Today, we welcome Duke alumni returning to campus from around the world! How appropriate it is that today’s scripture lessons focus on another sort of reunion among the followers of Christ. Thomas is too often portrayed as a “doubter,” but doesn’t he—as do we—simply want to see with his own eyes proof of what he’s heard? In today’s gospel lesson, he gets that very opportunity as he is reunited with his Lord and his God. This experience is pivotal for Thomas, as it was for all the apostles, and they go on to evangelize the ancient world, serving as eyewitnesses of Christ’s resurrection. Thomas committed his life to carrying Jesus’s message to the world.
Opening Voluntary

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

Choral Introit

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia  
Tanzanian traditional

Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.  
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,  
even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.  
Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!

—Bernard Kyamanywa, tr. Howard S. Olson

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn | UMH 306

The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done  
VICTORY

*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.

*All rise as able
The minister speaks words of assurance.

*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:

Heavenly Father and God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts knowledge of the risen life we share with Christ. Help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you. Amen.

Anthem

Great Day

Great day, the righteous marchin’,
Great day, the righteous marchin’,
Great day, the righteous marchin’,
God’s gonna build up Zion’s wall.

Chariot moved on the mountaintop, brother,
God’s gonna build up Zion’s wall.
My God spoke and the chariot stopped, sister,
God’s gonna build up Zion’s wall.

This is the year of jubilee, brother,
God’s gonna build up Zion’s wall.
My God set his people free, sister,
God’s gonna build up Zion’s wall.

Great day, that mornin’, great day.
God’s gonna build up, God’s gonna build up,
God’s gonna build up Zion’s wall.

—Black spiritual
First Lesson | NT pages 111–112 in pew Bibles.

Acts 2:14a, 22–32

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

*Gradual Hymn | UMH 317, Stanzas 1, 6, and 7

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing


John 20:19–31

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

*Gradual Hymn | UMH 317, Stanzas 8 and 9

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

Sermon

Impossible

Response

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 Music

Selections by Yolanda Adams
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 | 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 in my end and in my departing.

—Sarum Primer

Benediction

Recessional Hymn | See hymn printed at the end of worship guide.

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright
Closing Voluntary

Improvisation on puer nobis

Carillon

Communion Service Following Worship | Immediately following today's worship service, a brief communion service will be held in the chancel. All are welcome to enter the chancel, sit in the choir stalls, and participate. As you are leaving the Chapel, please be mindful of the impact of conversations and other sounds on this service.
**Today’s Guest Musician** | Gospel vocalist Yolanda Adams is a multi-platinum recording artist with thirteen albums, whose music blends modern gospel with R&B and jazz. Some of her many awards and recognitions include five Grammy Awards, *Billboard* magazine’s Gospel Artist of the Decade, performances at the White House, and induction into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame. In addition to her work as a gospel singer and songwriter, Adams is an actress, author, fashion designer, and entrepreneur. She is the host, creator, and owner of the nationally syndicated radio program the *Yolanda Adams Morning Show*. Through her radio show and her nonprofit, Adams has supported numerous organizations working to improve education, health, and the well-being of young people. In 2016, President Barack Obama presented her with the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for her volunteer service.

**Today’s Offering** | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

**Today’s Flowers** | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Chapel Endowment.

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 community and beyond. Today, we give thanks for the all Duke University Alumni.

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.

Listen-Assist Smartphone App | The Chapel is testing a new smartphone app that lets you use your own phone and earbuds to listen in the pews to services. To use the app, stop by the AV console in the sanctuary on the way into a service. It’s an easy two-step process of downloading the app and then scanning a QR code to connect to the sound system.

Student Photo Exhibition Examines Muslim Identity | Selected by Duke Chapel as this year’s C. Eric Lincoln Fellow in Theology and Arts, graduate student Shiraz Ahmed explores how and why local Muslim men wear beards in his exhibition *The Beards of Muslim Men*. The exhibition, which is on display in the Chapel until May 5, places photographic portraits of bearded Muslim men on stylized backgrounds. At a free public reception on Tuesday, April 25, at 6:00 p.m. at the Chapel, Ahmed will give remarks about his exhibition.

