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BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Ascension Sunday

Sunday, May 24, 2020, 11:00 a.m.



Chapel Tower

James Todd, Duke Chapel communications manager, May 2020

Forty days after Easter is the Ascension of Jesus as described in Acts, Luke, and Mark. Today we observe this festival. 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. On this final Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Jesus's ascension and remember Jesus promised that his disciples would be "clothed with power from on high" to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Gathering

Opening Voluntary

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr (*All Glory be to God on High*), BWV 663 Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Greeting and Call to Worship

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

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

IN BABILONE

*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 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

Ephesians 1:15-23

*All rise as able

Psalm 93 | The refrain is introduced by the cantor then sung by all. The cantor chants the verses.

setting by J. Gerald Phillips



The Lord is king, in splendor robed;
robed is the Lord and girt about with strength. *Refrain*

You have made the world firm, not to be moved.
Your throne stands firm of old; from everlasting you are, O Lord. *Refrain*

Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed;
holiness befits your house, O Lord, for length of days. *Refrain*

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:44-53

Sermon

The Gift of Physical Absence

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

Jesus, My All, to Heaven Is Gone

arr. K. Lee Scott

Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone,
I'll never turn back no more;
he whom I fix my hopes upon,
I'll never turn back no more.
No more, no more, no more, my Lord;
I'll never turn back no more.

His path I see and I'll pursue,
I'll never turn back no more;
the narrow way, till him I view,
I'll never turn back no more;
No more, no more, no more, my Lord;
I'll never turn back no more.

Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone,
I'll never turn back no more.

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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 Hymn | See hymns at the back of the bulletin.

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

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Closing Voluntary

Finale, from Symphony 6, Op. 42

Charles Marie Widor
(1844–1937)

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTER

The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg.....*Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

PREACHER

The Rev. Bruce Puckett*Assistant Dean, 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 | All of today's offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be given to the Chapel's Development Fund for Mission and Ministry.

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ENGAGE

FELLOWSHIP GATHERING TODAY | Think of it as a virtual coffee hour after worship. Today, May 24, at 1:00 p.m., all are invited to a time of fellowship and bring-your-own refreshments by way of Zoom. This is a time for casual conversation with other worshippers. Please see the Congregation's eNews for the Zoom link or contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu.

GRAD STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual discussion of the wisdom literature in the Bible on Mondays, May 25 and June 8, at 6:30 p.m. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact Matt Wright at matthew.r.wright@duke.edu for login information.

BIBLE STUDY ON THE PSALMS | The Sunday morning summer Bible Study will focus on the Psalter to correspond with the summer preaching series. The online class will be introduced by Dr. Ellen Davis, Amos Ragan Kearns Professor of Bible and Practical Theology at Duke Divinity School, on Sunday, May 31, from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. The study will continue weekly through August 23 and is open to all. Please contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu for the Zoom link.

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JUNE BOOK GROUPS | Two online book groups will meet on Wednesdays during the month of June to discuss the Lord's Prayer. Two short books will prompt the discussion. The first two weeks will focus on *The Lord and His Prayer* by N.T. Wright, and the second two weeks will focus on *Lord, Teach Us* by Will Willimon and Stanely Hauerwas. The book groups will meet by Zoom at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17, and 24. For additional information and Zoom links, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

NEED TO TALK? | Pastors are available to speak with you either by phone or online. Please contact Carol Gregg at carol.gregg@duke.edu.

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. Through May, 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.

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.

DUKE RELIEF FUNDS | 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. First, there is a Duke Student Assistance Fund to help undergraduate and graduate students. Second, there 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. Third, there is the Duke-Durham Fund, which works with local area non-profits to help support the most vulnerable among us.

Learn more and give at coronavirus.duke.edu/together-duke-giving-back.

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

Bible Study on the Psalms: For youth and adults



Hymn

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

IN BABILONE

1. Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal-i - le - an King!
 2. Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on thee were laid;
 3. Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for - ev - er to a - bid;e;
 4. Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing, thou art wor - thy to re - ceive;

Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us, thou didst free sal - va - tion bring.
 by al - might - y love a - noint - ed, thou has full a - tone - ment made.
 all the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore thee, seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side.
 loud - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, meet it is for us to give.

Hail, thou ag - o - niz - ing Sav - ior, bear - er of our sin and shame!
 All thy peo - ple are for - giv - en, thro' the vir - tue of thy blood;
 There for sin - ners thou art plead - ing, there thou dost our place pre - pare;
 Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its, bring your sweet - est, no - blest lays;

By thy mer - its we find fa - vor, life is giv - en thro' thy name.
 o - pened is the gate of heav - en, peace is made 'twixt man and God.
 ev - er for us in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 help to sing our Sav - ior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise.



Hymn

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

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1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. There the glo - rious tri - umph waits, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. See! The heav'n its Lord re - ceives, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. See! He lifts his hands a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



To his throne a - bove the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Yet he loves the earth he - leaves, Al - le - lu - ia!
 See! He shows the prints of - love, Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, a - while to mor - tals giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ hath con - quered death and sin, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Though re - turn - ing to - his throne, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! His gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!



Re - as - cends his na - tive heav'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Take the King of glo - ry - in, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Still he calls the world his own, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Bless - ings on his church be - low, Al - le - lu - ia!