Today we are in the third week of Eastertide, a season of celebration and formation, in which people are called to ministry in the name of the Risen Lord. In today’s psalm, the Lord is lifted up as listening to the psalmist’s cries and meeting the need, evoking praise and offerings in response. The 1 Peter lesson reminds the community of faith that being born anew of imperishable seed, they are called to love one another deeply from the heart. The gospel lesson is the story of the risen Jesus meeting two forlorn disciples on the road to Emmaus and being made known to them in the breaking of the bread. When Christ is made known, the revelations experienced on the journey become clear and lives are transformed.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in E minor, BWV 548

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Greeting and Announcements

*Opening Hymn | See hymns at the back of the bulletin.

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*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | In unison:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: as we are inspired by your word today, strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Lesson

1 Peter 1:17-23

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 | Join the cantor in chanting the verses in bold.

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

*All rise as able
Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray, save my life!”
What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

*Gospel Lesson


Sermon

On the Way

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.

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: Giving to COVID-19 Relief

Offertory Solo

In The Breaking of The Bread

Zebulon M. Highben

When Jesus was at table with them, he took the bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.

They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he opened the scriptures unto us?”
Then they told the other disciples what had happened on the road, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see:
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,
to gaze on thee, unveiled, and see thy grace,
the vision of thy glory, and thy grace.


*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 Processional Hymn | See hymns at the back of the bulletin.

Day of Arising

Closing Voluntary

Carillon de Westminster, Op. 54, No. 6

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTER
The Rev. Bruce Puckett ............................................................. Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel

PREACHER
The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon ........................................ Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel

MUSICIANS
Dr. Zebulon Highben .................................................. Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel
Mr. Christopher Jacobson .................................................. Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel

TODAY’S OFFERING | This Easter we encourage you to give online to the COVID-19 relief funds set up by Duke University. There are three funds to aid our neighbors in this trying time. One of the funds is the Duke Health COVID-19 Response Fund, which addresses the needs of Duke Health patients, caregivers, and students impacted by the virus, and to help accelerate the research already underway to combat the virus. Learn more and give at coronavirus.duke.edu/together-duke-giving-back.

ENGAGE

GRAD STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to virtual discussion of the Gospel of Matthew on Mondays, April 27 and May 11, at 6:30 p.m. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact Matt Wright at matthew.r.wright@duke.edu for login information.

CARILLON LIVESTREAM | You are invited to participate virtually in an ongoing campus tradition. Listen live online to the playing of the Duke Chapel carillon bells weekdays at 5:00 p.m. EDT on the Duke Chapel Facebook page at facebook.com/dukechapel.

ONLINE WORSHIP CONTINUES | Each week, Sunday morning worship services are livestreamed at 11:00 a.m. Recordings of Choral Vespers and Choral Evensong are being posted with commentary on the Chapel website at the times when the services normally would have occurred: 4:00 p.m. on Sundays for Evensong and 7:00 p.m. Thursdays for Vespers.

DUKE CHAPEL YOUTUBE CHANNEL | Duke Chapel’s YouTube channel has an extensive archive of Sunday, Evensong, and Vespers worship services as well as concerts and panel discussions. Please enjoy these resources at youtube.com/dukechapel.
ENGAGE (Continued)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | Online classes for all ages are offered Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Please see the Congregation’s eNews for links or contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu. Classes are:

- Wee Praise: For children who are infants through age 3 with parents or caregivers
- Godly Play: For children age 4 through 5th grade
- Youth Bible Study: For youth in 6th–12th grade
- Adult Bible Study: Study on the book of Acts
- Adult Forum: Guest speakers

SOUNDS OF FAITH VIDEO REFLECTIONS | While in the current climate we cannot gather together to worship and sing, we can still find consolation in recordings of the congregational hymns, choral anthems, organ voluntaries, and other music that have filled the Chapel over the decades—and perhaps, find ways to listen even more deeply to these sounds of faith. To that end, Chapel musicians have created a weekly Sounds of Faith video series. Each video presents a recording of music performed at the Chapel with commentary about its composition, history, and meaning. The videos are posted Wednesday evenings and are between five and ten minutes long. Find them at chapel.duke.edu/music.

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP | During this time of anxiety and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to be able to connect with others. To this end, the Fellowship Committee is hosting a virtual meet-up using the Zoom application. This will be a casual event in which Congregation members can share experiences, visit friends and spend time together (virtually.) Please join the gathering on Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. Details are available from congregation@duke.edu and in the Congregation’s eNews.

HELPING FROM HOME | The Chapel is collaborating with Divinity School student organizations, as well as the community initiative Covering the Triangle and Durham’s local government, to provide face-coverings for people in prisons and jails, bus drivers, social workers, seniors, volunteer food distributors, and others. To learn more and get involved, contact the Chapel’s Community Minister Rev. Breana van Velzen at breana.van.velzen@duke.edu.

TWO MINUTES TOGETHER | While we remain physically apart, Chapel ministers are seeking ways of bringing people together. One way is through a series of brief videos—about two minutes long—reflecting on how we can be in solidarity with one another and draw near to God. It is a virtual way of spending “Two Minutes Together.” Look for #TwoMinutesTogether videos on the Chapel website and social media.
Hymn

Now the Green Blade Riseth

1. Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
   wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
   Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
   Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

2. In the grave they laid him, Love who had been slain,
   thinking that he never would awake again,
   laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
   Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
   Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
   quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
   Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
   Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
   fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
   Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

WORDS: J. M. C. Crum, 1928, alt.
MUSIC: Trad. French carol

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11.10.10.11
Day of Arising

1 Day of arising, Christ on the road way,
unknown companion walks with his own.

2 When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
blind by sadness, slowness of heart,

3 Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ’s promise, this is Christ’s sign:

4 Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.

When they invite him, as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

yet Christ walks with us ever a waiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.

when the church gathers, when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.

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Music: bunessan, Gaelic melody
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