Today is the first Sunday in the season of Lent. During Lent we are invited to examine the roots of our Christian discipleship and identify with Jesus’s journey to the cross. The Chapel observes Lent in our worship services by adapting our practices for the season. In addition to removing the “Alleluias” and flowers from our services, we also use a common Lenten confession, adaptations to our prayers of the people, and a Lenten affirmation of faith. May these corporate practices, along with our individual Lenten disciplines, shape our journey with Jesus to the cross.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Praeludium in E Minor, “Kleines”  
Nicholas Bruhns  
(1665–1697)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days  
LAND OF REST

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

Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

*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 | In unison:

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert; as we are formed by your word, help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All rise as able
Old Testament Lesson | OT page 174 in pew Bibles.

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 57 in pew Bibles.


Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Response

*Response Hymn 700

Abide With Me

Affirmation of Faith | Adapted from 2 Corinthians 5:14–19.

We believe the love of Christ urges us on,
because we are convinced Jesus died for all,
so that we who live might no longer live for ourselves,
but for him who died and was raised for us.
From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view.
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
All this is from God, who reconcile us to himself through Christ,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;
In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself,
not counting our trespasses against us,
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.
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.

Offertory Solo

Panis Angelicus

César Franck (1822-1890)

Panis angelicus
fit panis hominum;
dat panis coelicus
figuris terminum;
o res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum
pauper, pauper
servus et humilis.

Heavenly bread
That becomes the bread for all mankind;
Bread from the angelic host
That is the end of all imaginings;
Oh, miraculous thing!
This body of God will nourish
Even the poorest,
The most humble of servants.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

*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 and Holy Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving | Musical Setting D, found on page 23 in the hymnal.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord’s Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing.

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.

Sharing of the Bread | All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive Communion. No wine or grape juice will be served for communion. Please wait until you return to your seat to consume the bread. A gluten-free option is available from a server positioned by memorial Chapel. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn 623

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee

*Post-Communion Prayer

Sending Forth

* Benediction

*Closing Hymn | See following page.

The Glory of These Forty Days

Closing Voluntary

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß, BWV 622

J. S. Bach
The Glory of These Forty Days

1. The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.

2. Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law; and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.

3. So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions’ might; and John, the Bridegroom’s friend, became the herald of Messiah’s name.

4. Then grant, O God, that we may, too, return in fast and prayer to you. Our spirits strengthened with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

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Today’s Offering | Today’s checks written to Duke University Chapel will support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. Give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

Today’s Flowers | Today’s greens are provided by the generosity of the Nancy Hanks Fund.

Accessibility | Large print hymnals and worship guides are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel.

University Prayer of Thanksgiving | Each week, we focus on a different campus unit, school, or department for whom to give thanks to God for their service and contributions to the wider university and beyond. This morning we give thanks for the School of Medicine.

Restrooms in Divinity School | Public restrooms are available in the Divinity School. To access them, exit the Chapel through the main front doors and enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the hallway in the Divinity School.

Tour After the Service | Learn about the history, architecture, and life of Duke Chapel on a tour immediately following the service. The tour is free and lasts about forty-five minutes. Meet the docent outside in front of the Chapel.
**ENGAGE**

**LGBTQ+ and Straight Allies Group** | A newly formed LGBTQ+ And Straight Allies Fellowship will meet this afternoon Sunday, March 6, from 3:00–4:00 p.m. by Zoom. The group plans to meet on the first Sunday of each month. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Tom Link at link.thom@gmail.com.

**Duke Chapel Reads** | As part of its Duke Chapel Reads series, the Chapel is organizing discussion groups about the book *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Fr. Gregory Boyle. With wit and tenderness, Fr. Boyle tells the stories and lessons he learned from creating Homeboy Industries, a nonprofit in Los Angeles that offers former gang members opportunities for work, healing, and belonging. Students and others who would like to join a reading group during the season of Lent in March and April should contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett, assistant dean of the Chapel, at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.

**Outdoor Fellowship Next Sunday** | All worshipers are invited to stay after worship next Sunday, March 13, for a time of refreshment and fellowship on the lawn between the Chapel and the Divinity school.

**March Lasagnas** | Volunteers are needed to provide dinner for hungry neighbors by bringing two party-sized cooked lasagnas (such as Stouffer’s) to Urban Ministries, 410 Liberty Street, Durham on Sunday, March 13, at 5:00 p.m. Please contact congregation@duke.edu to volunteer.

**Acclaimed British Vocal Ensemble to Perform Timeless Sacred Music** | The British vocal ensemble Magnificat will give two concerts at Duke University, March 16 and 18, featuring early music composers whose work continues to resonate and inspire. In addition to the concerts, the ensemble will sing in Duke Chapel worship services and offer workshops as an ensemble-in-residence March 13–20. There is no cost to attend the two concerts, but free tickets from the Duke Box Office are required for admittance. Face masks are required to be worn at all of the group’s concerts and other events.

- Music of Protest and Rebellion Concert—Wednesday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Duke Chapel
- Choral Vespers with William Byrd’s Great Service—Thursday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m. in Duke Chapel
- Bach Motets Concert—Friday, March 18, at 8:00 p.m. in Baldwin Auditorium
• Masterclass: “Singing Early Music”—Saturday, March 19, 2:00–4:00 p.m. in Goodson Chapel
Learn more and sign up for tickets: https://chapel.duke.edu/magnificat.

Organ Recital Series | Dr. Robert Parkins, university organist and a professor of the practice of music at Duke, will present the third segment of a trilogy related to organ music by Johann Sebastian Bach in a recital on Sunday, March 20, at 5:00 p.m. Performed on the Chapel’s Flentrop Organ, “J. S. Bach and His Contemporaries” will feature works of Bach and contemporaneous composers from Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, and France. Admission is free.

Stations of the Cross Exhibition | During Lent, the Chapel has on view in the main sanctuary (nave) the Stations of the Cross exhibition by artist Margaret Adams Parker. The panels of Stations of the Cross depict Christ’s Journey to the Cross with contemporary figures rendered in muted browns. Parker focuses in these paintings on Christ’s strength in the face of suffering and the intimacy of his encounters with others on his Via Dolorosa. Join Parker and Duke Divinity School Professor Ellen Davis for an artist talk about the Stations of the Cross exhibition on Tuesday, April 5, at 5:00 p.m. at the Chapel.

Christian Education Classes | The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning Christian education from 9:45–10:45 a.m. for all ages. Classes, which are held both in person and virtually, are open to the public. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for Zoom link. Classes are as follows:

  **Wee Praise:** Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers (available virtually).
  **Godly Play:** Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade (available virtually).
  **Youth Bible Study:** A study of the gospel of Luke for youth grades 6–12 in Westbrook 0013 and by Zoom.
  **Adult Bible Study:** A study of Ephesians for adults in Westbrook 0015 and by Zoom.
  **Adult Forum:** On March 13, Sam Dubbelman, Ph.D. student, Boston University, will speak on “16th-Century Luther Bibles and the Mediated Word” in Westbrook 0012 and by Zoom.
LET’S KEEP IN TOUCH

We would like to get to know you. What are your questions? What is your story? Take a moment to fill out a very brief form and a Chapel minister or other staff member will contact you soon. Scan the QR code or visit chapel.duke.edu/connect.

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