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 Gospel lesson this Sunday tells the story of Jesus's journey into the wilderness, where he fasted for forty days and resisted the temptations of the devil. The early Sundays of Lent are a wilderness time—an opportunity to go deep into our hearts and the souls of our communities, to recognize the horror and depth of our estrangement from God, and to strive systematically to put things right, even as we resist temptation. The Chapel observes the tradition of changing our patterns of worship during Lent to remind us through concrete practices of our need for Jesus as our Savior.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 669
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 116

The God of Abraham Praise

*Prayers 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:

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.

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Romans 10:8b-13

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

* All who are able may stand
Hymn of Preparation 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Gospel Lesson | NT page 60 in the pew Bibles


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

Sermon

The Lenten Journey

Response

*Lenten Creed

We believe in Jesus Christ, “who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:6–11

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:

People: Hear our prayer.
Offertory Anthem

Almighty God who hast me brought

Almighty God, who hast me brought
In safety to the present day,
Keep me from sin in heart and thought,
And teach me what to do and say.

Text by William Leighton (fl. 1603–1614)

*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.

*The Lord's Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.

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. If you would prefer to receive grape juice, it is available upon request at the Communion station near the main entrance of the Chapel, on the pulpit side.

If you have a gluten allergy, there is a server near the Memorial Chapel who will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine. 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 Anthem

Tantum ergo

Down in adoration falling,
Lo! the sacred Host we hail,
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.

Tantum ergo sacramentum
veneremur cernui,
et antiquum documentum
novo cedat ritui;
praestet fides supplementum
sensuum defectui.

To the everlasting Father,
And the Son Who reigns on high
With the Holy Spirit proceeding
Forth from each eternally,
Be salvation, honor blessing,
Might and endless majesty. Amen.

Genitori Genitoque
laus et iubilatio,
salus, honor, virtus quoque
sit et benedictio;
procedenti ab utroque
compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Sending Forth

*Post-Communion Prayer

* Benediction

*Closing Hymn 178

Hope of the World

Choral Benediction

A Gaelic Blessing

Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs;
Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul
He doth Himself impart;
And for His cradle and His throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

Words: John Keble (1792 –1866)

Closing Voluntary

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)
TODAY’S OFFERING | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be given to the Chapel’s Development Fund for Mission and Ministry.

GUEST PREACHER | This morning the Rev. Dr. Sam Miglarese is our Gomes Endowment Fund guest preacher. He is an adjunct instructor in the Department of Religious Studies and in the Program in Education at Duke, and also directs Duke’s Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership and serves as the assistant vice president for the Office of Durham Affairs. Rev. Dr. Miglarese’s main field of interest is the history and reception of the Second Vatican Council. He was ordained in Rome, December 19, 1969, and later installed as associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Durham, North Carolina, in August of 2006.

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**THE SEASON OF LENT** | The forty days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday and end on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. During this time, we remember the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptations of Satan, and preparing to begin his ministry. For us, it is a time of self-examination, repentance, and preparation for the coming of Easter. Individual and corporate spiritual disciplines, unique to this season, can help us be mindful of our need for a Savior. At Duke Chapel, we mark the penitential nature of this season as our colorful floral arrangements are replaced with simple greens, and "Alleluias" are excluded from our music. This year, we will also refrain from our usual worship processions to heighten the reflective nature of the season. We invite you into this Lenten journey, praying that it will lead to a more profound "Alleluia" on Easter morning.

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**ENGAGE**

**WELCOME TO DUKE CHAPEL** | If you have questions about the ministries of Duke Chapel or the Congregation at Duke Chapel, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the narthex. Those staffing the table will be happy to answer your questions.

**CHAPEL TOUR** | For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.

**SNACKLUCK TODAY** | All are welcome to stay after worship today for refreshments and fellowship in the Chapel lounge, located in the lower level of the Chapel. Ushers will be happy to provide directions to the lounge.

**BACK PEW COLLECTION** | Please support Reality Ministries with donations of paper cups, plates and napkins, rectangular tablecloths, 30-gallon trash bags and postage stamps. These donations will assist Reality Ministries in developing friendships with developmentally disabled teens and adults. Please leave donations on the back pew on today or Sunday, March 17.

**ORGAN SCHOLAR RECITAL TODAY** | Malcolm Matthews, a graduate student at Eastman School of Music, will give the final Organ Scholar Recital of this season at 5:15 p.m. today. As part of Duke Chapel's organ scholar exchange with Eastman, Matthews will present a program featuring both the Flentrop and Aeolian organs. Admission is free.

**BACH CANTATA AT THE NASHER MUSEUM** | The final concert in the Chapel's Bach Cantata Series, *Both Sides of Bach*, will be presented on Sunday, March 17, at 5:15 p.m. at the Nasher Museum of Art. A partnership with the Nasher Museum, the program will include two of J.S. Bach's secular Cantatas: the delightful Coffee Cantata, *Schweigt stille, plaudert nicht* (BWV 211), and Cantata 213, *Laßt uns sorgen, laßt uns wachen*, known in English as "Hercules at the Crossroads." The performance by the Duke Bach Ensemble will be directed by Dr. Philip Cave, associate conductor for Chapel Music. Admission is free.
ORGAN RECITAL | University Organist Dr. Robert Parkins will give his annual recital this year on Sunday, March 24, at 5:15 p.m. Titled J. S. Bach and His Predecessors, the concert will feature works of Bach and earlier composers who influenced him. Presented on the Brombaugh and Flentrop organs, the program will include music by Frescobaldi, Böhm, Buxtehude, Pachelbel, and Grigny. Admission is free.

JAZZ VESPERS | The Chapel's next Jazz Vespers worship service will include music from composer, pianist, and educator Dr. Cyrus Chestnut, as well as Duke Professor John Brown's "Little" Big Band. On Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m., the service will combine the form of the traditional evening vespers service with the musical improvisation of jazz.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | Classes for all ages are offered every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Westbrook building, Duke Divinity School. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Classes are:

- **Wee Praise**: For children ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB
- **Godly Play**: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford
- **Youth Bible Study**: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 Westbrook
- **Adult Bible Study**: Study on the Gospel of Mark in 0015 Westbrook
- **New Member Class**: For those considering membership in the Congregation in 0014 Westbrook
- **Adult Forum**: On March 17, The Rev. Dr. Brian Stratton, associate professor of philosophy at UNC Pembroke will lead the discussion in 0012 Westbrook

For a complete listing of events, please visit chapel.duke.edu/events or sign up to receive weekly emails at chapel.duke.edu/email