

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday After Epiphany Sunday, January 24, 2021, 11:00 a.m.



John August Swanson, 1983

The scripture lessons today speak to God's kingdom that breaks into the world as it is so that it might become the world as it should be. God's kingdom is marked by God's forgiveness in response to people's repentance. The Old Testament lesson from Jonah tells the story of Jonah's proclamation to the people of Nineveh that inspired their turning to the Lord from their wicked ways. In response to their turning, God reconsidered about the calamity that was to befall the city. Jesus begins his public ministry in the Gospel of Mark proclaiming the good news of God and calling people to repentance, belief, and discipleship. Paul writes to the Corinthian church that, as they follow Christ, they must be ready for his coming by pursuing his ways, for the present form of the world is passing away. We too are invited to this life of repentance, belief, and discipleship. Today concludes the week of prayer for Christian unity. In our worship and in our prayers, we seek the unity of the body of Christ around the world as we pursue the calling to the ways of God's kingdom.

Gathering Opening Prelude

Tiento de falsas (4º tono)

Sebastián Aguilera de Heredia (1565–1627)

Choral Introit (Virtual)

A Prayer Jared Johnson (b. 1974)

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power.

O God, make the door of this house the gateway of your eternal kingdom. You who have given us this heritage, grant us grace gratefully to receive it, wisely to use it, and faithfully to continue it, to your glory and our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, Bishop of Wells

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn | See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

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*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | The minister offers words of confession in three biddings to which the congregation responds as follows:

Minister: Lord have mercy.
People: Lord have mercy.
Minister: Christ have mercy.
People: Christ have mercy.
Minister: Lord have mercy.
People: Lord have mercy.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

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

Minister: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and send your Spirit now to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

Psalmody

Psalm 62:5-12

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation,

my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;

my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people;

pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. [Selah]

Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:

that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.

For you repay to all according to their work.

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:14-20

Sermon

Maddening Mercy

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.

Anthem

They Cast Their Nets

Herbert G. Draesel, Jr. (b. 1940)

They cast their nets in Galilee Just off the hills of brown; Such happy, simple fisher-folk, Before the Lord came down.

Contented, peaceful fishermen, Before they ever knew The peace of God that filled their hearts Brimful, and broke them too.

Young John who trimmed the flapping sail, Homeless, in Patmos died. Peter, who hauled the teeming net, Head down was crucified.

The peace of God, it is no peace, But strife closed in the sod. Yet let us pray for but one thing: The marvelous peace of God.

Text: William Alexander Percy, 1885–1942

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.

*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 worship guide.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

Closing Voluntary

Tiento de 4º tono ["a modo de canción"]

Francisco Correa de Arauxo (1584–1654)

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS

| The Rev. Bruce Puckett | Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel |
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| PREACHER | |
| • | Dean, Duke University Chapel |
| LECTOR | |
| Ms. Tatayana Richardson | Duke Wesley Fellowship, Chapel Scholar, Trinity '21 |
| MUSICIANS | |
| Duke Evensong Singers | Virtual Choir |
| Dr. Zebulon Highben | Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel |
| Dr. Robert Parkins | University Organist, Duke University |
| Mr. Tom Gurin | Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel |

ONLINE MINISTER

MISSION OF THE MONTH

TODAY'S OFFERING | All of today's online giving and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support Duke Chapel's sponsorship of a Habitat for Humanity home, with the Duke Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Duke Habitat is an active student organization on campus that raises awareness and funds for Durham Habitat for Humanity. Families selected by Habitat work closely with volunteers, investing 240–300 hours of their own labor, or "sweat equity," in building their homes. In typical years, partner families and Duke students do nearly eighty percent of the work on Habitat homes. Duke Habitat Chapter houses foster close connections between the students of Duke University and the people of Durham. You are invited to give online at gifts.duke.edu/chapel. Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

ENGAGE

HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS | The Chapel is recognizing two community leaders this year with its Humanitarian Service Award: the Rev. Annette Currie Love and Susan McSwain. Rev. Love founded and leads the Faith Based Service Network ministry, which educates, encourages, and supports people who have suffered abuse. McSwain is the executive director of Reality Ministries, a Christian community organization that creates opportunities for adults with and without developmental disabilities to experience belonging and kinship. McSwain and Rev. Love will be presented their awards during a virtual ceremony, open to the public, today (January 24) at 2:00 p.m. Join the event online via this Zoom link.

CHOIR VIRTUAL AUDITIONS | The Chapel's choirs are open to anyone in the Duke and Triangle communities. The Duke Chapel Choir is holding open virtual auditions for the spring. Make new friends, learn great choral music in weekly Zoom gatherings, and add your voice to "virtual choir" recording projects. Duke students are particularly encouraged to participate; scholarships and course

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credit are available for all undergraduate students. Contact chapelmusic@duke.edu to schedule a Chapel Choir audition, or inquire about the Chapel's Vespers Ensemble and Evensong Singers. Learn more at chapel.duke.edu/sing.

