The Gospel of John says that Jesus appeared again among his disciples a week after his resurrection. This time Thomas, who said he would not believe Jesus was alive unless he touched the marks of crucifixion on Jesus’s body, was with the others. Jesus spoke his peace upon the disciples and invited Thomas to believe by touching his hands and side. Jesus then blessed all who would come to believe without ever seeing him in the flesh. The Book of Acts describes how believers such as those Jesus blessed came together, their lives a testimony to Jesus’s resurrection from the dead. By caring for one another and sharing all things in common, these believers bore witness to Christ’s grace that was upon them all.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Offertoire pour le Jour de Pâques: O Filii et Filiae
Jean-François Dandrieu (1682–1738)

Greeting and Call to Worship

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

This Joyful Eastertide

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | The minister offers words of confession in three biddings to which the congregation responds as follows:

Minister: Lord have mercy.
People: Lord have mercy.
Minister: Christ have mercy.
People: Christ have mercy.
Minister: Lord have mercy.
People: Lord have mercy.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*Greeting of 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.

Proclamation
Prayer for Illumination

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts as we open the pages of your scriptures that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

First Lesson
Psalm 133

Anthem (Virtual)

Christ lag in Todesbanden
Johann Hermann Schein (1586–1630)

*All rise as able
Des wir sollen fröhlich sein,
Gott loben und ihm dankbar sein
Und singen halleluja, halleluja!

Christ lay in death’s strong bands
given over for our sins,
be is risen again
and has brought us life;
for this we should be joyful,
praise and be thankful to God
and sing alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Martin Luther (1483–1546)

Second Lesson

1 John 1:1–2:2

*Gradual Hymn | Sing stanzas 1 through 3. See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

*Gospel Lesson

John 20:19–31

*Gradual Hymn | Sing stanzas 4 through 6. See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

Sermon

Like the Oil Down Aaron’s Beard

Response

*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.
Baptism Celebration Video (Virtual)

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.

New Members Video (Virtual)

Offering

*Doxology

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.

Thine Is the Glory

Closing Voluntary

Toccata: O Filii et Filiæ

Lynnwood Farnam
(1885–1930)
TODAY’S FLOWERS | The flowers for the worship service today are given by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Chapel Endowment.

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 Fellowship. You are invited to give online at gifts.duke.edu/chapel. Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

TODAY’S GUEST PREACHER | Today’s Wilder Guest Preacher is Dr. Valerie Cooper. Dr. Cooper is an associate professor of religion and society and Black church studies at Duke Divinity School. Professor Cooper, the first African American woman to earn tenure at the school, joined the faculty in 2014. Using historical and theological methodologies, her wide-ranging scholarship examines issues of religion, race, politics, and popular culture.

BAPTISMS | This morning we celebrate the baptism of Aubrey Gabbert, daughter of Dillon and Laruen Gabbert, Monica Hill, and James Peters, son of Anthony and Ashley Peters. Please welcome these individuals into the family of faith.

NEW MEMBERS | Today we recognize nine new members of the Congregation at Duke Chapel. These new members are: Greg Beck, Doug Gallo, Carmelita Chadwick-Gallo, Lauren Goetzl, Monica Harris, Charlene James, Patience Sowa, and Christian and Marianne Wilson. Please welcome these individuals, couples, and families to this community.
ENGAGE

CHAPEL MUSIC SPRING CONCERT TODAY | Today, April 11, at 4:00 p.m., Chapel Music will present a spring concert, entitled “Faith & Hope & 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 Guite’s 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. Watch here.

DUKE WELLNESS DAY TOMORROW | Chapel ministers and Religious Life leaders will participate tomorrow (April 12) in the university’s Wellness Day for Duke students, faculty, and staff. Religious Life staff will lead an outdoor Prayer Pilgrimage that begins at 11:00 a.m. on Chapel steps. Chapel Ministers will host a Service of Prayers for Healing and Wholeness outside on the Chapel steps at 5:15 p.m. See the full schedule for Wellness Day 2021.

ONLINE RACIAL HEALING CIRCLE ON TUESDAY | 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 THURSDAY | This 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. Watch here.

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.

RELIGIOUS LIFE GROUPS OUTDOOR SERVICES | Campus Religious Life groups are holding small outdoor prayer and worship services for Duke students, staff, and faculty who are on campus. The services are an opportunity for collective worship for the many faith traditions represented by the groups. The services adhere to all university public health protocols, including masking, physical distancing, and compliance with the Duke Compact. See a listing of the services.

DUKE STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF INVITED TO SIGN UP FOR TIME IN THE CHAPEL | By reservation only, the Chapel is open to students and to employees who are working on campus to #FindSanctuary. Duke students, faculty, and staff with and without a faith affiliation are welcome to sign up for a time to meditate, reflect, pray, contemplate, or just be in the Chapel. Ticketed time slots for students and employees are available during these hours: Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Learn more and sign up at chapel.duke.edu/findsanctuary.
VIRTUAL BACK PEW COLLECTION | The April Virtual Back Pew collection is for The Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham. 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, may be mailed to Drew Doll, 2802 Broad St, Durham NC 27704. 2) Make up a “Welcome Home” box following these detailed instructions. 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.

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.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY TOMORROW | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual Bible study on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Next meeting dates are April 12 and 26 at 6:30 p.m. The conversation will focus on the book of Romans this semester. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact Matt Wright for additional information.

ART FOR ANTI Racism AND INCLUSION | The Fellowship Committee of the Congregation invites artists of all skill levels to develop visual symbols of antiracism and inclusion. These symbols are to represent the Congregation’s commitment to antiracism and inclusion. Art in all of the glorious mediums (such as drawing, painting, crayons, glue, glitter, playdough, fabric, photography, videos, string) are encouraged. For more information and to participate, please click on this link.

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 18, Dr. Dustin Benac, Visiting Assistant Professor of Practical Theology and Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellow, Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University will address “Christian Leadership for Post-Pandemic World: Tales from Field Work in the Pacific Northwest.”
Opening Hymn
This Joyful Eastertide

1 This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season thank.
3 Death’s flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river.

My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morning.
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in num ber.
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.
Gradual Hymn

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

1 O sons and daughters, let us sing with heavenly hosts to Christ our King; today the grave has lost its sting!

2 That night the apostles met in fear; among them came their Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be with you here."

3 When Thomas first the tidings heard, how disciples' word, believing be."

4 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see; and look upon my hands, my feet; not faithless, but beheld the risen Lord, he doubted the disciples' word."

5 No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been, for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Repeat opening Alleluias
Thine is the Glory

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!
2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he gives thee, scatters fear and gloom;
3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught with vict'ry out the church with gladness, aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors,

Judith Maccabeus

Refrain

where thy body lay, death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring

to thy home above. Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759