On this Fifth Sunday in Lent, the scripture lessons remind us that God is in the business of doing new things. The prophet Isaiah proclaims God’s plan to do new things by bringing life to places that are destitute and dry. God promises to provide waters of life so all creation would give God praise. Paul writes about leaving behind his old ways and the status he once valued for the immeasurable good of knowing and belonging to Jesus. Even the greatest gains are worthless in comparison to knowing Christ and becoming like him. John reminds us that the path from the old to the new involves Jesus’s death. John tells the story of Mary pouring costly perfume on Jesus’s feet, a sign of his preparation for death that makes a way for new life for all.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Sonata I in F Minor
Andante: Recitativo
Allegro moderato e serioso

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809–1847)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 126

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | In unison:

Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

*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 | In unison:

Nurturing God, your love abounds with overflowing grace. Send your Spirit now to open our hearts and illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 632 in pew Bibles.

Isaiah 43:16–21

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

*All rise as able

Philippians 3:4b–14

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

Anthem

Help Us, O Lord  
Aaron Copland  
(1900–1990)

Help us, help us, O Lord.  
For with thee is fount of life.  
In thy light shall we see light.  
Let us march and try our ways.  
Turn to God.

It is good that man should wait.  
It is good that man should hope,  
hope for the salvation of the Lord.

—adapt. from scripture by Aaron Copland

Gospel Lesson | NT page 100 in pew Bibles.

John 12:1–8

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

Sermon

A New Thing

Response

*Response Hymn 299

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
ROCKINGHAM
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.

Offertory Anthem

Holy Woman, Graceful Giver

Holy woman, graceful giver, prophet, servant, and believer, Mary with the ointment jar, rose up near the time appointed, broke the seal, Christ’s feet anointed for the coming fatal hour.

Like the vessel, we are broken; like the perfume, we are token of God’s loving unto death; like Mary, we are serving; like Judas, ill-deserving such a rich, forgiving faith.

In these jars is hidden treasure, costly fragrance, Christly pleasure, like the Christ, first from the dead, broken for creation’s wholeness, poured out for its coming fullness, Prophet, Servant, Hope, and Head.
Holy woman, costly treasure,
with the jar of alabaster,
shows the hidden gift we are;
therefore let us as Christ’s servants
hold our sister in remembrance,
Mary with the ointment jar.

—Susan Palo Cherwien (1953–2021), alt.

*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.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord’s Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing.

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.

Sharing of the Bread | All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive Communion. No wine or grape juice will be served for communion. Please wait until you return to your seat to consume the bread. A gluten-free option is available from a server positioned by Memorial Chapel. 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

O Lord, Have Mercy (Let Us Break Bread Together)  arr. Roland M. Carter

When I fall on my knees, facing the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
O Lord, have mercy.

Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, facing the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, facing the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.
Facing the rising sun, of our new day begun.
O Lord, have mercy on me.
O Lord, have mercy. Amen.

—spiritual, adapt. Roland M. Carter

*Post-Communion Prayer

Sending Forth
*Benediction

*Closing Hymn 453

More Love to Thee, O Christ  MORE LOVE TO THEE

Closing Voluntary

Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, BWV 665  Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
TODAY IN WORSHIP

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Schola Cantorum .................................................. Choir
Zebulon Highben .................................. Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel
Robert Parkins ........................................ University Organist, Duke University
Christopher Jacobson ................................ Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel

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

Today’s Offering | Today’s checks written to Duke University Chapel will support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. Give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

Today’s Flowers | Today’s greens are provided by the generosity of the Nancy Hanks Fund.

Accessibility | Large print hymnals and worship guides are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel.


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**Tour After the Service** | Learn about the history, architecture, and life of Duke Chapel on a tour immediately following the service. The tour is free and lasts about forty-five minutes. Meet the docent outside in front of the Chapel.

**University Prayer of Thanksgiving** | Each week, we focus on a different campus unit, school, or department for whom to give thanks to God for their service and contributions to the wider university and beyond. This morning we give thanks for the foreign language departments at Duke.

**Restrooms in Divinity School** | Public restrooms are available in the Divinity School. To access them, exit the Chapel through the main front doors and enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the hallway in the Divinity School.

**Face Masks** | Masking in Duke Chapel is optional for those who are fully vaccinated. If you have not been vaccinated, Duke requires that you wear a mask in all Duke facilities. Thank you for doing your part to keep the Chapel open and safe for all.

**Students Stay for Lunch** | All graduate and undergraduate students are invited to stay for lunch in the Chapel student ministry lounge following worship this morning. This will be an informal time of connection through food and conversation.

**Spring Oratorio Today** | The Chapel Choir, Vespers Ensemble, and Evensong Singers combine with the Mallarmé Chamber Players for a performance titled “Remember and Rejoice” today, April 3, at 4:00 p.m. at the Chapel. The program will remember those we have lost in the past two years, and rejoice in the promise of new life and resurrection. Music by Mendelssohn and Langlais joins the familiar strains of the Fauré Requiem to offer comfort and consolation. We rejoice in the resilience of creation with Britten’s *Rejoice in the Lamb*, and newly composed settings of the poetry of William Blake and St. Francis of Assisi. Tickets are available from the Duke Box Office at tickets.duke.edu.

**Labyrinth on Monday and Tuesday** | Visitors are invited to walk the labyrinth in the Chapel tomorrow, April 4, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, April 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The labyrinth, a forty-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. All are welcome to participate. There will be music rehearsals happening concurrently with the labyrinth on Monday and at times during the day on Tuesday, as well as an artist talk at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday. The labyrinth is presented in partnership with the Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South.

