In today’s Gospel passage, Jesus allows his friend Mary to honor him with an intimate offering of costly perfume. This generous act exposes the legalistic heart of Judas, and Paul reminds us that adherence to religious law is nothing compared to the surpassing value of knowing Christ. The fifth piece in our Lenten “Membra Jesu nostri” series (pictured above) is entitled “To the Breast.” It reminds us that Jesus was nurtured as a vulnerable infant, and it points to the love of God that is as tender as a mother’s embrace and as powerful as Isaiah’s description of the parting of the Red Sea.
During the prelude the congregation is asked to remain prayerfully or meditatively silent. The Chapel welcomes families with children; if at any time during the service your child needs a place for active play, please utilize the nursery in the Box Office on the second floor of Page.

GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE
There Is a Spirit That Delights No Evil  Ned Rorem  (b. 1949)

VIOLIN PRELUDE
Bourrée, from Partita No. 3 in E Major  Johann Sebastian Bach  (1685–1750)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 388 (Please see hymns at back of bulletin.)
O Come and Dwell in Me  ST. MICHAEL

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE
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)
Nurturing God, your love abounds with overflowing grace. Send your Spirit now to open our hearts and illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 43:16–21

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Erhöre mich, wenn ich rufe, SWV 289

Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)

Erhöre mich, wenn ich rufe,
Gott meiner Gerechtigkeit,
Der du mich tröstest in Angst,
Sei mir gnädig, und erhöre mein Gebet,
Vernimm mein Schreien,
Mein König und mein Gott.

Hear me when I call,
God of my righteousness,
You comfort me in fear,
Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer,
Give ear to my cry,
My King and my God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Philippians 3:4b–14

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL LESSON—John 12:1–8

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON—The Urgency of Extravagance

RESPONSE

*RESPONSE HYMN 175

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

ST. AGNES

*THE 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: “Hear our prayer.”)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Gigue from Partita No. 3 in E Major for Solo Violin, BWV 1006
J.S. Bach

*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, for ever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN 194
Morning Glory, Starlit Sky
MONKLAND

POSTLUTE
Absolution in E Minor
Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)

*All who are able may stand.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Today we offer thanks for the employees who make up the housekeeping staff of the university and their work in cleaning, tidying, and making offices and classrooms ready for learning and productivity.

In Durham we give thanks for those who maintain parks and preserve greenspace for recreation and play in our community.
MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers  The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery  The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg

Preacher  Dr. Curtis Freeman

Research Professor of Theology and Baptist Studies;
Director, Baptist House of Studies, Duke Divinity School

Lectors  Ms. Anne Wright
Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel
Mr. Tanner Lovelace
Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel

Organist  Mr. Eric Surber
Chapel Organ Scholar

Guest Musicians  Mr. Nicholas Woodrum
Violin, Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel
Ms. Rebekah Givens
Soprano, Duke Vespers Ensemble, MEM ’16
Ms. Lydia Greene
Soprano, Duke Vespers Ensemble, Ecology PhD Candidate ‘19

Presiding Minister over Post-Service Communion  The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg

Head Ushers  Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong

†  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 BulletinsTM 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.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES EACH WEEK AT DUKE CHAPEL

CHORAL EVENSONG—Sundays at 4 p.m. in Goodson Chapel, Duke Divinity School

ONLINE MID-WEEK PRAYER—Wednesdays at noon via periscope.tv/dukechapel

CHORAL VESPERS—Returns Thursday, March 31 at 6 p.m. in Goodson Chapel.

For Worshipers and Visitors  For Families and Children

† 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.
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 for the Chapel Development Fund. The Chapel’s current focus is to upgrade the Chapel cameras and video capabilities to digital and high definition in order to better serve the thousands of worshipers locally, in Duke Hospital, and around the globe.

