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BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, February 7, 2021, 11:00 a.m.



Christ Healing Peter's Mother-in-law
Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn, c. 1650

The prophet Isaiah implores, “Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.” He offers words of comfort and hope to a people who are weary in exile, offering the promise that those “who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.” In his first letter to the Corinthian church, Paul offers his example of becoming all things to all people for the sake of the Gospel. He does this to share the good news of Jesus with people in any circumstance of life, and he does it that he too may share in the hope of Christ’s good news. In Mark’s gospel, Jesus also represents hope and the chance for healing for all whose lives are twisted by illness, grief, and encounters with evil.

Gathering

Opening Prelude

Adagio (from Sonata in F Minor, Op. 65/1)

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809–1847)

Fugue on the Name BACH, Op. 60/3

Robert Schumann
(1810–1856)

Greeting and Call to Worship

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

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

LIEBSTER JESU

*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, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that as we are inspired by your word, we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:21–31

*All rise as able

Psalms | The refrain is introduced by the cantor, then sung by all.

Psalm 147:1–11

setting by Columba Kelly & Samuel Weber



We sing to you Lord, for you are good; it is right to praise you.

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
a song of praise is fitting.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and gathers the outcasts of Israel.

The Lord heals the brokenhearted
and binds up all their wounds. *Refrain*

The Lord determines the number of the stars
and gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord and abundant in power,
whose understanding is beyond measure.

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden,
but casts the wicked to the ground. *Refrain*

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody upon the lyre to our God,
who covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow upon the hills. *Refrain*

The Lord gives to the beasts their food
and to the young ravens that cry.

The Lord takes no delight in the might of a horse,
nor pleasure in the strength of a runner,
but the Lord takes pleasure in the faithful,
in those who hope in the Lord's steadfast love. *Refrain*

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 9:16–23

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:29–39

Sermon

Response

Solo

I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies (from *St. Paul*)

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809–1847)

I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord;
I will sing of thy mercies, O Lord my Savior,
and of thy faithfulness evermore.

Text: Psalm 89:1

*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

*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, 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.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Closing Voluntary

March on a Theme of Handel

Alexandre Guilmant
(1837–1911)

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon.....*Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel*
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg.....*Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

PREACHER

The Rev. Bruce Puckett.....*Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*

LECTOR

Ms. Tirzah Villegas.....*Divinity '21*

MUSICIANS

Dr. Zebulon Highben.....*Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*
Dr. Robert Parkins.....*University Organist, Duke University*
Mr. Christopher Jacobson.....*Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*
Mr. Tom Gurin.....*Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

ONLINE MINISTER

The Rev. Breana van Velzen.....*Community Minister, Duke University Chapel*

TODAY'S FLOWERS | Today's flowers are made possible by the generosity of the Erlenbach Family Trust.

TODAY'S OFFERING | All of today's online giving and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be given to the Chapel's Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. You are invited to give online at gifts.duke.edu/chapel. Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

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ASH WEDNESDAY ONLINE SERVICE FEB. 17 | Join us online for a worship service for Ash Wednesday on February 17 at 8:00 a.m. During this service, individuals typically receive the marking of ashes in the shape of a cross on their foreheads as a reminder of their mortality and repentance of their sins—ashes to ashes. Because we are not able to meet in person this year, we are inviting worshippers to observe this practice in another way. For this year's service, we encourage you to have ashes, dirt, or oil available for use during the service. For any who desire to make their own ashes, we encourage you to burn palms you have saved from last year. If you no longer have a palm branch to burn, write a particular sin or way you've fallen short of God's best ways for us on a small piece of paper to burn to create the ash. **Do not mix ashes with water as they will create a caustic form of lye.** If you prefer not to use ashes, we invite you to use dirt, which also serves as a sign of our mortality—dust to dust. At the least, have olive oil to use to make a sign of the cross on your forehead when the time comes in the service. We look forward to worshipping with you online on Ash Wednesday and to journeying through Lent together, as we walk with Jesus to the cross and await the glory of the resurrection.

