Forty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the Ascension of Jesus as described in Acts, Luke, and Mark. Today we mark this celebration. In many traditions, the Feast of the Ascension is one of the holiest and most celebrated moments in the liturgical year; it is also among the most ancient of Christian traditions. The Church holds that the day of Ascension is a day for celebration because all the work that Jesus came to do has been accomplished, and he returns to the right hand of God the Father.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation. The Chapel welcomes families with children. If at any time during the service your child needs a place for active play, please know there is a nursery in the basement of Baldwin.

GATHERING

CARILLON

CHORAL PRELUDE

Surrexit Dominus (plainchant)

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree Stanford Scriven
(b. 1988)

Sinner Man arr. Matthew Culloton
(b. 1976)

Alleluia Terry Mizesko
(b. 1946)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING PROCESSION: HYMN 660 (please see hymns at back of bulletin)

God Is Here

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (in unison)

The minister offers words of confession in three biddings, to which the congregation responds as follows:

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*PEACE

(All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)
PROCLAMATION

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO CONGREGATION CHILDREN AND YOUTH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: as we are formed by your word, help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father’s side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON—Acts 1:1–11

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

ANTHEM

Wondrous Love  arr. Dave Cook

What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
That caused the Lord of life to bear the heavy cross!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
That Christ should lay aside his crown for my soul!

SECOND LESSON—Ephesians 1:15–23

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

GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 24:44–53

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

SERMON—Why Are You Standing Here?

RESPONSE

RESPONSE HYMN 312 (please see hymns at back of bulletin)

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise  LLANFAIR

*THE 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: “Hear our prayer.”)

OFFERTORY
Ecce dedi verba mea  Richard Burchard
(b. 1960)
Ecce dede verba mea in ore tuo:
ecce constitui te super gentes et super regna,
ut evellas, et destruas, et aedefices, et plantes.
Alleluia.

Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth:
Lo, I have set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms,
to root up and to pull down, to build and to plant.
Alleluia.  
—Jeremiah 1:9–10

*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

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING PROCESSION: HYMN 157
Jesus Shall Reign  
DUKE STREET

POSTLUDE
Prelude and Fugue in D major, BWV 532  
Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

CARILLON

*All who are able may stand.
MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers  The Rev. Meghan Benson
                     Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp
Preacher  The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery
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         Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel
         Ms. Kate Clayton
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              Mr. Eddie Adams, director
              Garner Magnet High School Choir
              Ms. Leah Godfrey, director
Organist  Mr. Christopher Jacobson
Presiding Minister over Small Communion  The Rev. Brad Troxell
Head Ushers  Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong

CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY’S FLOWERS—The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by the Nan and Taylor Cole Chapel Endowment.

TODAY’S OFFERING—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used for an emergency fund for disaster and recovery support for communities in our world that are affected by unexpected and sudden disaster (natural or otherwise). Your generosity enables the Chapel to respond quickly with financial support in times of acute crisis.

DUKE CHAPEL EVENT EMAIL LIST—If you would like to receive emails about upcoming events sponsored by Duke Chapel, such as concerts, dialogues, special worship services, and more, please visit www.chapel.duke.edu/contact and sign up via the link in the left-hand box.

BROADCASTS—Gifts to the Chapel Annual Fund support broadcasts of Sunday services live every week over AM 620 WDNC and rebroadcast a week later on AM 680 WPTF 10:00 a.m. Streaming video of the services are available on the web at chapel.duke.edu. The services are broadcast live on patient TV channel 12 in Duke Hospital. If you would like to support media ministry, click on “make a gift” on the chapel website.

SERMONS AVAILABLE—Copies of today’s sermon are available in the entry lobby of Baldwin Auditorium. A downloadable PDF, podcast, and webcast of sermons each week are available on the Chapel’s website, www.chapel.duke.edu.
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The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

Christian Education—Beginning June 7, the Congregation will offer three weekly opportunities on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the Biddle Music Building. There will be no Sunday morning classes on May 24 or May 31.