MIDWEEK PRAYER | Please join us for a brief service of prayer on Wednesdays at 12-noon through May 12. To participate in this prayer time, please <u>register for the Zoom call here</u>.

DURHAM EVICTION DIVERSION PROGRAM HELPS KEEP PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES

The Chapel is highlighting the Durham Eviction Diversion program, which provides legal representation to low-wealth and low-income residents and families who are facing eviction. The initiative is the result of collaboration between Legal Aid of North Carolina and the Duke Civil Justice Clinic. Attorneys in the Eviction Diversion program assist people throughout court processes, filing appeals, and navigating tenant-landlord relationships. Every year, hundreds of families who are threatened with homelessness are able to stay in their homes due to the work of this program. Learn more about the program and other Chapel community ministry highlights.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual Bible study on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The conversation will focus on the Book of Romans this semester. The next gatherings will be January 25 and February 8 at 6:30 p.m. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact matthew.r.wright@duke.edu for the Zoom link and additional information.

CHAPEL SCHOLARS APPLICATIONS OPEN | Chapel Scholars are undergraduates who intentionally engage in Chapel-based programming that nurtures the intellectual, ethical. and spiritual life of students. As a Chapel Scholar, undergraduates will have the opportunity to engage with a number of initiatives and events sponsored by the Chapel. Applications are now open on a rolling basis. Learn more and apply at chapel.duke.edu/scholars.

PATHWAYS FELLOWSHIP FOR GRADUATING SENIORS | Graduating Duke seniors, and recent graduates, are invited to apply to become a PathWays Fellow. The fellowship gives participants the tools they need to discern their vocational and spiritual direction as well as opportunities for exploration, leadership, mentorship, service, and formation deeply rooted in the local community and their Christian traditions. Learn more and apply by February 19 at chapel.duke.edu/pathways. **STUDENT PREACHER APPLICATIONS** | On Sunday, March 21, we will continue the Chapel tradition of having a student preach for our 11:00 a.m. worship service. Maybe you are a student, or know a student, who has never thought about preaching at the Chapel, but you feel strangely compelled to give voice to what the Spirit of God is stirring in you? Perhaps you have considered what it would be like to preach in the pulpit at Duke Chapel? Or maybe you are just curious what it feels like to write a sermon? Regardless of what motivates you to consider this opportunity, we

CHAPEL CARILLON RINGS AS PART OF NATIONAL MEMORIAL The bells of the Chapel carillon rang this past Tuesday evening as part of a nationwide tribute to remember and honor people who have died of COVID-19. The musical memorial comprised beloved songs, including "Amazing Grace" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing," as well as a bell tolling forty times to represent the approximately 400,000 Americans who have died during the pandemic. <u>Watch it here</u>.

hope you will consider applying to be the student preacher for this year. Learn more and apply by

JOIN A RELIGIOUS LIFE GROUP | Students can deepen their faith and make friends through Religious Life groups. Duke has more than twenty Religious Life groups representing a wide range of faith traditions, including Catholic, Hindu, Latter-Day Saints, Jewish, Muslim, and a variety of Protestant denominations. See how to connect with Religious Life leaders at chapel.duke.edu/ReligiousLife. For questions, contact the Chapel's director of Religious Life, the Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon, at kathryn.lester.bacon@duke.edu.

APPLY FOR THE ERUDITIO ET RELIGIO LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY | The Chapel and Residence Life have partnered to form the Eruditio et Religio living-learning community. The program is built around fostering relationships among people of diverse religious traditions and preparing students to work together for the common good. The program offers Duke undergraduate students curricular and co-curricular opportunities in education, intentional living, and civic engagement through service and social action. Learn more and apply to join Eruditio et Religio in the fall of 2021.

NEW MEMBER CLASS | All those considering membership in the Congregation at Duke Chapel are invited to the spring new member class. The four-week class will be held on Sundays from 9:45–10:45 a.m. starting on March 7. The class will be held by Zoom. For more information, please contact carol.gregg@duke.edu.

FELLOWSHIP FUN | Join the Fellowship Committee on Sunday, February 14, at 1:00 p.m. for "The Virtual not so Newlywed Game." This will be a time of online love and laughter. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for detailed information.

AWAKENING TO THE CALL All are welcome to join a half-day retreat on "Bold Action to End Racism" on Saturday, February 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Rev. Mel Williams, a longtime advocate of social justice in Durham, will lead the virtual retreat. Please register here.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE | The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning Christian education from 9:45–10:45 a.m. for all ages. Classes, which are held virtually, are open to the public and new participants are welcome at any time.

Wee Praise: Music and movement for children ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers

Godly Play: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade

Youth Confirmation Class: An exploration of Christian faith for students in 6th–12th grades Adult Bible Study: A study on the Book of Colossians

Adult Forum: On January 31, Jillian Marcantonio, Ph.D. Student in Early Christianity, Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University will address "Climbing the Mountain with Moses: An Introduction to Apophatic Theology."

HYMNS FOR JANUARY 24, 2021

Opening Hymn

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

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Closing Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS



This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.