SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Day
Sunday, March 31, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

All Creation Sings His Praise, Jen Norton, 2021.
Gathering
Carillon

Prelude

Fantasy in G, BWV 572
Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Introit

Easter Introit
John Ferguson

Listen:
The One who bore God’s heart,
the One in whom God agonized is now the risen Lord.
Death was no prison for him.
Jesus is raised and among us.
All that you see and hear comes from the One who was freed.
Listen:
Hear, O people of God, that Jesus Christ is Lord.
Alleluia!
—John Thornburg

Greeting and Call to Worship

Minister:  Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People:  He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Processional Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
EASTER HYMN
arr. Terre Johnson

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia

*All rise as able
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where’s thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

*Litany of Confession and Words of Assurance*

Minister: O Christ, in your resurrection the heavens and the earth rejoice Alleluia! By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell and destroyed sin and death.

People: Forgive us, free us, and make us victorious over sin.

Minister: By your resurrection you raised the dead and brought us from death to life.

People: Guide us in the way of eternal life.

Minister: By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners and filled the disciples with joy.

People: Give us joy to serve you faithfully.

Minister: By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles and brought salvation to the whole world.

People: Direct our lives as your new creation.

Minister: Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you.

People: Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*Peace* | All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.

Minister: The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.
Prayer for Illumination

| In unison: |  

Holy God, through Christ’s resurrection you lifted us up and filled us with rejoicing. Lord, open our minds that we may know him, and enrich us with your gifts that we may follow him in his risen life. Amen.

New Testament Lesson

| NT page 165 in pew Bibles. |  

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

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

*Gradual Hymn

| Stanzas 1, 2, and 3. All turn to face the Gospel procession. |

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke Jacob’s sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

’Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days’ sleep in death as a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus’ resurrection.

*Gospel Lesson

| NT page 51 in pew Bibles. |

Mark 16:1–8

Lector: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
*Gradual Hymn | Stanza 4 and 5. All turn to face the Gospel procession.

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb’s dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal;
But today amidst the twelve thou appeared, bestowing
Thy deep peace, which evermore passeth human knowing.

“Alleluia!” now we cry to our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb’s dark portal;
“Alleluia!” with the Son, God the Father praising,
“Alleluia!” yet again to the Spirit raising.

Sermon

Stoned

Response

*Response Hymn

Thine Be the Glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. Refrain

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Refrain
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

Antiphon (Five Mystical Songs) Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly:
the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The church with Psalms must shout, no door can keep them out:
but above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

—George Herbert (1593–1633)

*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving | Musical Setting A, found on page 17 in the hymnal.

*The Lord’s Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing. The text is found on page 895 at the back of 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. Bread and wine are used for communion. After a server places bread in your hands, you may receive wine by dipping your bread into the chalice. If you desire gluten-free bread or grape juice, or to drink from a common cup, these are available from servers at the front near Memorial Chapel and near the back opposite the attendant's desk. 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

Alleluia

Randall Thompson
(1899–1984)

Communion Hymn

The Day of Resurrection

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own “All hail!” and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

*Post-Communion Prayer
Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the virgin’s Son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love—behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.
TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers
Bruce Puckett .......................... Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel
Kathryn Lester-Bacon .................. Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel

Preacher
Luke A. Powery .......................... Dean, Duke University Chapel

Lectors
Sophia Wilson .......................... Chapel Scholar; Trinity ’24
Hendrawan Wijoyo .................. Chapel Scholar; Divinity ’24

Musicians
Duke Chapel Choir .......................... Choir
Zebulon Highben ..................... University Organist, Duke University
Robert Parkins .......................... Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel
Chad Fothergill ..................... Chapel Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel
Katherine Johnson .................. Trumpet, Amalgam Brass
Paul Neebe .......................... Trumpet, Amalgam Brass
Timothy Altman .......................... Horn, Amalgam Brass
Kim Van Pelt .......................... Trombone, Amalgam Brass
Mike Kris .......................... Tuba, Amalgam Brass
Steve Truckenbrod .................. Timpani
John Hanks .......................... Chapel Carilloneur, Duke University Chapel
Aaron Colston .......................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

Head Usher
James Ferguson .......................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel


Today’s Flowers | Flowers for today’s worship service are given to the glory of God by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Chapel Endowment.

