Today the solemnity of Lent is interrupted by the joyful celebration of Palm Sunday. Our service begins with a blessing of the palms as we remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, fulfilling an ancient prophecy of the coming Messiah. The palms on the altar reflect the fragility of the celebration—a mere five days later the crowd’s adulation will turn to hatred. Psalm 118 expresses thanksgiving and praise in celebration of the steadfast love of the Lord. The Gospel of Mark tells of Jesus riding on a donkey’s colt. In doing this, Jesus fulfills an ancient prophecy that proclaims him as Lord and Savior. Even on this day of celebration, the epistle lesson from Philippians emphasizes that Jesus’s exaltation comes through his obedience that leads to death on the cross. King Jesus receives his crown in hanging on the cross and being exalted by God.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 736

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Blessing of the Palms

Leader: God our Savior, your Son Jesus entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;
People: Let these palms be for us signs of his victory.
Leader: Grant that we who bear these palms in his name may ever hail him as our King;
People: And give us grace to follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. Amen.

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

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST THEODULPH

*Prayer of Confession | In unison.

Eternal God: In Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. We confess that we have not hailed you as King, or gone before you in the world with praise. For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fizzle out, for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us. Forgive us, God, and give us such trust in your power that, in every city, we may live for your justice and tell of your loving-kindness; for the sake of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

*All rise as able
*New Testament Lesson

Philippians 2:5–11

*Anthem (Virtual)

Non nobis, Domine

Non nobis, Domine, sed nomini tuo da gloriam.

Not unto us, Lord, but unto your name be the glory.

Text: Psalm 115:1

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 11:1–11

Sermon

Cloaking the Way

Response

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

My Song Is Love Unknown

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.

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.

  Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Closing Voluntary

  Choral, Op. 37, No. 4

Joseph Jongen
(1873–1953)
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ENGAGE

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ONLINE SERVICES | We celebrate Holy Week and Easter this year with these online services: 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.

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.

CHAPEL MUSIC SPRING CONCERT ON APRIL 11 | On Sunday, April 11 at 4:00 p.m., Chapel Music will present a spring concert, entitled “Faith and Hope and Love Abide: Meditations on Resurrection.” Virtual performances by the Chapel Choir, Vespers Ensemble, Evensong Singers, the Amalgam Brass, and the Bach Ensemble will be interspersed with poetry and readings by Howard
Thurman, T. S. Eliot, Susan Cherwien, Julian of Norwich, and more. The concert will include the world premiere of two brand new pieces: “May You Abound in Hope” by Anne Krentz Organ and an arrangement of the hymn “Praise to the Lord, The Almighty” by Dan Forrest. The concert will be livestreamed on the Chapel’s website and YouTube channel.

**ONLINE RACIAL HEALING CIRCLE APRIL 13 |** As part of our series “Leaning into Justice Together,” the Duke Center for Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation will present about the use of traditional circle practice to explore our common humanity and how racial healing can be instrumental in transforming communities for the wholeness of all people. Relationships are transformational, just as justice and our faiths can be transformational. Come and listen, or come and share in this online discussion on Tuesday, April 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. [Register here.](#)

**ONLINE JAZZ VESPERS ON APRIL 15 |** On Thursday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m., the Chapel will present a service of Jazz Vespers. Led by Professor John V. Brown and his Little Big Band, the service will include prayers and meditations on themes of hope, joy, and resurrection. The online service will be livestreamed on the Chapel’s website and YouTube channel.

**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](#).

**JOIN THE CROP WALK |** Every year Church World Service sponsors the CROP Hunger Walk with the motto, “Ending hunger one step at a time.” This year individuals and family are invited to walk on their own any time between April 10–18, and to donate to the Durham CROP Walk. Please join the Congregation’s effort to fight hunger by [signing up and donating 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
- **Adult Bible Study:** A study of the Book of Colossians
- **Adult Forum:** On April 4, Dr. Brian Stratton, Associate Professor of Philosophy, UNC-Pembroke will speak on “After The After.”
Opening Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST THEODULPH

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
2. The company of angels are praising thee on high,
3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
4. To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
5. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.
our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present.
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

WORDS: Theodulph of Orleans, 8-9th cent.; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1851
(Mt. 21:8-9; Mk. 11:8-10; Lk. 19:36-38; Jn. 12:12-13)
MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1615; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861
Response Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown

1 My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
   Love to the loveless shown that they might stow;
   Oh, who am I that savior know.

2 He came from his blest throne salvation to be
   The world that was his own would not its sing;
   But, oh, my friend, my to our king. Then "Cruci-fy!" is life to slay. Yet cheerful he to

3 Some-times we strew his way and his sweet praises
   Resound-ing all the day hos-an-nas way, a murder-er to save, the prince of

4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a-
   love-ly be. Oh, who am I that savior know. But, oh, my friend, my to our king. Then "Cruci-fy!" is life to slay. Yet cheerful he to

for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
friend in-deed, who at my need his life did spend!
all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
suf-f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

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Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur - pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -
angels in the sky look down with sad and won - d’ring pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal

sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
gin o’er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
pain, then take, O Christ, your pow’r and reign!

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