• Wee Praise: For children ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers in 102 Biddle
• Children/Youth Choir: For children age 4 and up and youth in 101 Biddle
• Adult/Youth Class: Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles in 104 Biddle

Volunteers and Lasagnas Needed—Urban Ministries Shelter dinner volunteers are needed for Wednesday, June 24 (6:15 arrival with 2 party size lasagnas). For details and to volunteer, please contact Cricket Scovil (scovilj@aol.com or 919-286-0556). Early notice is appreciated.

Annual Business Meeting June 7—The Congregation’s annual business meeting will be held Sunday, June 7, at 1:00 p.m. in the Downunder conference room of the Gilbert-Addoms residence hall on East Campus. Lunch, catered by Bennett Pointe Grill, will be provided for $10. Please contact the Congregation office by June 2 at 919-684-3917 if you plan to attend.

Congregation’s 30th Anniversary—2015 is the 30th anniversary of the Congregation at Duke Chapel. If you have stories, photographs, or memorabilia from the early years of the congregation that you would like to share, please contact the congregation office or Lucy Worth.

Walking Meditation—Walking meditations will continue in Duke Garden on Tuesdays through the month of May. Walkers meet at the base of the terrace gardens in near the fish pond at 12:15 p.m. After reading a psalm, the group walks silently for 20 minutes, then concludes with reflections and prayer by 12:45 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

Walk in the Woods—Those who enjoy a long walk in the woods are invited to join a day hike on Saturday, May 24, in Falls Lake State Recreation Area. Hikers will meet at 8:30 a.m. at Harry Rodenhizer’s home in Durham then carpool over to Falls Lake. After walking approximately 7 miles, the group will find a spot to relax and enjoy their picnic lunches. The group should be back to Durham by early afternoon. Please let Harry Rodenhizer know if you are planning to attend by emailing rodenhizer@hotmail.com.

Playgroup—Young children and their caregivers are invited to gather on Tuesday, May 26, at 10:30 a.m. in Oval Park, 210 West Club Blvd., Durham, for fellowship and playground fun.
1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer
   praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure
   what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a-
   round us, all our varied skills and arts wait the
   preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in
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   preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in

2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong
   need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit;
   here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of
   help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day’s ded -

3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shep - herd’s
   flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken,
   Christ sustains us, as of old. Here the servants of the
   caution, all we have to give, receive; we, who

4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of
   change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel;
   what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a-
   round us, all our varied skills and arts wait the
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WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1978
MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941
Abbott’s Leigh

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
2. There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!
3. See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
4. See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia!

To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!
See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia!

Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!

Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!
Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!
Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739
MUSIC: Robert Williams, 1817; harm. by David Evans, 1927

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LLANFAIR
77.77 with Alleluias
Jesus Shall Reign

1. Jesus shall reign wherever the sun does its circuitous journeys run; his kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To Jesus endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head; his name like sweetest song; and infant voices fume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of every tongue dwell on his eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns; all prisoners leap and loose their chains; the weary find peculiar to our King, angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!
5. Let every creature rise and bring honors personal to the Lord, whom angels whisper hail, and earth again repeat the loud amen!
FOR WORSHippers & VISITORS

† Prayer requests may be emailed to chapel-prayers@duke.edu.
† Tours of Duke Chapel are suspended until the nave re-opens in late spring 2016.
† Hearing assistance units are available in the lobby of Baldwin Auditorium. See the attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print bulletins for the worship service.

FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN

† Children 4 and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Baldwin basement, beginning at 10:50 a.m. each week. Pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship. Parents needing a place to feed, quiet, or change infants are also welcome.
† Activity Bags are available in the entryway of Baldwin for children 5 or younger. Please return the bags at the end of the service. Children’s bulletins are available from the ushers.

We invite you to consider joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel. The Congregation is an interdenominational church with a variety of vibrant ministries, including discipleship and spiritual formation (for children, youth, and adults), mission and outreach, and pastoral care. If you would like to receive the weekly eNews from the Congregation or have any questions, please email congregation@duke.edu or call 919-684-3917.

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