Pentecost Choral Evensong
Sunday, May 19, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
Organ Voluntary

Fantasia super: Komm, heiliger Geist, BWV 651  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685–1750)

*Opening Responses | Sung by the choir.

O Lord, open thou our lips.  
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.
Praise ye the Lord.  
The Lord’s name be praised.

Psalmody

Psalm 126  
Chant: George Mursell Garrett  
(1834–1897)

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion:  
then were we like those who dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter:  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
Then they said among the nations:  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
The LORD has done great things for us:  
and we are glad indeed.  
Restore our fortunes, O LORD:  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.  
Those who sowed with tears:  
will reap with songs of joy.  
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed:  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

*All rise as able
Psalm 127

Chant: John Goss
(1800–1880)

Except the Lord build the house:
their labour is but lost that build it.
Except the Lord keep the city:
the watchman waketh but in vain.
It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest,
and eat the bread of carefulness:
for so he giveth his beloved sleep.
Lo, children and the fruit of the womb:
are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.
Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant:
even so are the young children.
Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:
they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Psalm 128

Chant: J. Goss

Blessed are all they that fear the Lord:
and walk in his ways.
For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands:
O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.
Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine:
upon the walls of thine house.
Thy children like the olive-branches:
round about thy table.
Lo, thus shall the man be blessed:
that feareth the Lord.
The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee:
that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.
Yea, that thou shalt see thy children’s children:
and peace upon Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
The First Lesson | NT page 111 in pew Bible.

Acts 2:1–21

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

*Canticle

Magnificat (*Evening Service in E*)

Herbert Murrill
(1909–1952)

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
    and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
    all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him, throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm:
    he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
    and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
    and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
    as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
    and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
    world without end. Amen.


The Second Lesson | NT pages 148 in pew Bible.

Romans 8:22–27

Minister:  The word of the Lord.
People:   Thanks be to God.
Nunc Dimittis (*Evening Service in E*)

H. Murrill

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.


*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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

*The Responses | Sung by the choir.*

R. Shephard

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

*All sit or kneel as the choir continues.*

Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. Amen.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
   And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
   And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
   And make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people;
   And bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord;
   Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us;
   And take not thine Holy Spirit from us.

The following Collects are sung.

O God, who on this day didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness: through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.
Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem

Beati quorum via

Beati quorum via integra est,
qui ambulant in lege Domini.

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the Lord.

—Psalm 119:1

Prayers | The prayers conclude with the Prayer of St. John Chrysostom, said by all:

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

*Benediction

Minister:  The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

People:  Amen.

*Closing Hymn | UMH 537

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Organ Voluntary

Final (from Prélude, adagio et choral varié sur le thème du Veni Creator, Op. 4)  

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)
TODAY IN WORSHIP

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Today's Guest Worship Leaders | Providing today’s worship leadership are ministers, musicians, and members of the Episcopal Church of the Chapel of the Cross, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Chapel of the Cross is an active faith community that expresses the full breadth, power, and beauty of the Anglican tradition through their liturgy and worship. Their graded choir program welcomes over 100 parishioners, age 4 through adulthood, as they sing for two Sunday services, monthly Evensongs, and occasional concerts. Additionally, their children and youth utilize the Royal School of Church Music training curriculum, organized by volunteers in weekly musicianship classes. Members from the choir will travel to England this summer to serve as choir-in-residence at Ely Cathedral and the Temple Church in London.

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Summer Choir on June 2 | All are welcome to sing with the Chapel’s Summer Choir on Sunday, June 2. Rehearsal will be held from 9:30–10:30 a.m. that morning in the chancel, followed by the service at 11:00 am. Music will be provided at the rehearsal. So that we can plan accordingly, please RSVP to chapelmusic@duke.edu if you plan to participate.