Today the solemnity of Lent is interrupted by the joyful celebration of Palm Sunday. Our service begins with a procession of the palms to recall the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, fulfilling an ancient prophecy of the coming Messiah. The palms we wave reflect the fragility of the celebration—since a mere five days later, the crowd’s adulation turns to hatred. The King of Kings humbly rides on a donkey’s colt, and in so doing he fulfills an ancient prophecy that proclaims him as Lord and Savior. When some press Jesus to make his disciples stop their proclamation, he declares that even if all were silent, the stones of the city themselves would still cry out in joy.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 735, 736  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685–1750)

Choral Introit

Hosanna!

Hosanna, hosanna, let the nations sing.  
Hosanna, hosanna, to the coming King.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Behold our King! Hosanna in the highest!  
Lift up your heads, O ye gates.  
Be lifted up, you everlasting doors,  
and the King of Glory shall come in.


Greeting and Call to Worship

*Blessing of the Palms | Please stand as you are able and face the processional party at the back of the nave.

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.

*Processional Hymn 280

All Glory, Laud, and Honor  
ST. THEODULPH

*All rise as able
**Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | 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.

**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:**

Humble King Jesus, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: as we hear your word proclaimed today, grant us the faith to know you and love you, so that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson | OT pages 534–535 in pew Bibles.**

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

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

**Anthem**

Ride On, King Jesus

Ride on, King Jesus,
ride on, the conquering King.
Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on.
No man can a-hinder thee.

arr. Moses Hogan
(1957–2003)
I was but young when I begun.  
No man can a-hinder thee.  
But now my race is almost done.  
No man can a-hinder thee.

King Jesus rides a milk white horse.  
No man can a-hinder thee.  
The river of Jordan he did cross.  
No man can a-hinder thee.

He’s the King, and the Lord of all.  
Jesus is the first and he’s the last.  
Jesus is the Lord, Lord of Lords.  
Jesus is the Prince, Prince of peace.

Oh, ride on, Jesus, ride on, ride on.  
Ride on, Jesus!

—traditional spiritual

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 78 in pew Bibles.


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

Anthem

Osanna filio David

Osanna filio David!  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
O rex Israel, osanna in excelsis!

Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of Lord.  
O King of Israel, hosanna in the highest!

—Matthew 21:9
Sermon

Untied

Response

*Response Hymn 278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.
Hosanna! Ride On

Hosanna! Ride on! Ride on!
Ride on in majesty,
O Christ, with brave humility,
on lowly colt, your road pursue,
as palms and cloaks are spread for you.

As crowds of people come to see
and shout hosannas, lifting high
their praise for one about to die.

Ride on in humble dignity;
behold the ones you came to save
from senseless life and endless grave.

For you have set your people free
and we, rememb’ring all your pain
now meet again to hail your reign.

Hosanna! Ride on!

—Henry Milman (1791–1868), adapt. Lavon Bayler

*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 | 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.

Sending Forth
*Choral Benediction

    God Be in My Head                      John Rutter

    God be in my head and in my understanding,
    God be in my 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 my end and in my departing.

    —Sarum Primer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn 168

    At the Name of Jesus                      King’s Weston

Closing Voluntary

    Sonata I in F Minor              Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

    Allegro assai vivace
TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers
Kathryn Lester-Bacon .................. Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel
Carol Gregg .............................. Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel

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

Lectors
Danal Blessis ............................. Trinity ’82
Vikas Patel ................................. Trinity ’96, Medicine ’00, House Staff ’04

Musicians
Duke Chapel Choir .......................... Choir
Durham Children’s Choir .................. Guest Choir
Zebulon Highben ......................... Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel
Dena Byers ................................. Director, Durham Children’s Choir
Robert Parkins ............................ University Organist, Duke University
Christopher Jacobson ................... Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel
Charlie Hyland ............................ Soloist

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

Today’s Offering | All of today’s checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel’s PathWays program. 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.
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 Duke Alumni Engagement and Development.

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.

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.

2022 CROP Walk | The annual Durham CROP Walk will be held today, 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.

Choral Evensong Today | Rich with music spanning from the Renaissance to the present, Choral Evensong today at 4:00 p.m. features sung prayers, psalms, and canticles. Distinct from the noisy world around us, this service offers a place for quiet contemplation.

Faith and Learning Conversation with Professors | Students are invited to participate in a “Faith and Learning” conversation with three professors about how they connect the work of their minds with the work of their hearts and spirits. The professors are: Laura Lieber, professor in the Department of Religious Studies; Ken Rogerson, professor of the practice at the Sanford School of Public Policy; and Abdullah Antepli, associate professor of the practice at the Sanford School of Public Policy. The discussion will take place outside at the tent between Few and Craven Quads this Tuesday, April 12, from 12-noon to 1:00 p.m. Learn more at chapel.duke.edu/AcademicGuides.
The Chapel will observe Holy Week and Easter with these worship services and concerts:

- 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

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 of the Passion narrative from St. John’s Gospel 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.

As part of our observance of Holy Week, we are pleased to welcome three notable guest preachers. The Rev. Stan Yancey, a staff member of Duke Health Chaplain Services, will preach at the Holy Week Midday Service on April 11 at 12-noon. Minister Zari Wilson, a residence coordinator with Duke Housing and Residence Life, will preach at the Holy Week Midday Service on April 14 at 12-noon. 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.

Upcoming Exhibition: ‘Communion of Saints’ | The upcoming exhibition Communion of Saints: A Reflection on the Body of Christ through Time and Space will present woodblock prints of past saints and important figures of the church alongside images of current students, faculty and staff at Duke. The series of prints represents the beautiful diversity of the body of Christ across time, place and culture. Communion of Saints was created by Rebekah Schultz, a Duke Divinity School student. Schultz was selected as this year’s Duke University Chapel C. Eric Lincoln Fellow. The annual fellowship for students provides funding to an undergraduate or graduate student to complete a sacred art project and is named in honor of C. Eric Lincoln who was a professor of Religion and Culture at Duke University from 1976–1993. The exhibition will be on view in the Chapel from April 18 to May 16.

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. There will be no classes on Easter Sunday; classes will resume as scheduled on April 24.

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).
Adult Forum: On April 24, the Rev. Dr. Christian Wilson, retired Methodist minister and Congregation member, will speak on “Best Western It Is Not: The Text of the Book of Acts” in Westbrook 0012 and by Zoom.
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.

The Congregation at Duke Chapel joyfully welcomes all persons regardless of age, race, class, origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other distinction and invites membership and participation in all of its ministries.

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