**Faith-and-Learning Conversations with Professors** | Students are invited to join Kerilyn Schewel, lecturing fellow in the Duke Center for International Development, and Omid Safi, professor in the Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and faculty member of the Duke Islamic Studies Center, for a conversation about how they connect the work of their minds with the work of their hearts and spirits. The discussion will take place outside at the tent between Few and Craven Quads this Tuesday, April 5, from 12-noon to 1:00 p.m. The conversation is part of a series. Learn more at [chapel.duke.edu/AcademicGuides](http://chapel.duke.edu/AcademicGuides).

**Artist Talk on Tuesday** | Join artist Margaret Adams Parker and Duke Divinity School Professor Ellen Davis for a discussion of Parker’s *Stations of the Cross* exhibition this Tuesday, April 5, at 5:00 p.m. at the Chapel. The exhibition, currently on display at the Chapel, depicts Christ’s Journey to the Cross with contemporary figures rendered in muted browns. Parker focuses in these paintings on Christ’s strength in the face of suffering and the intimacy of his encounters with others on his *Via Dolorosa*. Find devotional guides for the *Stations* next to Station I.

**ChorWorks Summer Program in Early Music** | Through Duke Chapel, the nonprofit Chorworks is offering a summer program June 13–19 for experienced, early-career singers to participate in a week-long workshop on the music of the Italian composer Claudio Monteverdi. Singers invited to the program will receive a fellowship covering the full cost of tuition and housing. Applications are due April 7. Learn more and apply at [chapel.duke.edu/chorworks](http://chapel.duke.edu/chorworks).

**LGBTQ+ and Straight Allies Group** | The LGBTQ+ And Straight Allies Fellowship will meet on Thursday, April 7, from 5:00–6:00 p.m. by Zoom. All are welcome. Please contact for [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) additional information.
Saturday at the Gardens | Join others for a stroll and birdwatching in the Blomquist Garden of Native Plants at Duke Gardens next Saturday, April 9, meeting at 9:00 a.m. near the Garden’s visitor center. No equipment is necessary, but binoculars are helpful. This birding event is sponsored by the Fellowship Committee of the Congregation.

2022 CROP Walk | The annual Durham CROP Walk will be held next Sunday, April 10, starting from the front of the Chapel at 2:30 p.m. The fun, family-friendly 5K CROP Walk raises money to fight hunger both locally and globally. For more information, contact congregation@duke.edu.

Holy Week and Easter | The Chapel will observe Holy Week and Easter with these worship services and concerts:

• Sunday, April 10, at 11:00 a.m.—Palm Sunday Service
• Sunday, April 10, at 4:00 p.m.—Choral Evensong
• Monday, April 11, through Thursday, April 14, at 12-noon—Holy Week Noon Service
• Thursday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Service
• Friday, April 15, at 11:30 a.m. on the Chapel Quad—Procession of the Stations of the Cross
• Friday, April 15, at 12-noon—Good Friday Noon Service
• Friday, April 15, at 1:00 p.m.—Meditative Organ Music
• Friday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m.—Good Friday Tenebrae Service
• Saturday, April 16, at 4:00 p.m. in Goodson Chapel—Holy Saturday Concert
• Sunday, April 17, at 6:30 a.m. in Duke Gardens—Easter Sunrise Service
• Sunday, April 17, at 9:00 a.m.—Easter Day Service with Holy Communion
• Sunday, April 17, at 11:00 a.m.—Easter Day Service
• Sunday, April 17, at 4:00 p.m.—Choral Evensong

Holy Saturday Concert | The Vespers Ensemble will perform Arvo Pärt’s “Passio” at the Chapel’s Holy Saturday concert on April 16 at 4:00 p.m. in the Divinity School’s Goodson Chapel. An Estonian composer, Pärt is one of several contemporary composers who have turned to the powerful genre of the Passion narrative. Pärt’s 1982 setting is hailed as a masterpiece of late twentieth-century choral works. Although there is little overt word painting, the listener’s attention is first held, then gripped by the harrowing unfolding of the Passion story from the Gospel of John. Sung in Latin, and lasting seventy-five minutes without a break, the austere, cloistered nature of this music is not recommended for younger listeners; families with younger members may like to attend the rehearsal in Goodson Chapel on the morning of the concert. Admission is free.
Upcoming Guest Preachers | As part of our observance of Holy Week, we are pleased to welcome three notable guest preachers. The Rev. Dr. Prince Raney Rivers, senior pastor of Union Baptist Church in Durham and a consulting faculty member at Duke Divinity School, will preach on Maundy Thursday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Warren Kinghorn, Esther Colliflower Associate Research Professor of Pastoral and Moral Theology at Duke Divinity School, will preach at the Good Friday Noon Service. Dr. Valerie Cooper, associate professor of religion and society and Black Church studies at Duke Divinity School, will preach at the Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. in Duke Gardens.

Saturday Service Project | Volunteers are needed to assist with gardening work on Saturday, April 23, from 8:30–11:30 a.m. at SEEDS. The work will involve weeding, mulching and other common gardening tasks. SEEDS is a two-acre urban garden and kitchen classroom located at 706 Gilbert St. in Durham. SEEDS develops the capacity of young people to respect life, the earth, and each other through growing, cooking, and sharing food. For more information, contact congregation@duke.edu.

Christian Education Classes | The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning Christian education from 9:45–10:45 a.m. for all ages. Classes, which are held both in person and virtually, are open to the public. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for Zoom link.

- **Wee Praise:** Music and movement for children ages 03–with parents or caregivers (available virtually).
- **Godly Play:** Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade (available virtually).
- **Youth Bible Study:** A study of the gospel of Luke for youth grades 6–12 in Westbrook 0013 and by Zoom.
- **Adult Forum:** On April 10, Mindy Erdmann, Duke Divinity School Intern for the Congregation, will lead the discussion in Westbrook 0012 and by Zoom.
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.