Today’s Guest Preacher—Dr. Curtis Freeman is Research Professor of Theology and Baptist Studies, and Director of the Baptist House of Studies, at Duke Divinity School. Dr. Freeman teaches historical theology. His books include Ties That Bind (Smyth and Helwys), Baptist Roots (Judson Press), and A Company of Women Preachers: Baptist Prophetesses in Seventeenth-Century England (Baylor University Press), and he has written numerous articles seeking to describe the development of a distinctly Baptist theological tradition. His current book project is entitled Contesting Catholicity: Theology for Other Baptists (Baylor University Press), and he is editing the history of colonial Baptists by Morgan Edwards. He is active in the Baptist World Alliance, serving on the Commission on Doctrine and Christian Unity.

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
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 conclude our series on Lamentations with “Lamentations for Lent 5-A Plea for Mercy” in Westbrook 0012.

**“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 today and March 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

**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 Abele Quad in front of the Chapel. The 4.8 mile walk is suitable for walking, jogging, or running. Please join or support the Congregation’s team by accessing www.crophungerwalk.org/durhamnc or by calling the Congregation office.

**SWING A HAMMER ON SATURDAY**—Volunteers are needed to help build the Habitat house at 1113 Spruce Street in Durham on Saturday morning April 16. To volunteer to help build the house, please sign up online at www.durhamhabitat.org (click “Use Reservation Code” then enter “DUC” for the April 16 date). You may also sign up to work on your own at the house any Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. For more information, contact Bruce Puckett.

**GROWING THROUGH GRIEF SEMINAR**—A six-week seminar on the topic of “Understanding Grief” will begin Tuesday, March 29 and run weekly through May 3, on Tuesdays at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 1200 W. Cornwallis Road, Durham. Refreshments and registration begin at 4 p.m., followed by presentations and discussion from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.. The presenter will be Jehanne Gheith, clinical social worker, grief counselor at Duke Hospice and Bereavement Services, and tenured professor at Duke. All are welcome. The seminar is supported by the Congregation. For more information, email growingthru@gmail.com.
1. O come and dwell in me, Spirit it of power within, and bring the glorious
2. Hasten the joyful day which shall my sins consume, when old things shall be
3. I want the witness, Lord, that all I do is right, according to thy
4. I ask no higher state; in - dulge me but in this, and soon or later

liberty from sorrow, fear, and sin.
done away, and all things new become.
mind and word, well pleasing in thy sight.
then translate to thine eternal bliss.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1762 (2 Cor. 3:17; 5:17; Heb. 11:5)
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551; adapt. by William Crotch, 1836

ST. MICHAEL
SM
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

1. Jesus, the very thought of thee
   with sweetness fills the breast; but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

2. O hope of every contrite heart,
   O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!

3. But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Jesus, what it is, none but his loved ones know.
   as thou our prize wilt be; Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

4. Jesus, our only joy be thou,
   ST. AGNES

WORDS: Attr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th cent.; trans. by Edward Caswall, 1849
MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1866

CM
Morning Glory, Starlit Sky

1. Morning glory, starlit sky, soaring
2. Open are the gifts of God, gifts of
3. Love that gives, gives ever more, gives with
4. Drained is love in making full, bound in
5. Therefore he who shows us God helpless
6. Here is God: no monarch he, throned in

music, scholars' truth, flight of swallows,
love to mind and sense; hidden is love's
zeal, with eager hands; spares not, keeps not,
setting others free, poor in making
hangs up on the tree, and the nails and
easy state to reign; here is God, whose

autumn leaves, memory's treasure, grace of youth:
agony, love's endeavor, love's expense.
all out-pours, ventures all, its all expends.
many rich, weak in giving power to be.
crown of thorns tell of what God's love must be.
arms of love, aching, spent, the world sustains.

WORDS: W. H. Vanstone, 1980 (1 Cor. 13:7)
MUSIC: Geistreiches Gesangbuch, 1704; arr. by John Lees, 1824; harm. by John B. Wilkes, 1861

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Next Week in Worship at Duke Chapel

Palm Sunday—We will enter Holy Week, with the distribution of palms to celebrate Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Preacher—Our preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery, Dean of Duke Chapel.

Offering—Next week’s offering will go to human service organizations and non-profits located in Durham and the greater Triangle area.
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.