In today’s Gospel passage, Jesus teaches how we all stray from the Lord’s love as prodigal sons and daughters, with terrible consequences. Yet when we humbly repent, we find that God is already running to embrace us and to restore what is dead to life. In Christ we are a new creation, and our sin and shame are stripped away. The fourth piece in our Lenten “Membra Jesu nostri” series (pictured above) is entitled “To the Side.” As Jesus’ side was pierced on the cross his blood flowed out in sacrifice for us. We gather today to receive in Communion the body and blood of Christ, the celebration feast of those once lost but now found.
During the prelude the congregation is asked to remain prayerfully or meditatively silent.

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

Prelude in G minor, BWV 535/i  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685–1750)

**INTROIT**

My Lord, What a Mornin’  
Traditional Spiritual  
arr. H. T. Burleigh  
(1866–1949)

My Lord, what a mornin’, when the stars begin to fall.  
Done quit all my worldly ways; join that heavenly band.  
Oh, my Lord, what a mornin’, when the stars begin to fall.

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Processional Hymn 138 (Please see hymns at back of bulletin.)*  
The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
ST. COLUMBA

*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.

*Peace*

(All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)
Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Merciful Father, you run to embrace us when we are still far off. Send your Holy Spirit now to teach us and illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson—Joshua 5:9-12
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson—2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

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People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon—Celebrants of Life

Response

*Response Hymn 339
Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

Commissioning of Spring Break Mission Teams

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: “Hear our prayer.”)

Mission of the Month

Offertory Anthem
Poor Wayfaring Stranger
Traditional Spiritual
arr. G. P. Jackson (1874–1953)
and E. J. Gatwood (1895–1941)

I am a poor wayfaring stranger while traveling thru this world of woe; But there’s no sickness, toil, nor danger in that bright land to which I go. I’m going there to see my father, I’m going there no more to roam; I’m just a-going over Jordan, I’m just a-going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather round me, I know my way is rough and steep; But golden fields lie out before me, where God’s redeemed no more shall weep. I’m going there to see my mother, she said she’d meet me when I come.

I’ll soon be free from every trial, my body sleep in the old churchyard; I’ll drop the cross of self-denial and enter on my great reward. I’m going there to see my savior, to sing his praise for evermore.
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 AND HOLY COMMUNION

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: The Great ThanksGiving

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(Please respond at the prompting of the minister.)

*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, for ever. Amen.
SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive Communion.

Wine is used for Communion. Grape juice and/or gluten free wafers are available upon request at the special Communion station at the front far-right. If you would prefer not to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you would like to receive individual prayer and anointing with oil, ministers are by the water fountains at the left-hand foot of the stairs in the lower Page lobby during Communion.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

HYMN 631
O Food to Pilgrims Given

o welt, ich muss dich lassen

COMMUNION ANTHEM

No Hands But Yours

J. Jerome Williams
(b. 1938)

Christ has no body now on earth but yours: no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ’s compassion looks into the world. Yours are the feet on which he is to go about doing good. And yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.

—St. Teresa of Avila

SENDING FORTH

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN 294

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

MARTYRDOM

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G minor, BWV 535/II

J.S. Bach

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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The Rev. Bruce Puckett
Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp

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Ms. Lauren Harper
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Mission of the Month
Ms. Erin Roesch

Chapel Organist
Mr. Christopher Jacobson

Ministers of Anointing
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg and Dr. Adam Hollowell

Head Ushers
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong
No Flowers in Lent—Flowers (and Alleluias!) are removed from the liturgy during Lent; both will return with a burst of joy on Easter Day.

Today’s Offering—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support our Mission of the Month, StepUp Durham. Over the past five years, StepUp has helped place people in over 1,700 jobs in North Carolina. Justice-involved individuals who receive StepUp training have been found to be less likely to recidivate. Lower recidivism means more parents, sisters, brothers, sons, and daughters staying at home in our communities and building a better Durham.

Jazz Vespers—This semester’s Jazz Vespers worship service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, in the Nelson Music Room on Duke’s East Campus. It combines the form of the traditional evening vespers service with the musical improvisation of jazz.

Holy Week and Easter Services at Duke Chapel

Maundy Thursday, March 24—7:30 p.m. Holy Communion in Goodson Chapel, Duke Divinity School

Good Friday, March 25—11:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross, Chapel Lawn
12 p.m. Worship in Goodson Chapel
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae in Page Auditorium

Easter Sunday, March 27—6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise, Duke Gardens
(Rain location: Page Auditorium)
9:00 a.m. Holy Communion in Page Auditorium
11:00 a.m. Worship in Page Auditorium

† Children 4 and younger are invited to the nursery located in the Page box office, beginning at 10:50 a.m. each week. Capacity is limited. Parents are welcome to feed or change infants; pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship.

† Children’s Worship Bulletins™ for ages 3-6 and 7-12, and worship bags for ages 5 and under, are available in the upstairs entryway of Page. Please return bags and clipboards at the end of the service.

