Today is the first Sunday in the season of Lent. Throughout this season, we are invited to examine the roots of our Christian discipleship and identify with Jesus’s journey to the cross. The early Sundays are a wilderness time—an opportunity to go deep into our hearts and the souls of our communities, to recognize the horror and depth of our estrangement from God and to begin systematically to put things right. In the Gospel lesson from Mark, the Spirit leads Jesus into the desert following his baptism to be tested by Satan. After his forty days in the wilderness, Jesus returns proclaiming the good news of God’s kingdom that in him has come near. This morning we begin our service with a remembrance of those who were murdered in Durham in 2020. We join with our partners with the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham in remembering those our community has lost through violence. Together we strive for a day when our community no longer experiences this kind of harm.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

O Lamm Gottes unschuldig, BWV 618
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

O Mensch bewein dein' Sünde gross, BWV 622

Greeting and Call to Worship

Remembrance of Murder Victims

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

The Glory of These Forty Days

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

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

Kyrie | The congregation responds to the cantor's bids.

*All rise as able
*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 Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: send your Spirit to strengthen us through your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 9:8–17

New Testament Lesson

1 Peter 3:18–22
*Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:9–15

Sermon

A Long Lent

Response

Anthem (Virtual)

Schaffe in mir, Gott (Op. 29, no. 2)  
Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz,  
und gib mir einen neuen gewissen Geist.

Create in me, God, a pure heart,  
and grant me a new, righteous spirit.

Text: Psalm 51:10

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 with the above refrain.

Mission of the Month (Virtual)

*Doxology

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

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

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Closing Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in B major, Op. 7, No. 1

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

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

LECTOR
Ms. Karissa Tu........................................................................PathWays Fellow, Trinity ’20

MUSICIANS
Duke Chapel Choir........................................................................Virtual Choir
Dr. Philip Cave..........................................................Associate Conductor for 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
Mr. Matt Wright..............................................................Pastoral Assistant, Congregation at Duke Chapel

MISSION OF THE MONTH
Mr. Ben Haas..............................................................Executive Director, Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham
STUDENT REMEMBRANCE | This morning we honor and remember Katherine Bruno, a student in Duke's Allied Health Graduate Program, who died on Tuesday, February 16, as a victim of homicide in Durham.

VICTIM REMEMBRANCE | Today's candle lighting remembers the thirty-eight people who were murdered in Durham in 2020. A candle will be lit for each person lost to violence during the year.

TODAY'S FLOWERS | The greens for the worship service today are given by the Gotham Fund to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans.

TODAY'S OFFERING | All of today's online offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support our mission of the month: the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham. RCND seeks to prevent and rectify the injustice of violence and comes alongside homicide survivors, while supporting circles for citizens returning from incarceration, and restorative justice practices that “repair the harm” between victim and offender. In these practices of proximity and repair, RCND hopes to foster a Durham framed by belonging. 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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ORGAN RECITAL LIVESTREAM TODAY | Duke Chapel Organist Christopher Jacobson, FRCO, will present a recital on the Chapel’s Aeolian organ via livestream today at 4:00 p.m. The program will feature music by French composer 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.

DUKE STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF INVITED TO SIGN UP FOR TIME IN THE CHAPEL | By reservation only, the Chapel is open to students and to employees who are working on campus to #FindSanctuary. Duke students, faculty, and staff with and without a faith affiliation are welcome to sign up for a time to meditate, reflect, pray, contemplate, or just be in the Chapel. Ticketed timeslots for students and employees are available during these hours: Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Learn more and sign up at chapel.duke.edu/findsanctuary.

CHAPEL SCHOLARS APPLICATIONS | 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
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exploration, leadership, mentorship, service, and formation deeply rooted in the local community and their Christian traditions. Learn more and apply by March 1 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 series 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. This program will focus on musical settings of Psalm 130, which begins "Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord" (NRSV). The presentation will include the English settings of "Out of the deep" by Purcell and Morley; German works by Schütz, Bach, and Mendelssohn; and several European settings of the Latin text “De profundis” including music by Josquin, Charpentier, and more modern works by Schoenberg and Pärt. Learn more and register.

GUEST PREACHER NEXT SUNDAY | Next Sunday, February 28, we will welcome as our guest preacher the Rev. Dr. L. Gregory Jones, dean of Duke Divinity School. A United Methodist elder in the Western North Carolina Conference, Dean Jones is a leader and strategist whose creative engagement has helped institutions across the world to create transformational resource models. Read more about Dean Jones and our other guest preachers this semester.

DUKE CHAPEL READS BOOK IS 'JESUS AND THE DISINHERITED' | As part of its Duke Chapel Reads series, the Chapel will host online conversations about the book Jesus and the Disinherited by the theologian and minister Howard Thurman as a way to address contemporary issues of faith, race, justice, and love. Through Duke Chapel Reads, the Chapel aims to curate spaces for reflection and conversation based on a common book reading each semester. Chapel Dean Luke A. Powery will host a concluding online discussion of the book with Dr. Walter Fluker, a scholar of Thurman’s work, on Tuesday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. Members of the Duke community and others who are interested in participating in an online reading group about the book are invited to contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett, assistant dean of the Chapel, at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.

NEW ONLINE ISSUE OF CHAPEL VIEW MAGAZINE | The latest issue of Chapel View magazine is now available online. In this issue, read how the Chapel is offering hope through student engagement, Christian worship, sacred music and the arts, and community engagement. Click here to read it.

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 the 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.

**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.

**PRAYERS FOR RACIAL JUSTICE** | A brief online prayer service focused specially on racial justice and reconciliation is being offered on Monday evenings at 8:00 p.m. This service is led by Nathaniel Metz, the Congregation’s Duke Divinity School intern, and lasts approximately twenty minutes. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for detailed information.

**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 Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m. starting on March 7. For more information, please contact carol.gregg@duke.edu.

**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. on the Duke Chapel Facebook page at facebook.com/dukechapel.

**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 28, Dr. Yehezkel Landau, an interfaith educator, leadership trainer, author, and consultant will address “Lent, Easter, and Passover: A Jewish Perspective.”
Opening Hymn
The Glory of These Forty Days

ERHALT UNS, HERR

1 The glory of these forty days we celebrate.
2 Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law; for Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.
3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions’ might; and to Elijah, fast and prayer to you. Our spirits strengthen and the steeds and chariots of flame.
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, return in friend, became the herald of Messiah’s name. with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

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Closing Hymn

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way;
Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road.

The path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
Your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day.
We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow,

The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound;
but waiting not for places, you meet us all around.

Then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.
Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

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Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.
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