cantor then sung by all. The cantor chants the verses.

setting by Richard Proulx



Praise our God all peoples, and let the sound of praise be heard. The Lord has preserved us among the living, and kept our feet from stumbling. For you, O God, have tested us, and refined us as silver is refined. You led us into the snare; you laid a burden of trouble upon our backs. You let enemies ride over our heads. We went through fire and water, but you have brought us out into a place of liberty. *Refrain*

I will come into your house with burnt offerings and I will pay you my vows; the vows which I made with my lips and swore with my mouth when I was in trouble. I will offer fat beasts in sacrifice, with the smoke of burning rams; I will prepare you an offering of bulls and goats. *Refrain*

Come, then, and listen, all you that fear the Lord, and I will tell you what God has done for me. I cried aloud to God; high praise was ready on my tongue. If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me. But truly God has heard me, and has given heed to my prayer. Blessed are you, O God, for your have not rejected my prayer, nor withdrawn from me your steadfast love. *Refrain*

*Gospel Lesson

John 14:15-24

Sermon

Live and Love

Response

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People | The congregation responds to each petition:

People: Hear our prayer.

Offering: Giving to COVID-19 Relief

Offertory Solo

Ubi caritas et amor

Dan Locklair
(b. 1949)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso iucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum, Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Simul ergo cum in unum congregamur, Ne nos mente dividamur caveamus. Cessent iurgia maligna, cessent lites Et in medio nostri sit Christus Deus.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Simul quoque cum beatis videamus Glorianter vultum tuum, Christe Deus; Gaudium quod est immensum atque probum, Saecula per infinita saeculorum. Amen.

Translation: Robert Ulery

Where affection and love abide, God is. We are gathered in one body by the love of Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad in Him. Let us fear and love the living God, and from the heart let us love each other sincerely.

Where affection and love abide, God is. When therefore we are gathered in one body, let us be watchful that our minds not divide us. Let hateful quarrels cease, let disputes cease and in our midst let there be Christ our God.

Where affection and love abide, God is. May we too, together with the blessed, see in glory your face, O Christ our God; that is joy beyond measure and excellent, through ages of ages without end. Amen.

*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanksgiving

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer

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, forever. Amen.

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn | See hymns at the back of the bulletin.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Closing Voluntary

Toccata for Organ

John Weaver
(b. 1937)

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTER

The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel

PREACHER

MUSICIANS

TODAY'S OFFERING | We encourage you to give online to the COVID-19 relief funds set up by Duke University. There are three funds to aid our neighbors in this trying time. The Duke-Durham Fund will provide assistance to area nonprofits, small businesses, and community-based organizations to enable them to continue their vital work addressing the immediate needs of local residents and assist in the recovery and renewal of the city that we call home.

Learn more and give at coronavirus.duke.edu/together-duke-giving-back.

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ENGAGE

NEED TO TALK? | Pastors are available to speak with you either by phone or online. Please contact Carol Gregg at carol.gregg@duke.edu.

GRAD STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual discussion of the wisdom literature in the Bible on Mondays, May 25 and June 8, at 6:30 p.m. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact Matt Wright at matthew.r.wright@duke.edu for login information.

CARILLON LIVESTREAM | You are invited to participate virtually in an ongoing campus tradition. Listen live online to the playing of the Duke Chapel carillon bells weekdays at 5:00 p.m. EDT on the Duke Chapel Facebook page at facebook.com/dukechapel.

ONLINE WORSHIP CONTINUES | Each week, Sunday morning worship services are livestreamed at 11:00 a.m. Through May, recordings of Choral Vespers and Choral Evensong are being posted with commentary on the Chapel website at the times when the services normally would have occurred: 4:00 p.m. on Sundays for Evensong and 7:00 p.m. Thursdays for Vespers.

DUKE CHAPEL YOUTUBE CHANNEL | Duke Chapel's YouTube channel has an extensive archive of Sunday, Evensong, and Vespers worship services as well as concerts and panel discussions. Please enjoy these resources at youtube.com/dukechapel.

SOUNDS OF FAITH VIDEO REFLECTIONS | While in the current climate we cannot gather together to worship and sing, we can still find consolation in recordings of the congregational hymns, choral anthems, organ voluntaries, and other music that have filled the Chapel over the decades—and perhaps, find ways to listen even more deeply to these sounds of faith. To that end, Chapel musicians have created a weekly Sounds of Faith video series. Each video presents a recording of music performed at the Chapel with commentary about its composition, history, and meaning. The videos are posted Wednesday evenings and are between five and ten minutes long. Find them at chapel.duke.edu/music.

TWO MINUTES TOGETHER | While we remain physically apart, Chapel ministers are seeking ways of bringing people together. One way is through a series of brief videos—about two minutes long—reflecting on how we can be in solidarity with one another and draw near to God. It is a virtual way of spending "Two Minutes Together." Look for #TwoMinutesTogether videos on the Chapel website and social media.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | Online classes for all ages are offered Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Please see the Congregation's eNews for links or contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu. Classes are:

Wee Praise: For children who are infants through age 3 with parents or caregivers

Godly Play: For children age 4 through 5th grade Youth Bible Study: For youth in 6th–12th grade

Adult Forum: Guest speakers

ENGAGE ONLINE | In the interest of public health, Duke Chapel is closed to visitors and all inperson services, concerts, and other events remain canceled until further notice. We continue to pray regularly for Duke, Durham, the nation, and the world, and offer online resources for prayer and livestreams of services. Learn more at chapel.duke.edu.



HYMNS FOR MAY 17, 2020

Hymn

Christ is Alive TRURO



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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887