† Prayer requests may be emailed to chapel-prayers@duke.edu.

† Tours of Duke Chapel are suspended until the nave re-opens.

† Hearing assistance units are available in the lobby of Page Auditorium. See the attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print bulletins for the worship service.

We invite you to consider joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel. The Congregation is an interdenominational church with a variety of vibrant ministries, including discipleship and spiritual formation (for children, youth, and adults), mission and outreach, and pastoral care. Please email congregation@duke.edu or call 919-684-3917 for information.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Sunday Christian Education Classes**—All Sunday morning classes meet in the lowest level of Duke Divinity School from 9:45–10:45 a.m. New participants are welcome at any time:

- **Wee Praise**: Ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook.
- **Godly Play**: Ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford.
- **Youth Sunday School**: For 6th–12th graders in 0013 Westbrook.
- **Adult Forum**: Dr. Stephen Chapman, Associate Professor of Old Testament, Duke Divinity School, will present “Lamentations for Lent 4-The Punishment of Zion.” in Westbrook 0012.

**Fellowship on the Lawn**—All are invited to stay after worship today for a time of refreshment and fellowship on the Chapel lawn.

**New Members**—The five people who are joining the Congregation this month are wearing flowers this morning. Please welcome them.

**“Back Pew Collection”**—Open Table Ministries, which serves homeless men and women in downtown Durham, is currently in need of new or used T-shirts, new underwear, and new socks. Donations of these items may be placed in the bin in the lower level lobby of Page Auditorium on Sundays, March 13 and 20.

**Women’s Ministry Gathering**—All women are invited to meet for dinner and fellowship at 7:00 p.m. at Saladelia Café, 4201 University Drive, Durham, on Thursday, March 17. If you plan to come, please RSVP to Kate DeAlmeida at 919-225-8285 or thedealmeidas@aol.com

**Children’s Easter Event**—On Saturday morning, March 19 the Congregation will sponsor an Easter Program and Egg Hunt for young children and their families. For detailed information, please contact Phyllis Snyder at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

**42nd Annual CROP Walk**—The CROP Walk, which raises money to fight hunger, will begin at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, March 20, on the Chapel Quad. The 4.8 mile walk is suitable for walking, jogging, or running. Please join or support the Congregation’s team by way of www.crophungerwalk.org/durhamnc or by calling the Congregation office.

**Build a Habitat Home**—Volunteers are needed to help build the Habitat house at 1113 Spruce Street in Durham, which is being sponsored by the Chapel, the Congregation, and other University partners. To help, please sign up online at www.durhamhabitat.org.

**Prayers for the Week**

Today we offer thanks for the Department of Theater Studies. We celebrate the ways in which the art of theater enlivens our imaginations and cultivates a spirit of playfulness in our lives.

In Durham, we remember those who facilitate our buying goods that have been fairly traded and other entrepreneurs working for a just economy.
1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness
2. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed
3. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear
5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction
6. And so through all the length of days, thy goodness

fail - eth nev - er. I nothing lack if
soul he lead - eth; and where the verdant
love he sought me; and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port
fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I

I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
sing thy praise with - in thy house for - ev - er.

WORDS: Henry W. Baker, 1868 (Ps. 23)
MUSIC: Irish Melody; harm. from The English Hymnal, 1906
ST. COLUMBA 87.87
Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

1. Come, sin-ners, to the gospel feast; let ev-ery soul be Je-sus’ guest. Ye need not one be left be-hind, for God hath bid all hu-man-kind.
2. Sent by my Lord, on you I call; the in-vi-ta-tion is to all. Come, all the world! Come, sin-ner, thou! All things in Christ are read-y now.
4. My mes-sage as from God re-ceive; ye all may come to Christ and live. O let his love your hearts con-strain, nor suf-fer him to die in vain.
5. This is the time, no more de-lay! This is the Lord’s ac-cept-ed day. Come thou, this mo-ment, at his call, and live for him who died for all.
1. O food to pilgrims given, O bread of life from heaven, O manna from on high! We hunger;

2. O stream of love past telling, O purest fountain, welling from out the Saviour's side! We faint with

3. O Jesus, by thee bidden, we here adore thee, hidden in forms of bread and wine. Grant when the

Lord, supply us, nor thy delights delights
thirst; revive us, of thine abundance

veil is risen, we may behold, in

ny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.
give us, and all we need provide.
heaven, thy countenance divine.
1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?
   Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

2. Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned upon the tree?
   Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

3. Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in,
   When God, the mighty maker, died for his own creature's sin.

4. Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears;
   Dissolve my heart in thankful ness, and melt mine eyes to tears.

5. But drops of tears can never repay the debt of love I owe.
   Here, Lord, I give my self away; 'tis all that I can do.
Thank you for worshiping with us. We invite you to write a prayer request in the space below and please place it in the offering plate. It will be offered up to God in confidence by the Chapel team this week.