During the season of Lent, many Christians practice disciplines that require personal cost as a way to learn more about loving God without regard to cost. In Paul’s letter to the Philippians, he suggests that all the knowledge of his former life counts as rubbish compared to the value he has discovered in Christ. The gospel lesson stirs the consciences of many who hear it, as Mary of Bethany lavishly anoints Jesus’s feet with fine perfume despite Judas’s objection. How often have we been more like Judas with our quick self-righteousness convinced that there is never enough and less like Mary, who offers an extravagant gift to God?
Gathering

Carillon

Opening Voluntary

Toccata (avanti la *Messa della Madonna*)
Canzon (dopo l'Epistola)
Toccata (per l'Elevazione)
Toccata (avanti il Ricercar)

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 194

Morning Glory, Starlit Sky

MONKLAND

*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:

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.

New Testament Lesson | NT page 187 in the pew Bibles

Philippians 3:4b-14

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

* All who are able may stand
Gospel Lesson | NT page 100 in the pew Bibles

John 12:1-8

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

Sermon

The Prophet Mary

Response

*Hymn of Response 399

Take My Life, and Let It Be

*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

Celtic Prayer (2017) by James Buonemani

You are the peace of all things calm,
You are the place to hide from harm,
You are the light that shines in dark,
You are the heart's eternal spark,
You are the door that's open wide,
You are the guest who waits inside,
You are the stranger at the door,
You are the calling of the poor,
You are my Lord and with me still,
You are my love, keep me from ill,
You are the light, the truth, the way
You are my Saviour this very day.

Text: Celtic Traditional

*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.

_A child and a youth member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel bring forward offerings collected in the children and youth Sunday School classes._

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
If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, send you another comforter: even the Spirit of Truth.

*Text: John 14:15-17*

**Sending Forth**

*Post-Communion Prayer*

*Benediction*

*Closing Hymn 126*

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*  
MIT FREUDEN ZART

**Choral Benediction**

*God be in my head*  
Christopher Hampson  
(b. 1980)

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

*Text: Sarum Primer, 1558*

**Closing Voluntary**

*Choral, from Symphony 2, Op. 20*  
Louis Vierne  
(1870-1937)

**Carillon**
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 the Chapel’s PathWays program.

GUEST PREACHER | This morning’s Howard C. Wilkinson Guest Preacher is the Rev. Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor. Rev. Taylor is a best-selling author, teacher, and Episcopal priest. Her fourteenth and most recent book is *Holy Envy*. She has served on the faculties of Piedmont College, Columbia Theological Seminary, Candler School of Theology at Emory University, McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University, and the Certificate in Theological Studies program at Arrendale State Prison for Women in Alto, Georgia. In 2014 TIME included her on its annual list of Most Influential People; in 2015 she was named Georgia Woman of the Year; in 2016 she received The President’s Medal at the Chautauqua Institution in New York.

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.

CROP WALK THIS AFTERNOON | It is not too late to join the CROP Walk which starts from the front of the Chapel at 2:30 p.m. today; registration begins at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to be part of this event which raises money to fight hunger both locally and globally.

TRIPLE T | Young adults and university students will gather in the Chapel kitchen on Monday, April 8, 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.

SECOND WEDNESDAY LUNCH | Informal conversation and fellowship in a local restaurant is the only agenda for the Second Wednesday Lunch. On April 10 at 12:00 noon, participants will gather at Fairview Dining Room, Washington Duke Inn, located at 3001 Cameron Blvd., Durham. Each person will purchase their own meal. Please call the Congregation Office at 919-684-3917 by noon on Monday, April 8, if you plan to attend.

SERMON TALK BACK NEXT SUNDAY | On Sunday, April 14, following the worship service, students have an opportunity to engage with Dean Luke Powery about the sermon. Students are invited to bring comments, questions, and wonderings, and to meet with the dean in Room 110 Gray of Duke Divinity School. The conversation will begin fifteen minutes after the service ends, and snacks will be provided. Come talk back to the preacher!

ST. JOHN PASSION CONCERT | Next Sunday, April 14, at 4:00 p.m., the Duke Evensong Singers perform J.S. Bach’s *St. John Passion* with instrumentation by composer Robert Schumann. In 1851, Schumann undertook a revival of *St. John Passion* which he described as "bold and poetic." As Mozart did with Messiah, and Mendelssohn with the *St. Matthew Passion*, Schumann replaced Baroque instruments with more modern alternatives; fortepiano, cello, and bass feature prominently in the recitatives and telling of the Passion narrative. Tickets are available from the Duke Box Office at tickets.duke.edu or 919-684-4444.

SHELTER DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | Helpers are needed for lasagna dinners at the Urban Ministries Shelter on Wednesday, April 24, from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, May 12, from 5:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please contact Cricket Scovil (scovilj@aol.com) to volunteer to cook two party-size lasagnas (twelve servings) and help serve, or just provide two cooked lasagnas. Each dinner requires twenty-two lasagnas and about ten volunteers. The shelter is located at 410 Liberty Street, Durham.
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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