



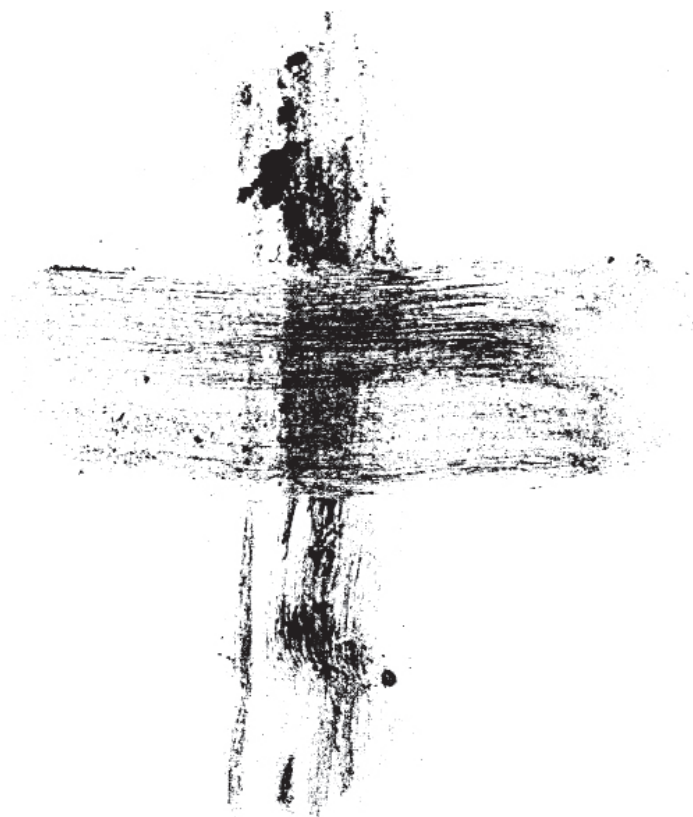
Duke UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 8:00 a.m.



Today marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday occurs forty days before Easter, not including six Sundays (which are considered feast days), and recalls Jesus' forty days in the wilderness, itself mirroring the Israelites' forty years in the desert. In our Scripture readings, David mourns the destructive effects of his adultery, and cries out to God for forgiveness and restoration. Jesus teaches how we are to avoid hypocrisy when we give, pray, and fast, so that we might store up treasure in heaven, not affirmation on earth, "for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Gathering

Opening Voluntary

Greetings and Announcements

*Processional Hymn 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

LAND OF REST

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: as we hear your word today, rescue our hearts from the darkness of sin and through the death of your Son lead us to new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT pages 492-3 in the pew Bibles

Psalm 51

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 5-6 in the pew Bibles

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

The Gift of Repentance

Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent

Prayer Over the Ashes

Imposition of Ashes |

Those wishing to receive ashes will come forward to the stations. When all who desire have received the ashes, the service will continue with the Litany of Penitence.

Litany of Penitence | The congregation responds with the text in bold:

God the Father,

Have mercy on us.

God the Son,

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy on us.

* All who are able may stand

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity,
Have mercy on us.

From our pride, vanity, and hypocrisy,
and from all our evil plans,
Deliver us.

From our envy and malice,
and from our hardness of heart,
Deliver us.

From our sloth and worldliness,
and our lack of compassion,
Deliver us.

From our love of money, our hoarding of possessions,
and our relentless desire to accumulate more,
Deliver us.

From the lust for sexual pleasure
that obscures the true gift of love in us and in others,
Deliver us.

From the gorging of food, the indulging of our appetites,
and our neglect of the hungry,
Deliver us.

From our hatred, anger, and quick temper,
and from our reluctance to be reconciled with those we have hurt,
Deliver us.

Give us true repentance;
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance
and our deliberate sins;
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

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

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.**

The Lord's Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Closing Processional Hymn 417

O For a Heart to Praise My God

RICHMOND

Closing Voluntary

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTER

Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp.....*Associate Dean for Religious Life*

PREACHER

The Rev. Crawford Stevener.....*Duke RUF Campus Minister*

LECTOR

Mr. Noah Over*Trinity '18*

MUSICIANS

Mr. Christopher Jacobson*Chapel Organist*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Fr. Michael Martin.....*Director, Duke Catholic Center*

The Rev. Dave Allen.....*Duke Wesley Fellowship Campus Minister*

The Rev. Andrew Phillips.....*Assistant Pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel*

The Rev. Bruce Puckett.....*Director of Worship and Community Ministry*

The Rev. Breana Van Velzen*Community Ministry Outreach Coordinator*

GUEST PREACHER | The Rev. Crawford Stevener is a native Texan who went to Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, where he met his wonderful wife Rachel. Upon graduation, they were married and moved to Dallas, where Crawford worked as an analyst for a consulting firm in the banking industry. In 2010, Crawford and Rachel moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, where they attended Reformed Theological Seminary. Crawford received his Masters of Divinity and Rachel her Masters of Arts in Theological Studies. In 2013, Crawford became the RUF Campus Minister at Duke University and the family re-located to Durham, North Carolina.

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