Today we continue the tradition of Student Preacher Sunday at Duke Chapel. Our preacher for this service is Duke senior Tatayana Richardson, a Chapel Scholar and member of Duke Wesley Fellowship. The scripture lessons for today begin a turn to hope even in the midst of Lent. The letter to the Hebrews refers to the appointment of Jesus as high priest under the order of Melchizedek. The name has its root in two Hebrew words, “melech” (king) and “tzedek” (righteous)—king of righteousness. In John’s gospel, Jesus speaks of the importance of death in birthing new life, using an example of a single grain that bears fruit. He tells his disciples they must lose their lives in order to find eternal life.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Sonata in A minor

I. Poco adagio

Greeting and Call to Worship

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

At the Name of Jesus

*Kyrie | 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

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: as your word is read in our midst, lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

New Testament Lesson
Hebrews 5:5–10

*Gospel Lesson
John 12:20–33

Sermon
Surrendering in the Chaos
Response

*Anthem (Virtual)

Drop, Drop, Slow Tears

Drop, drop, slow tears,
And bathe those beauteous feet,
Which brought from heav’n
The news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes,
His mercies to entreat;
To cry for vengeance:
Sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods
Drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let His eye see
Sin, but through my tears.

Text: Phineas Fletcher (1582–1650)

*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 with the above refrain.
Music at the Offertory

Sonata in A minor

   II. Allegro
   III. Allegro

*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.

   Now the Green Blade Riseth

Closing Voluntary

  Fugue in E minor, BWV 548/iii

C. P. E. Bach

OLD HUNDREDFTH

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J. S. Bach
TODAY'S FLOWERS | The greens for the worship service today are given by the Nancy Hanks Fund.

TODAY'S OFFERING | All of today’s offerings will be used to support the Chapel’s PathWays Fellowship. 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 STUDENT PREACHER | The 2021 Duke Chapel Student preacher is Tatayana Richardson, a senior from Atlanta, Georgia, who is majoring in both religion and African American studies. A Chapel Scholar and member of the Duke Wesley Fellowship, Richardson writes a regular column in the Chronicle on topics at the intersection of faith and public life. She is writing a senior thesis in Black Theology. On campus, she is also active in Peer Advising and the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

ONLINE ORGAN RECITAL TODAY | Duke University Organist Dr. Robert Parkins will present a recital on the Chapel’s Flentrop organ via livestream today 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. Watch here.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY TOMORROW | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual Bible study on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Next meeting dates are March 22 and April 13 at 6:30 p.m. The conversation will focus on the book of Romans this semester. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact matthew.r.wright@duke.edu for additional information.

ONLINE INTERCULTURAL STORY CIRCLE ON TUESDAY | As part of our series “Leaning into Justice Together,” we are holding an online Intercultural Story Circle this Tuesday, March 23, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Duke Center for Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation will lead this “story circle” discussion, which is designed to build relationships and break down barriers through mutual understanding. The format aims for connection, learning from one another, and learning how to do circle practices as a form of relational justice. The mission of the center is to dismantle deeply rooted beliefs in racial hierarchies and to disrupt persistent structures and impacts of racism at Duke, in Durham, and beyond. Learn more and register at no cost.

DEAN POWERY JOINS DUKE ALUMNI CONVERSATION MARCH 23 | Chapel Dean Luke A. Powery will be featured in a Duke Alumni online event Tuesday, March 23, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time on “What are you for? A faith-filled response to this season of suffering.” He will be in conversation with Divinity School Dean L. Gregory Jones. Rooted in the Christian tradition of hope, Dean Powery suggests it is not enough to be against injustice and suffering, we must be for the all-inclusive love of God and the potentiality of a diverse and beloved community. Learn more and register at no cost.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ONLINE SERVICES | We will celebrate Holy Week and Easter this year with these online services: Palm Sunday service March 28 at 11:00 a.m., Midday services throughout the week at 12-noon; Maundy Thursday service April 1 at 7:30 p.m., Good Friday service April 2 at 7:30 p.m., and the Easter Day service April 4 at 11:00 a.m. All of the services will be presented via livestream on the Chapel website and also broadcast on the Duke Hospital television system channel 12. Find details here.

'A SHORT HISTORY OF PASSION MUSIC' MARCH 27 | Dr. Philip Cave, associate conductor for Chapel Music, will explore musical settings of the Passion in an online “Sacred on Saturday” presentation March 27 at 10:00 a.m. The session on “The Greatest Story Ever Sung: A Short History of Passion Music,” will include medieval chant to more contemporary works with compositions by Victoria, Schütz, Gesualdo, Handel, Pärt and Penderecki. Register here.

DUKE CHAPEL READS ONLINE CONVERSATION APRIL 6 | As part of the Duke Chapel Reads series, Chapel Dean Luke A. Powery will host an online discussion of the book Jesus and the
Disinherited with Dr. Walter Fluker, a scholar of the book’s author, Howard Thurman, on Tuesday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Fluker is the editor of the multi-volume series The Papers of Howard Washington Thurman and is Dean’s Professor of Spirituality, Ethics, and Leadership at Emory University’s Candler School of Theology. Through Duke Chapel Reads, the Chapel aims to curate spaces for reflection and conversation based on a common book reading each semester. Register here at no cost.

DEAN POWERY IN ONLINE CONVERSATION WITH LOCAL CHURCHES | This Wednesday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m., Chapel Dean Luke Powery will participate in an online discussion of the book Jesus and the Disinherited hosted by Cary First Christian Church, Covenant Disciples of Christ, and Good Shepherd United Church of Christ. All are welcome. Register via Zoom.

JAZZ VESPERS ONLINE SERVICE APRIL 15 | The Chapel’s Jazz Vespers service combines the form of the traditional evening vespers service with the musical improvisation of jazz. Professor John Brown, Duke’s vice provost for the arts, provides musical leadership, while Chapel ministers offer prayers and readings. The Jazz Vespers service will be online on Thursday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m.

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.

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.

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 join the Zoom call here.

TRAVEL TO AFRICA THIS WEEK | 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 March 23–25 from 9:30–11:00 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 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 28, Amy Whisenand, ThD, will speak on “Scripture and Song: How Singing Puts us in God’s Story.”
Opening Hymn

At the Name of Jesus

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1817–1877
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

1. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
2. At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
3. Humbly for a season, to receive a name
4. In your hearts enthroned him; there let him subdue
5. Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again

Every tongue confess him king of glory now,
All the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
All that is not holy, all that is not true.
On the clouds of glory, with his angel train;

It is God’s good pleasure we should call him Lord,
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last;
Crown him as your captain in temptation’s hour;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow.

Who from the beginning was the mighty Word,
All the heav’nly orders in their great array
Brought it back victorious when from death he passed.
Let his will enfold you in its light and pow’r.
And our hearts confess him king of glory now.
Now the Green Blade Riseth

Closing Hymn

Noël Novélet

1. Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
   wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
   Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
   Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

2. In the grave they laid him, Love who had been slain,
   thinking that he never would awake again,
   laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
   Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
   Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
   quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:

4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
   Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
   fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

WORDS: J. M. C. Crum, 1928, alt.
MUSIC: Trad. French carol

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