In today’s Gospel lesson, Mark describes a scene with Jesus telling his disciples about the suffering and death that awaits him. Jesus rejects Peter’s rebuke, telling him he is setting his mind on human things rather than divine things. Jesus then instructs the crowd with his disciples that any who want to become his followers must deny themselves and take up their crosses. Furthermore, Jesus tells them that to follow him entails losing their lives for the sake of the good news. In his Letter to the Romans, Paul foregrounds faith as the way to life with God. Paul uses Abraham as his example of someone whose promise of blessing was connected to the righteousness of faith rather than the righteousness that comes from fulfilling the law. As with Abraham, a Christian’s hope comes not from works of righteousness but from trusting in the faithfulness of Christ and the one who raised him from the dead.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Sonata in F Minor, Op. 65/1
Allegro moderato e serioso

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Greeting and Call to Worship

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

The God of Abraham Praise

*Prayer of Confession | 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.

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

*All rise as able
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, in the hearing of your word and by the prayer and discipline of Lent, may we enter into the mystery of Christ’s sufferings and, by following in his way, come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

New Testament Lesson

Romans 4:13–25

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 8:31–38

Sermon

Hoping Against Hope
Out of the depths I cry to thee, Lord, my sins bewailing!
Bow down thy gracious ear to me, make thou my prayer availing.
Mark not my misdeeds in thy book, Gracious Lord, most holy;
on my sins in mercy look; who can stand before thee?

Hear my prayer, hear my cry, hear my supplication.
Thou my hope, thou my light, thou my soul’s salvation.

With thee there is forgiveness, Lord, love and grace abounding.
The greatest thought or deed or word were else but empty sounding.
All who in thy sight appear come in sinful measure;
all before thee bow in fear, seeking thy good pleasure.

Hear my prayer, hear my cry, hear my supplication.
Thou my hope, thou my light, thou my soul’s salvation. Amen.

Text: Psalm 130, para. Martin Luther (1483–1546); trans. E. T. Horn III, alt.

*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 with the above refrain.
Offering

*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.

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Closing Voluntary

Sonata in F Minor, Op. 65/1

Andante: Recitativo

Allegro assai vivace
TODAY'S FLOWERS | The greens for the worship service today are given by the Nancy Hanks Fund.

TODAY'S OFFERING | All of today's online offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support our PathWays Fellows program. You are invited to give online at gifts.duke.edu/chapel. Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER | Today's guest preacher is the Rev. Dr. L. Gregory Jones, who is dean of Duke Divinity School, a position he held for an earlier term (1997–2010). This summer he will become president of Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. 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. Between 2010 and 2018, he served in a variety of roles, including vice president and vice provost for global strategy and programs at Duke University, and also as provost and executive vice president of Baylor University. He has served in advisory and strategic roles with several foundations.


JOIN IN A DUKE CHAPEL VIRTUAL EASTER HYMN | For our Easter Sunday worship service this year, Chapel Music is creating a socially distanced recording of the beloved hymn “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (UMH #302). You are invited to join us! The process is fairly simple and you don’t need to be a choir member or a trained singer to participate. You do need two devices, one with which to record yourself (such as a smartphone) and one with which to listen to the guide track (such as a computer or tablet with headphones). If you would like to participate, please email chapelmusic@duke.edu and indicate your interest. Complete instructions and a guide track will be emailed to you on or around March 11; individual recordings will be due back by Friday, March 19.
GUEST PREACHER NEXT SUNDAY | The Rev. Dr. Edgardo Colón-Emeric will be our guest preacher during next Sunday’s worship service. Dr. Colón-Emeric is the Irene and William McCutchen Associate Professor of Reconciliation and Theology at Duke Divinity School. He also serves as associate dean for academic formation, director of the Center for Reconciliation, and senior strategist for the Hispanic House of Studies. Professor Colón-Emeric’s work explores the intersection of Methodist and Catholic theologies, and Wesleyan and Latin-American experiences. He is an ordained elder in the North Carolina Annual Conference and directs the Central American Methodist Course of Study and the Peru Theological Initiative. He also serves in the United Methodist Committee on Faith and Order and on both national and international Methodist-Catholic dialogues.

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.

LIVING TRADITION ONLINE PREACHING RESOURCE | The Living Tradition online resource presents insights into the rich and deep tradition of preaching at Duke Chapel and includes recommendations about archival sermons from Duke Divinity School faculty members. In a new recommendation, Professor Jeffrey Conklin-Miller highlights a sermon titled The Character of Christian Waiting preached at the Chapel in 1976 by Bishop Leontine Kelly. “Kelly says Christian waiting is a faithful patience that acknowledges the sovereignty and activity of God,” he comments. “But she also warns us that waiting is not sleeping.” Read the full recommendation and learn more at chapel.duke.edu/livingtradition.

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 exploration, leadership, mentorship, service, and formation deeply rooted in the local community and their Christian traditions. Learn more and apply by tomorrow, March 1 at chapel.duke.edu/pathways.

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.

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. The greatest need is for meal supplement beverages such as Ensure. Donations may be ordered online at this website: Every Day Nutrition for our Seniors. All gifts are gratefully received.

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.

VIRTUAL MISSION TRIP | Zoe Empowers enables vulnerable children to become self-sufficient in three years by way of training, microgrants, and spiritual support. A Zoe Empowers virtual mission trip will take place on March 23–25 from 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. each day. This experience will take participants to Rwanda, Zimbabwe, and India. There is no charge to participate and the Zoom links will be shared closer to the time. Please sign up to participate in one, two, or all three days of this virtual mission trip 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
- New Member Class: For all those considering membership in the Congregation
- Adult Bible Study: A study of the Book of Colossians
- Adult Forum: On March 7, Lisa Beyeler-Yvarra, Graduate Fellow, Yale University will speak on “Dispositions of Property in the Archdiocese of Chicago: A Case for Reparations.”
Opening Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-br’ham praise, who reigns en-throned a-bove;
2 The God of A-br’ham praise! At your su-preme com-mand
3 The God of A-br’ham praise! Your all-suf-fi-cient grace
4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de-pend.

Ancient of ev-er-last-ing days, and God of love—
from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
shall guide me all my pil-grim days in all my ways.
I shall, on ea-gle wings up-borne, to heav’n as-cend.

“I Am the One I Am”—by earth and heav’n con-fessed;
I all on earth for-sake—its wis-dom, fame, and pow’r—
You deign to call me friend; you call your-self my God!
I shall be-hold your face; I shall your pow’r a-dore,

I bow and bless the sa-cred name for-ev-er blest.
and you my on-ly por-tion make, my shield and tow’r.
And you will save me to the end through Je-sus’ blood.
and sing the won-ders of your grace for-ev-er more.

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799, alt., based on the Yigdal, c. 14th cent.
Music: YIGDAL, Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751–1797
Closing Hymn

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN

1. Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,
   through a world that would deceive us and to sin its allure.
   Onward in his footsteps treading, travelers here, our home above,
   full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Savior's bidding.

2. Let us suffer here with Jesus, and with patience bear our cross.
   Joy will follow all our sadness; where he is there is no loss.
   Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy.
   Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

3. Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death,
   he will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.
   Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;
   Jesus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.

4. Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead.
   That to life we may awaken. Jesus, you are now our head.
   We are your own living members; where you live, there we shall be.
   Jesus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.

Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Bohre, 18th cent.
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