



Duke UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 24, 2019, 11:00 a.m.



The Gardener and the Fig Tree
Dungarvan, Ireland

As the season of Lent continues, the scripture lessons for today invite us to postures of seeking and seeing, of repenting and bearing fruit. Psalm 63 expresses a desperate longing and thirsting for God. In recognizing God's goodness and glory, the psalmist responds with joy and praise. In remembering God's protection and help in times of trouble, the psalm writer bears witness to clinging to and being upheld by God. The lesson from Luke's Gospel tells of Jesus calling those who are following him to an honest recognition their sins and offenses and to repentance. In the lesson, Jesus tells the parable of the fig tree, a pointed reminder both of God's patient grace and that we are called to lives that bear fruit.

Gathering

Carillon

Opening Voluntary

Prelude in C Minor, BWV 546/1

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Greeting and Call to Worship

Rose Procession

*Opening Hymn 396

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

*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:

Eternal God, as you speak to us through 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.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 498 in the pew Bibles

Psalm 63:1-8

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

* All who are able may stand

Luke 13:1-9

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

When Our Souls Cling to God

*Hymn of Response 357

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

WOODWORTH

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

Listen Sweet Dove

Grayston Ives
(b. 1948)

Listen sweet dove unto my song,
and spread thy golden wings in me;
hatching my tender heart so long,
till it get wing and flie away with thee.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow
the earth did like a heav'n appeare,
the starres were coming down to know
if they might mend their wages and serve here.
The sunne which once did shine alone,
hung down his head and wisht for night,
when he beheld twelve sunnes for one
going about the world and giving light.

Lord though we change thou art the same,
the same sweet God of love and light:
restore this day for thy great name,
unto his ancient and miraculous right.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

*Doxology

OLD 100TH

**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

Pilgrims' Song

Stephen Paulus
(1949-2014)

Even before we call on Thy name
To ask Thee, O Lord,
When we seek for the words to glorify Thee,
Thou hearest our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,
Surpassing all we know.

Glory to the Father,
and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in,
We breathe Thy name,
And through all the days that follow so fast,
We trust in Thee;
Endless Thy grace, O endless Thy grace,
Beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and forever,
And unto ages and ages,
Amen

Words: Michael Dennis Browne (b. 1940)

Sending Forth

*Post-Communion Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn 577

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

Choral Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and give you peace. Amen.

Text: Numbers 6:24-26

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in C Minor, BWV 546/2

J.S. Bach

Carillon

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS

Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery *Dean of Duke Chapel*

Rev. Breana van Velzen *Community Minister at Duke Chapel*

PREACHER

Ms. Lisa Sharon Harper *Guest Preacher*

LECTORS

Ms. Kerry Castor *Duke Wesley Fellowship, Chapel Scholar, Pratt '19*

Mr. Aidan Workman *CRU, Chapel Scholar, Trinity '19*

MUSICIANS

Duke Chapel Choir *Choir*

Dr. Philip Cave *Associate Conductor of Chapel Music*

Dr. Robert Parkins *University Organist*

Mr. Joseph Fala *Organ Scholar*

Mr. W. Paul Bumbalough *Carillonneur*

MINISTERS OF ANOINTING

Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg *Pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Rev. Bruce Puckett *Assistant Dean of the Chapel*

HEAD USHERS

Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong *Members of the
Congregation at Duke Chapel*

TODAY'S FLOWERS | Today's flowers and decorations are made possible by the generosity of the Nancy Hanks Funds.

TODAY'S OFFERING | All of today's cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area.

GUEST PREACHER | This morning Ms. Lisa Sharon Harper is our Goodson Endowment Fund guest preacher. From Ferguson to New York to Germany and South Africa, Ms. Lisa Sharon Harper leads trainings and helps mobilize clergy and community leaders around shared values for the common good. A prolific speaker, writer and activist, Ms. Harper is the founder and president of FreedomRoad.us, a consulting group dedicated to shrinking the narrative gap in our nation by convening forums and experiences that bring common understanding, common commitment, and common action toward a just world.

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the front desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the back-left sound desk.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN | Children four and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel lower level, beginning at 10:45 a.m. each week.

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.

COMMUNAL LENTEN PRACTICE | 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.

ORGAN RECITAL TODAY | University Organist Dr. Robert Parkins will give his annual recital today 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. The program will include music by Frescobaldi, Böhm, Buxtehude, Pachelbel, and Grigny. Admission is free.

TRIPLE T | Young adults and university students will gather in the Chapel kitchen on Monday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m. to feed their spirits and bodies. Food and discussion, along with laughter and friendship, mark this gathering. Participants will be reading and discussing Howard Thurman's *The Search for Common Ground*. Triple T meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

HABITAT HOUSE DEDICATION | The Habitat house sponsored by Duke Chapel, the Congregation at Duke Chapel, and several other Duke groups will be dedicated on Saturday, March 30, at 11:30 a.m. at 117 Hillside Ave., Durham. All are welcome to attend.

GUEST PREACHER NEXT SUNDAY | Next Sunday, the Chapel welcomes to the pulpit the Rev. Dr. Richard Lischer, the James T. and Alice Mead Cleland Professor Emeritus of Preaching at Duke's Divinity School. Dr. Lischer is an ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

LABYRINTH | Visitors are invited to walk a labyrinth in the Chapel on Monday, April 1, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, April 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The labyrinth, a 40-foot circle containing a winding path, is an ancient spiritual tradition in many faiths. The labyrinth is self-guided and takes thirty minutes to an hour to complete.

ENGAGE (Continued)

JAZZ VESPERS WITH CYRUS CHESTNUT | The Chapel's Jazz Vespers worship service, which combines the form of the traditional evening vespers service with the musical improvisation of jazz, is this Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. This service includes music from guest pianist Cyrus Chestnut, a composer and professor of jazz piano and improvisation at Howard University. The service is a collaboration with Duke's Jazz Program.

BACH PASSION CONCERTS | Tickets are available for two Bach Passion concerts being performed by Chapel choirs. The *St. Matthew Passion* concert will be held Sunday, March 31, at 4:00 p.m., and the *St. John Passion* is on Sunday, April 14, at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Duke Box Office at tickets.duke.edu and 919-684-4444. A discount is available for purchasing tickets to both concerts.

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 31, Lynn Holmes, Congregation's Duke Divinity School intern, 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



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The Congregation is the interdenominational church home for university students and community members who consider the Chapel to be their primary place of worship. Through ministries of mission, education, and fellowship, members of the Congregation strive to deepen connections with God and neighbor.

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