Our lessons today emphasize God’s abiding presence and the calling of disciples to abide in Christ. In the epistle, we are reminded that God is love and that those who remain in the love of God must in turn love others. The Gospel lesson includes Jesus’s depiction of the kingdom of God as a vineyard, with God as the vine grower and Jesus himself as the vine. Each of us is a branch from that vine. Carefully tended by God the vine grower, we are called to live in Christ and be fruitful.
Gathering
Carillon

Prelude

Praeludium in G
Nicolaus Bruhns
(1665–1697)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn | UMH 304

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

*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.

*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 | In unison:

God of grace, you have given us ears to hear you and hearts to love you. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem

Amazing
Hezekiah Walker

1 John 4:7–21

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

*Gradual Hymn | UMH 402, stanzas 1 and 2. All turn to face the Gospel procession.

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 103 in pew Bibles.

John 15:1–8

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

*Gradual Hymn | UMH 402, stanzas 3 and 4.

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Sermon

1 John 4:22

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 Anthem

Glorious Martha Munizzi
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!

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion
*The Great Thanksgiving | Musical Setting A on page 17 in the hymnal.

*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.

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. Bread and wine are used for communion. After a server places bread in your hands, you may receive wine by dipping your bread into the chalice. If you desire gluten-free bread or grape juice, or to drink from a common cup, these are available from servers at the front near Memorial Chapel and near the back opposite the attendant's desk. 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 Hymn | UMH 617

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

Post-Communion Prayer
**Sending Forth**

* Benediction

* Sending Hymn | UMH 57, stanzas 1–5

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**Postlude**

Ballo del granduca attr. Samuel Scheidt (1587–1654)

**Carillon**

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**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**Presiding Ministers**

Mitchell Eithun ......................... *Intern for Music; Pathways Fellow; Divinity ’25*

Racquel Gill ......................... *Minister for Intercultural Engagement, Duke University Chapel*

**Preacher**

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

**Lectors**

Ken Davenport ......................... *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Morgan Dynes ......................... *Pastoral Assistant for the Congregation; Divinity ’26*

**Musicians**

United in Praise. ........................ *Choir*

   Members: Alexandria Edwards, Amenra Pryor, Aseda Asomani, Chris-Ann Bennett,
             D'Asia Evans, Damilola Adewale, Destiny Benjamin, Fatima Hayes,
             Gabriel Bostick, Grace Williams, Hannah McKee, Jasmin Riley,
             Joseph Asamoah, Kendall Motley, Major Glenn, Neleh Hopper,
             Sanai Tolbert, Taliyah Thomas, Vaughn Bledsoe, Vivan Sekandi

LaNaiah Frieson ......................... *United in Praise Choir Director*

Nicholas Venable ......................... *United in Praise Music Director*

Chad Fothergill ......................... *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*

Katherine Johnson ....................... *Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*

Mitchell Eithun ......................... *Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

**Head Usher**

James Ferguson ......................... *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
Today’s Guest Musicians | United in Praise, formerly the Modern Black Mass Choir, is a diverse student group consisting of both undergraduate and graduate Duke University students who profess the Christian faith. The choir is one of the oldest student groups on campus. During the mid-sixties, a time when Duke did not openly embrace its cultural and ethnic diversity, the Modern Black Mass Choir was organized in a local church for Duke’s Black students. In 1972, the choir was reorganized as a student group. Performing regularly at community and campus engagements, the choir ministers at local churches and community centers, participates in youth outreach events, and presents a concert each semester.


Today’s Flowers | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God in memory of Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans and in honor of her former classmate, Betty Pyle Baldwin.

Today’s Offering | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel’s Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. Give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.

ENGAGE

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 Department of Mathematics.

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.

Choral Evensong | The Chapel will hold a service of Choral Evensong today at 4:00 p.m. Led musically by the Evensong Singers, the Chapel’s Evensong worship service follows the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer and features choral and organ music from the English cathedral tradition.
**Carillon Concert** | Jonathan Lehrer, Michigan State University carilllonist, will present a recital on the Chapel’s carillon today at 5:00 p.m. The recital follows the Chapel’s Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m. The concert is part of the J. Samuel Hammond Carillon Recital Series. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and enjoy the music from the beautiful surroundings of Abele Quad. These recitals will be presented rain or shine.

**ChorWorks Summer Program in Early Sacred Music** | Through Duke Chapel, the nonprofit organization ChorWorks is offering their summer program “Henry Purcell—England’s Orpheus” from June 10 to 16 at Duke University. The workshop is led by Dr. Philip Cave, executive director of ChorWorks and conductor-in-residence at Duke Chapel. Those invited to the program will receive a scholarship covering the full cost of tuition and housing. Learn more and apply by April 30 at chapel.duke.edu/chorworks.

**Adult Forum** | Sunday, May 5, Dr. Joshua Salaam, Director/Chaplain of The Center for Muslim Life at Duke University, will continue his series on Islam in 0012 Westbrook and over Zoom.

**Commencement Weekend** | On Commencement Weekend (May 10–12), there will be no Sunday service, as the Chapel will host eight graduation ceremonies, including the two University Baccalaureate Services. Additionally, some Religious Life groups will hold services elsewhere on campus. See the schedule at chapel.duke.edu/commencement.

**Christian Friendship Book Group** | Readers are invited to meet over Zoom on Wednesdays to discuss *Faithful Friendships: Embracing Diversity in Christian Community* by Dana L. Robert. Groups will meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. For more information, please reach out to congregation@duke.edu.

**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.

**Sunday Morning Classes** | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages 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.
Hearing assistance units, as well as large-print worship guides and hymnals, are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. There, you can also find directions to download a listen-assist app on your phone. Please let us know if you need other accommodations by approaching a minister or usher, or email us at dukechapel@duke.edu.

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.

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