LGBTQ+ Fellowship | Members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies are invited to attend the monthly fellowship gathering next Sunday, April 23, from 12:15–1:15 p.m. in the Congregation Office and over Zoom. The Congregation Office is located in the lower level of the Chapel. For more information or the Zoom link, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

Saturday Service Project | Volunteers are needed for gardening work at Urban Community AgriNomics (UCAN) this Saturday, April 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 12-noon. UCAN’s mission is to empower Durham families with access to resources for growing healthy food using sustainable practices in a supportive environment. The UCAN farm, established in 2016, is located approximately twenty minutes from Duke at 2080 Sawmill Creek Parkway. For more information, contract congregation@duke.edu.
United in Praise Concert Next Saturday | United in Praise is Duke’s student-run gospel choir. They will present a concert in Duke Chapel this Saturday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. The performance, titled “He’s Not Dead,” will celebrate the Easter season. Admission is free.

Spring Oratorio: Music for Troubled Times | Next Sunday, April 23, at 4:00 p.m., the Chapel’s choirs join forces with the Mallarmé Chamber Players to present a program of choral music for anxious times. The program will include Felix Mendelssohn’s cantata “Hear My Prayer” and the Missa in Angustiis (“Lord Nelson” Mass) by Franz Joseph Haydn, considered one of the most evocative mass settings of the Classical era. Tickets ($30 general seating; $18 for employees; free for Duke students) are available for purchase through the Duke Box Office at tickets.duke.edu.

Back Pew Collection | Urban Community AgriNomic’s Catawba Trail Farm welcomes donations of gardening supplies for growing healthy food using sustainable practices in a supportive environment. Needed items are: all sizes of garden and work gloves, small hand tools for gardening and bird seed/food. Donations may be placed on the back pew on Sundays, April 23 and 30.

Young Adult Gatherings | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to dinner and Bible study on Mondays, April 24 and May 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel kitchen, located in the lower level of the Chapel. Come for a light supper and good conversation. Participants will discuss the Letter to the Romans. Please contact laura.wilson@duke.edu for additional information.

Carillon Recital April 30 | Lisa J. Lonie, Princeton University carillonneur, will give a recital on the Chapel’s carillon on Sunday, April 30, at 5:00 p.m. The concert is part of the 2022–2023 J. Samuel Hammond Carillon Recital Series. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and enjoy the music from the beautiful surroundings of Abele Quad. This recital, free and open to the public, is presented rain or shine.
Bach Cantata Concert May 7 | J.S. Bach’s church cantatas are often considered the pinnacle of German sacred music, works whose theological depth and emotional resonance touch deep places in the human soul. The Chapel’s Bach Cantata Series presents these musical masterpieces accompanied by other notable choral and instrumental works of the Baroque era. The final concert in the series on Sunday, May 7, at 5:00 p.m. will feature solo cantatas by Bach.

May Book Group | The focus for the May book groups will be Aging: Growing Old in Church by Dr. Will Willimon, professor of the practice of Christian ministry at Duke Divinity School. Book groups will be held over Zoom beginning Wednesday, May 3, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Dr. Willimon will discuss his book at the Adult Forum on Sunday, May 7, at 9:45 a.m. in Westbrook 0012 and over Zoom. Contact congregation@duke.edu for more information.

Chapel Flowers | If you would like to honor a loved one and the worshiping community of the Duke Chapel with a gift of flowers to decorate the chancel for Sunday worship, please contact Angela Flynn, coordinator of worship and ministry, at angela.flynn@duke.edu.

Sunday Morning Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages are offered from 9:45–10:45 a.m., with coffee and refreshments provided at 9:30 a.m. Classes meet in the lowest level of the Westbrook building. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information. The classes are as follows:

- **Wee Praise**: Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in room 0011 Westbrook
- **Godly Play**: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade in room 0050 Langford.
- **Youth Bible Study**: Youth in 6th–12th grades will explore New Testament letters in 0015 Wesbrook
- **Adult Bible Study**: Adults will explore the book of Matthew in 0013 Westbrook and over Zoom.
- **Adult Forum**: On April 23, Ian N. Mills, PhD in Religion, Duke University, will discuss “Salvation through Understanding: An Introduction to Early Christian Gnosticisms” in 0012 Westbrook and over Zoom.
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1. That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord!

2. O Jesus, king of gentleness, with constant love our hearts possess; to you our lips will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.

3. O Christ, you are the Lord of all in you, once dead, but now alive! To God the Father equal praise, and God the Spirit, now we raise!

4. All praise, O risen Lord, we give to this our Easter festival, for you will be our strength and shield from every weapon death can wield.
The Congregation at Duke University 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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