Today’s Offering | All of today’s checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. Give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.

ENGAGE

University Prayer of Thanksgiving | Each week, we focus on a different campus unit, school, or Duke affiliate for whom to give thanks to God. Today, we give thanks for Julian Abele, John Donnelly, Charles H. Crowther, G. Owen Bonawit, S. Charles Jaekle, Hugh Doherty, Charles Keck, and all the artisans who used their gifts and talents to bring about this Chapel to the praise and glory of God.

Choral Evensong Today | Our celebration of Easter continues today at 4:00 p.m. with a festal Choral Evensong led by Duke Evensong Singers. Music will include Herbert Howells’ Te Deum Laudamus and the Evening Canticles from his Gloucester Service. Celebratory music by C.V. Stanford includes Psalm 150 and the anthem Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem. All are welcome.

Bach’s St. John Passion | First performed 300 years ago on Good Friday, April 7, 1724, the St. John Passion is renowned for its dramatic choruses, expressive arias, and compelling narrative. It sets text from the Gospel of John, chapters 18 and 19, composed in two parts: Part I ends with Peter’s denial of Jesus, and Part II concludes with Christ’s burial. The performance will be Sunday, April 7, at 4:00 p.m. Purchase tickets at tickets.duke.edu.
Adult Forum Returns April 7 | Before worship on Sunday mornings, the Adult Forum offers presentations and discussions on a wide range of topics, including biblical studies, current social issues, and the work of mission agencies. The Adult Forum meets in 0013 Westbrook and over Zoom. On April 7, Daniel Castelo, Ph.D., Duke Divinity professor of Theology and Methodist Studies, will present on “Why is the Spirit Neglected?”

Historic Stagville Visit | Join the Congregation at Duke Chapel’s Fellowship Committee on Saturday, April 13, for a guided tour of Stagville, the historic site of one of North Carolina’s largest plantations, where 900 people were enslaved. The site is now dedicated to teaching about the lives and work of those enslaved people. The tour will be followed by prayer and discussion led by the Congregation’s Pastoral Assistant for Discipleship and Community, Morgan Dynes. To learn more, please email congregation@duke.edu.

Centennial Concert Celebrates Mary Lou Williams’ Music and Legacy | As part of Duke University’s Centennial Celebration, the Mary Lou Williams Center for Black Culture, Duke Arts, and Duke Chapel will present “Our First Lady of Jazz” on Sunday, April 14, at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This dynamic concert celebrating the pioneering composer Mary Lou Williams will feature a wide range of Black sacred music, from vocal jazz and gospel to spirituals, classical, and the blues. For the performance, the Duke Chapel Choir and the North Carolina Central University Vocal Jazz Ensemble will join forces with guest artists. Free admission. Learn more at chapel.duke.edu/marylouconcert.

PathWays Fellowship | The PathWays Fellowship is a year-long (August 15 to May 15) residential program for students in any of Duke Divinity School’s graduate programs that offers opportunities for vocational exploration, mentorship, service, and formation deeply rooted in the Durham community and the fellows’ Christian traditions. Learn more and apply by April 15 at chapel.duke.edu/pathways.

Sunday Morning Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages from 9:45–10:45 a.m., with coffee and refreshments provided at 9:30 a.m. Classes meet in the lowest level of the Westbrook building. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information.
ACCESSIBILITY

Large-print worship guides are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. Please let us know if you need other accommodations by approaching a minister or usher, or email us at dukechapel@duke.edu.

LET’S KEEP IN TOUCH

We would like to get to know you. What are your questions? What is your story? Take a moment to fill out a very brief form and a Chapel minister or other staff member will contact you soon. Scan the QR code or visit chapel.duke.edu/connect.

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