The season of Lent invites us to learn to walk the way of the cross and reflect on the depths of human sin even as we turn to our Holy God in praise. The fourth gospel’s account of Jesus’ cleansing of the Temple indicates that sin abounds in the very places where holiness should be most evident. Jesus’ criticism of the moneychangers is a prophetic act that points out how money is supposed to serve the cause of promoting faith. In the case of these moneychangers, they enlisted religious practice for the service of making money at the expense of vulnerable people. In the passage from 1 Corinthians, Paul contrasts God’s wisdom and human wisdom. God’s wisdom is found in the message of the cross, which though it is considered foolishness to those who are perishing, is the power of God to those being saved.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Prelude in A Minor, BWV 543/1
Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen, Op. 122, No. 3
Johannes Brahms
(1833–1897)

Greeting and Call to Worship

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

God of Grace and God of Glory

*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.

*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**

Eternal God, as we are inspired by your word, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**New Testament Lesson**

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

*Gospel Lesson*

John 2:13-22

*All rise as able*
Sermon

The Wisdom of God

Response

Anthem (Virtual)

Adonai

Chris Renzema, arr. Jonathan Avendano

I promise you I will not waste your time
Thinking of ways to clear my name
Oh Adonai, have mercy on me
If you're still listening to me
There's only one thing that I need now
Oh Adonai, have mercy on me

'Cause I've Got nothing to bring
Yeah, I've Got nothing to bring

I know I question, know I doubt
Don't always hear when you call out to me
Oh Adonai, have mercy on me
But if you're still up there looking down
There's only one thing that I need now
Oh Adonai, have mercy on me

Oh, you're still up there looking down
There's only one thing that I need now
Oh Adonai, have mercy on me
Adonai, have mercy on me

*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.

*All rise as able
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.

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in A Minor, BWV 543/2

*All rise as able
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 giving and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be given to the Chapel’s Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. 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 Goodson Guest Preacher is Rev. Dr. Edgardo Colón-Emeric, 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 was recently appointed to serve as dean of the Divinity School for two years beginning July 1, 2021. His 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.

TODAY'S GUEST CHOIR | Today’s guest virtual choir is Something Borrowed Something Blue, a student Christian a cappella group at Duke. The group seeks to glorify God by performing a wide variety of songs to communicate the love of Christ.

ONLINE SERVICE MARCH 14 TO MARK CORONAVIRUS ANNIVERSARY | Approximately one year ago, the COVID-19 pandemic began its rapid spread across the United States. In response, churches, universities, and schools suspended in-person activities and began the shift to online services and courses. We will mark the anniversary of the pandemic with a brief, online Service of Lament and Healing on Sunday, March 14, at 4:00 p.m. In this prerecorded service, we will lament the things that we have lost-lives, incomes, stability-and pray for God's healing and restoration of ourselves, our communities, and our world. It will include prayers, a hymn, scripture readings, virtual anthems from the Chapel Choir, and a homily from Chapel Dean Luke A. Powery.

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 | Our guest preacher next Sunday will be the Rev. Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley, a research professor of theology and Black church studies at Duke Divinity School. At the school, Professor Goatley also serves as director of Office of Black Church Studies and associate dean for vocational formation and Christian witness. He is a constructive theologian whose scholarship and practice is at the intersection of missiology, Black Theology, and leadership strategy. A globally recognized missiologist, he emphasizes cross-cultural experiential learning with indigenous communities to deepen understanding, broaden horizons, and strengthen Christian discipleship and leadership formation. He is ordained in the National Baptist Convention, USA, and serves in leadership capacities with the NAACP, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and the Baptist World Alliance and the World Council of Churches.

STUDENT PREACHER MARCH 21 | Duke senior Tatayana Richardson will deliver a sermon on God helping people find peace in turbulent times, as part of the Chapel’s online worship service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 21. Richardson, a double major in religion and African American studies, has been selected to be this year’s Duke Chapel Student Preacher.

ONLINE ORGAN RECITAL MARCH 21 | Duke University Organist Dr. Robert Parkins will present a recital on the Chapel's Flentrop organ via livestream on Sunday, March 21, at 4:00 p.m. The program, "J.S. Bach and His Legacy," will feature eighteenth- and nineteenth-century German organ works, written or inspired by Bach. A member of Duke's Music Department faculty, Dr. Parkins has concertized throughout the United States and Europe as well as in Central America. His organ and harpsichord recordings have appeared on the Calcante, Gothic, Loft, Musical Heritage Society, and Naxos labels. The online concert, free and open to the public, will be presented on the Chapel’s website and YouTube channel.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY | Daylight saving time begins next Sunday, March 14. Don't forget to "spring ahead" one hour and be on time to online church.
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, Duke Divinity School Professor David Goatley recommends listening to a sermon preached at Duke Chapel in 1996 by the Rev. Dr. Charles Adams, a Baptist minister and the William and Lucille Nickerson Professor of the Practice of Ethics and Ministry at Harvard Divinity School. Titled *The Humanity of God*, the sermon is based on Jesus’s parable of the sheep and goats. 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.

COMMENTS SOUGHT IN REGULAR REVIEW OF DEAN POWERY | A university committee is seeking comments as part of a regular performance review of Dean of Duke Chapel The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery. Reviews of senior administrators are typically conducted in the fourth year of a five-year term, and the results compiled in a confidential report. This will be the second such review for Powery, who has served in his current post since 2012. Learn more and submit comments.

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 SERIES ON 'LEANING INTO JUSTICE TOGETHER' | Justice is for everyone and is meant to restore us to whole relationship with one another and to promote the flourishing of our communities. In an online series, titled "Coming Full Circle: Leaning into Justice Together," the Chapel will explore how various faith communities and organizations in Durham are responding to justice issues around mass incarceration, housing inequality, and racism with restorative practices, transformational relationships, and truth telling in love. Participants are invited to come and listen, participate in circle processes and storytelling, ask questions, and carry new skills into their spaces and make them their own. Find details on the Chapel website.
BACK PEW COLLECTION | Reality Ministries fosters friendships amongst people of all abilities marked by mutuality, authenticity and the reality of Christ’s love for all. The ministry currently welcomes donations of postage stamps, envelopes, white copy paper, sharpies pens, dry erase markers and file folders. Please send gifts or contributions to Reality Ministries, PO Box 242, Durham, NC 27702.

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.

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.

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.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY | Young adult Bible study will meet tomorrow, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. to explore the book of Romans. Please contact matthew.r.wrigth@duke.edu for additional information.

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 the 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 14, Christina Carnes Ananias, Graduate Student, Duke Initiatives in Theology & the Arts will speak on “Visual Faith: Christianity and Visual Art.”
God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow’r; bring its bud to glorious flow’r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, as sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days.

3 Cure your children’s warring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom’s goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory ever more. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.
Closing Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross for sake me. Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaconing light and the love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day. knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.
4. Bands and blessings, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
5. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of

WORDS: John Bowring, 1825
MUSIC: Ithamar Conkey, 1849