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. Today six youth will be confirming their commitment to the Christian faith.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

CHORAL PRELUDE

Heilig  
Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

Excerpts from Gloria  
Antonia Vivaldi  
(1678-1741)

Gloria in excelsis  
Et in terra pax  
Domine fili unigenite  
Quoniam tu solus sanctus  
Cum Sancto Spiritu

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 312  
Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise  
LLANFAIR

PROCLAMATION

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 (NT page 110 in the pew Bible)

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

*GRADUAL HYMN 173 (stanza 1)  
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies  
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)  
RATISBON

*GOSPEL LESSON—John 17:6-19 (NT page 105)

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

*GRADUAL HYMN 173 (stanzas 2-3)  
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies  
RATISBON

SERMON—Just Be
Confirmation

Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity, you claim us as your children when you bring us to your freedom through the waters of baptism. Come among us now to make and confirm the covenant to which you call us, and strengthen us to live your redeemed life. Amen.

Presentation of the Candidates by Mentors

The following young people come forward for confirmation: Michael Beckham Young, Benjamin Wilhelm Ziegenhals Wirzba, Andrew Thomas Wynkoop, Paul Matthew Wynkoop, Carlynn Grace Winters, Emily Anne Miller. The congregation responds at the prompting of the presiding minister.

Making and Renewing Our Decision to Follow Christ

The minister addresses questions to those being confirmed:

Do you turn to Christ as Savior, Lord and Friend?
I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of all your sins?
I repent of all my sins.

Do you renounce evil?
I renounce evil.

To the mentors of those to be confirmed:
Will you pray for these people, draw them into the community of faith, help them take their place in the life and worship of the Church, and walk with them in the way of Christ?

To the congregation:
Will you, all God’s people, welcome these young people and uphold them in their new life in Christ?
We will.

Profession of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

Do you believe and trust his Son Jesus Christ?
I believe 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; 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.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
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.
CONFIRMATION
Almighty and ever-living God, you have given your servants new birth in baptism by water and the Spirit, and have forgiven them all their sins. Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding; the Spirit of counsel and inward strength; the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord. Amen

COMMISSIONING
Will you make Sunday worship the regular rhythm of your life?  
I promise to live my life in praise to God.

Will you strive always to be completely honest with God?  
I promise to keep no secrets from God and to confess my sins to him.

Will you come to know the Bible as your friend and guide?  
I promise to open my heart to God every time I open his Word.

Will you be persistent in prayer, even when you do not always get what you want?  
I promise to bring my deepest needs to God and to show my care for his world in the way I pray.

Will you try to forgive those who have hurt you before you come to the Lord’s table?  
I promise to continue to ask God to help me forgive those who have hurt me.

Will you always be thankful for the gift God gives us in Jesus?  
I promise to thank God for Jesus by striving to be more like him each day.

Will you keep your eyes and ears alive to the surprising ways God is at work?  
I promise to seek out and celebrate the living God wherever he makes himself known.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME
Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love. Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue as yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

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

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 AND DOXOLOGY
Let Me Fly

Robert DeCormier
(b. 1922)

Way down yonder in the middle of the fiel’,
Angel a-workin’ at the chariot wheel.
Not so partic’lar ‘bout workin’ at the wheel,
I jus’ wan’ to see how the chariot feel.

Oh let me fly, oh let me fly,
Oh let me fly to Mount Zion, Lord.

Meet that hypocrite on the street,
First thing he do is show his teeth,
Next thing he do is tell a lie,
Well, the best thing to do is pass him by.

I got a mother in the Promised Land,
Ain’t gonna stop until I shake her hand.
Not so partic’lar ‘bout shakin’ her hand,
But I just wan’ to get to the Promised Land.

I heard such a rumblin’ in the sky,
I thought my Lord was passin’ by.
‘Twas the good ol’ chariot drawin’ nigh.
Well, it shook the earth, swept the sky.

I want wings, I want to fly, Oh Lord, I wan’ to fly,
Oh won’t you let me fly to Mount Zion, Lord, Lord?
I want wings, I want to fly, Oh Lord, I wan’ to fly,
Oh let me fly, let me fly to Mount Zion, Lord.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

As part of Duke’s Appreciation Week, this morning we give thanks for all Duke employees whose hard work and dedication contribute to the vibrancy and flourishing of the University. We specifically remember all those employed in service roles—housekeepers, groundskeepers, maintenance workers, food service employees, and all those occupations that are often overlooked. One of the Chapel’s housekeepers, Oscar Dantzler, brings a uniform shirt to the altar.

In Durham, we remember those who facilitate our buying goods that have been fairly traded. The ushers bring forward a handmade basket from One World Market.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
(Musical setting A, found on page 17 in the hymnal.)

*THE LORD’S PRAYER (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)
Sharing of the Bread and Wine

All those who have become members of Christ’s body through baptism and seek to be united with God and at peace with their neighbor are invited to receive communion. Wine is used for communion. If you would prefer to receive grape juice, it is available upon request at the communion station near the main entrance of the Chapel, on the pulpit side. If you have a gluten allergy, those serving communion nearest to the Memorial Chapel will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine on request. You may also come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you would like to receive individual anointing with oil and prayers for healing, ministers will be in the Memorial Chapel during communion.

Music During Distribution

Hymn 636 (sung by all)
Christian People, Raise Your Song

Ave Virgo Virginitum

Communion Anthem
If Ye Love Me
Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

If ye love me, if ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter: even the Spirit, even the Spirit of truth. If ye love me, if ye love me, keep my commandments, if ye love me.

Prayer After Communion

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 715
Rejoice, the Lord is King

Darwall’s 148th

Postlude
“Outburst of joy of a soul before the glory of Christ” Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

Carillon

*All who are able may stand.
TODAY’S FLOWERS—Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Barbara DeLapp Booth, T ’54 by her family.

TODAY’S OFFERING—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. These nonprofit organizations are identified to receive funds by a panel of Congregation members, Friends of Duke Chapel, and students. The grant-making process not only benefits people in need but also seeks to introduce students to faithful stewardship and community development.

TODAY’S GUEST CHOIR—The Choraliers, a 100+ member auditioned SATB choir, is an eight-time first place winner of the South Carolina Choral Concert Festival, and has performed for the SC State Administrators Conference, the National Education Association SC Conference, and the governor of South Carolina. The group has appeared at choral festivals throughout the East Coast.

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The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS LUNCH—Immediately following the worship service on May 27, graduate and professional students will meet by the statue in front of the Chapel for lunch at the Loop on campus. Recent college graduates and friends are welcome.

INVITING NURSERY ATTENDANTS—The Congregation is seeking to hire weekly nursery attendants to assist with childcare each week during the worship service. Substitute attendants are also needed to help out occasionally. For more information, please contact Sonja Tilley at sonja.tilley@duke.edu or 684-3917.
**FOR WORSHIPPERS & VISITORS**

† Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.
† For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.
† Hearing assist units and a Braille hymnal are available at the attendant’s desk at the entry way of the Chapel. See the Chapel attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print Bibles or hymnals for the worship service this morning.

**FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN**

† Children 4 and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel 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 (for children 5 and under) and Liturgy Boxes (ages 5-8) are available at the rear of the Chapel to help children engage in worship. Please return after the service.

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**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 are interested in making Duke Chapel your home church, please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu**

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