Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Today is the beginning of the Feast of Feasts—Easter. Today Christians around the world celebrate Jesus’s glorious resurrection from the dead. The resurrection of Christ has been a focal point of Christian confession since the early church; Christians have understood the resurrection to be the central witness of God’s radical action in human history. Jesus, God incarnate, went to the depths of the earth and overcame the power of death that we might have life eternal. Today the joy of an empty tomb erupts from us in praise of Jesus, the one who sits at the right hand of God in whom we too are raised as new creation.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

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

Greeting and Call to Worship

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

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*EASTER HYMN

*Prayer 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.

*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

Father of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: Fill your Church with faith and resurrection hope, and send your Spirit now to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.
Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 25:6–9

Anthem (Virtual)

Easter Dawn

He blesses every love which weeps and grieves
And now he blesses hers who stood and wept
And would not be consoled, or leave her love's
Last touching place, but watched as low light crept
Up from the east. A sound behind her stirs
A scatter of bright birdsong through the air.
She turns, but cannot focus through her tears,
Or recognise the Gardener standing there.
She hardly hears his gentle question ‘Why,
Why are you weeping?’, or sees the play of light
That brightens as she chokes out her reply
‘They took my love away, my day is night’
And then she hears her name, she hears Love say
The Word that turns her night, and ours, to Day.


New Testament Lesson

Acts 10:34–43

*Gradual Hymn | Sing stanzas 1 and 2. See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 16:1–8

*Gradual Hymn | Sing stanzas 3 and 4. See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Sermon

Easter in the Age of Anxiety
Response

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

The Day of Resurrection

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 Voluntary (Virtual)

Paraphrase on Thine Is the Glory

Alexandre Guilmant  
(1837–1911)
arr. Robert Hobby

*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

*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.

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

Closing Voluntary

Finale, from Symphony 3 (Organ Symphony), Op. 78

Camille Saint-Saëns
(1835–1921)
trans. David Briggs
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, this 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, Susan Cherwien, Julian of Norwich, and more. The concert will include the world premiere of two 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 British poet Malcolm Guite will read a poem by T.S. Eliot, and his sonnet “Easter Dawn,” set to music by Zebulon Highben and heard in today’s worship service, will also be featured. Duke junior Margot Armbruster will read an original poem, which recently received an award from the English Department. The final hymn of the concert will be performed in memory of the late University Carillonneur J. Samuel Hammond. The concert will be presented 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.

ALUMNI SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE APRIL 16 | As part of this year’s virtual alumni reunion, the Chapel will hold an online Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance Honoring Deceased Alumni on Friday, April 16, at 3:00 p.m. The service will be presented on our website here.

NEW ‘LIVING TRADITION’ INTERVIEW ON WOMEN AND PREACHING | The Living Tradition online resource presents insights into the rich and deep tradition of preaching at Duke Chapel and includes interviews with people who have preached notable sermons at the Chapel. In a newly posted video, student researcher Ami Wong interviews Jeanette Stokes, the executive director of the Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South, about being part of the first wave of women widely attending seminary and pursuing ministry opportunities. Stokes preached at the Chapel in 1977 and started the Duke Divinity Women’s Center. Watch the interview.
**VIRTUAL BACK PEW COLLECTION** | The April Virtual Back Pew collection is for [The Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham](https://www.ucg.org). Their Reconciliation and Reentry Ministry has the most immediate needs due to the increased number of Durham residents being released from prison. Here are two ways to assist in welcoming them home: 1) Donations of $25 Walmart gift cards, [purchased online here](https://www.ucg.org), may be mailed to Drew Doll, 2802 Broad St, Durham NC 27704. 2) Make up a “Welcome Home” box following [these detailed instructions](https://www.ucg.org). Please contact congregation@duke.edu with questions.

**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](https://www.ucg.org).

**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 families 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](https://www.ucg.org).

**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. For more information, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

- **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 Forum:** On April 11, Dr. Matt Jantzen, Director of Emmaus Scholars Program and Visiting Assistant Professor of Ministry Studies, Hope College will address “By Their Fruits You Will Know Them: Practicing an Anti-Racist Christianity.”
Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is ris’n to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Love’s re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a-gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heaven in cho-rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat-tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Follow-ing our ex-alt-ed head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for-bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re- ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o-pened par-a-dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where’s thy vic-tory, boast-ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
Music: Lyra Davídica, London, 1708
1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph
of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:

2 The Lord of life is ris’n this day; death’s mighty stone is
rolled away; let all the earth rejoice and say:

3 Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which
cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high:

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with
one accord, the life laid down, the life restored:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.
Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615
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Response Hymn

The Day of Resurrection

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see a right
3. Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!

the passover of gladness, the passover of God.
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is there in!

From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,

our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

WORDS: John of Damascus; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1862
MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1835
Closing Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

1. All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
   Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;

2. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
   Exalt the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown him Lord of all;

3. Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
   Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;

4. Sinners, whose love can never forget the wormwood and the gall,
   Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;

5. Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
   Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;
   Exalt the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown him Lord of all.

   to him all majesty ascribe,
   Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;

   and crown him Lord of all;
   We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

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St. 1–5, Edward Perronet, 1779; alt.
St. 6, John Rippon, 1787

CORONATION C.M. rep.
Oliver Holden, 1793