DEAN POWERY ON FAITH AND SUFFERING | Chapel Dean Luke Powery is participating in an online event about "A faith-filled response to this season of suffering," hosted by the Duke Alumni Association, on Thursday, February 18, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. He will be in conversation with

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Duke Divinity School Dean Gregory Jones. In responding to the challenges of 2020 and beyond in America, Dean Powery suggests it is not enough to be against injustice and suffering, we must be for the all-inclusive love of God and the potentiality of a diverse and beloved community. [Learn more and register.](#)

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 [register for the Zoom call here.](#)

DEAN POWERY'S CHRONICLE COLUMN | Chapel Dean Luke Powery continues to write a biweekly column for the *Chronicle* campus newspaper. His latest column on “The Nazareth Principle” says that a question posed by one of Jesus’s disciples—“Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”—points to a principle that can guide us today in navigating our political and social divisions and injustices. [Read Dean Powery’s columns.](#)

ORGAN RECITAL LIVESTREAM FEB. 21 | Duke Chapel Organist Christopher Jacobson, FRCO, will present a recital on the Chapel’s Aeolian organ via livestream on Sunday, February 21, at 4:00 p.m. The program will feature music by Marcel Dupré and his contemporaries, commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of Dupré’s death. The online concert, free and open to the public, will be presented on the Chapel’s website and YouTube channel. [Watch it here.](#)

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 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.

SACRED ON SATURDAY ONLINE PRESENTATIONS | Dr. Philip Cave, associate conductor for Chapel Music, will explore notable pieces of sacred music in a pair of “Sacred on Saturday” online presentations this semester. The first one on “Music for Lent” will be Saturday, February 27, at 10:00 a.m. A link to participate will be posted on the Chapel website.

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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE DEDICATION | On Friday, February 12 there will be a Habitat for Humanity house dedication held virtually at 4 p.m. The Chapel along with the Duke Chapter of Habitat for Humanity and other partners at Duke have funded this house. Join members of the Duke and Durham communities to celebrate the homeowner and her newly built home. Details for joining the zoom call will be available on the Chapel’s website

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FELLOWSHIP NEXT SUNDAY | Join the Fellowship Committee on Sunday, February 14, at 1:00 p.m. for “The Virtual not so Newlywed Game.” Watch Assistant Dean Bruce Puckett and Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon, along with their spouses and four other couples, answer light-hearted questions. This will be a time of online fellowship and fun. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for detailed information.

IS THE WELL DRY? | Are you feeling spent? The Congregation at Duke Chapel is sponsoring several book groups to discuss *When the Well Runs Dry: Prayer Beyond the Beginnings* by Thomas Green. Green, a Jesuit spiritual director and author, helps readers navigate the seasons of spiritual dryness. Book groups will meet for six weeks as follows: Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. starting February 23; Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. starting February 24; Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. starting February 24; and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. starting February 25. [Please sign up for Lenten Book Groups here.](#)

RETREAT ON CONFRONTING RACISM | How do we awaken to the urgency of dismantling racism? What steps can we take to repair the harm of racism? Join a retreat on “Awakening to the Call: Bold Action to End Racism” to explore connections to racism and consider local strategies that move toward ending racial oppression. The virtual retreat, held on Saturday, February 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 12-noon, will be led by [Rev. Mel Williams](#). Rev. Williams has been a longtime advocate of social justice in Durham. He is founder of End Poverty Durham, co-founder of Religious Coalition of a Nonviolent Durham, co-founder of Peace Hill, a solidarity-contemplative community, and has served as pastor of Watts Street Baptist Church in Durham for twenty-four years. The half-day retreat will be held by Zoom. [Please register here to attend.](#)

BACK PEW COLLECTION | The virtual Back Pew Collection for February is Meals on Wheels of Durham. This organization provides food for seniors and disabled citizens in Durham County. There are two wish lists for donations through Amazon, which will be sent directly to the agency:

Items for clients: [Every Day Nutrition for our Seniors](#)

Items to keep the program running: [Items for our program](#)

Meals on Wheels also appreciates donations of pet food as many of their clients have a dog or cat living with them. If you would like to donate pet food, please contact congregation@duke.edu for instructions.

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 of the Book of Colossians

Adult Forum: On February 14, Shakeel Harris, MDiv from Duke Divinity, History Doctoral Candidate at Louisiana State University will address “Making Sense of Their Faith: Christ, the Confederacy, and God’s Plan.”

HYMNS FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Opening Hymn

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

LIEBSTER JESU

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -

heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove

faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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Closing Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise to the LORD, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
2. Praise to the LORD, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign -
3. Praise to the LORD, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath made
4. Praise to the LORD, who doth pros - per thy works and de - fend
5. Praise to the LORD, O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal -
eth, shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gen - tly sus -
thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand guid - ed and
thee; sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion. All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw
tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have
stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not He brought thee re -
tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can
fore Him! Let the a - men sound from His peo - ple a -

near: join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
been grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
lief, spread - ing His wings for to shade thee!
do, if with His love He be - friend thee.
gain: glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

WORDS: Psalm 103:1-6; Joachim Neander, 1680;
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

MUSIC: *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665

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