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CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Ascension Sunday

Sunday, June 2, 2019, 11:00 a.m.



*Christ the King statue located on top of the canopy above the Duke Chapel pulpit.*

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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. In the lesson from Luke, Jesus blesses the disciples as he ascends into heaven, prompting their worship and joy.

# Gathering

## Opening Voluntary

Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père

Olivier Messiaen  
(1908-1992)

## Greeting and Call to Worship

### \*Opening Hymn 312

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

LLANFAIR

**\*Prayers of Confession and Words of Assurance** | The minister offers words of confession to which the congregation responds as follows:

**Minister:** Lord Jesus Christ, in you we see awesome power.  
You triumph over death and bring forth new life.  
You stand over all earthly powers.  
You are the head of the church.  
Yet, we often fail to acknowledge this power in our lives.

**People:** **We see violence in the world.**  
**We see injustice in our communities.**  
**We see hunger and need among our neighbors.**  
**We see longing for something more.**  
**We see failures and faults in our lives.**  
**In all these things, we feel powerless.**

**Minister:** Forgive our hesitance to call upon you.  
Forgive our propensity to rely upon ourselves.  
Forgive our reluctance to acknowledge your power.  
Speak your words of power again.  
May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
**Amen.**

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, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: as your word is proclaimed in our midst, give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

\* All who are able may stand

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 519 in the pew Bible

Psalm 93

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

Anthem

O God the King of Glory

Carlton T. Russell  
(b. 1938)

O God, the King of glory,  
who hast exalted thy only son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven;  
we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless,  
but send to us thine Holy Ghost, to comfort us,  
and exalt us unto the same place  
whither our Saviour Christ is gone before;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
one God, world without end. Amen.

*Text: Book of Common Prayer (1662)*

New Testament Lesson | NT page 181 in the pew Bible

Ephesians 1:15-23

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

\*Gradual Hymn 400 | Stanza 1

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

\*Gospel Lesson | NT page 85 in the pew Bible

Luke 24:44-53

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

\*Gradual Hymn 400 | Stanzas 2 and 3

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Sermon

How Shall We End?

## 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

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

INVITATION  
(arr. Mark Schweizer)

Hark, I hear the harps eternal  
Ringing on the farther shore,  
As I near those swollen waters  
With their deep and solemn roar.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Glory to the great I AM!

And my soul, tho' stain'd with sorrow,  
Fading as the light of day,  
Passes swiftly o'er those waters,  
To the city far away.

Souls have crossed before me saintly,  
To that land of perfect rest;  
And I hear them singing faintly  
In the mansions of the blest.

*Text: Sacred Harp*

## \*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.**

## Sending Forth

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*The Lord's Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.

### \*Benediction

**\*Closing Hymn 247**

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright    WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET DER MORGENSTERN

**Organ Voluntary**

Transports de joie d'une âme devant la gloire du Christ qui est la sienne    Messiaen

**Memorial Chapel Communion** | Immediately following today's worship service, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel. Following communion, the pastor will be available to anoint and pray.

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**PRESIDING MINISTERS**

The Rev. Bruce Puckett ..... *Assistant Dean of Duke Chapel*

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

**PREACHER**

The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery ..... *Dean of Duke Chapel*

**LECTORS**

Ms. Gretchen Ziegenhals ..... *Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Mr. Sabat Siu ..... *Member of the Worshiping Community at Duke Chapel*

**MUSICIANS**

Duke Summer Choir ..... *Choir*

Dr. Philip Cave ..... *Associate Conductor of Chapel Music*

Ms. Jane Lynch ..... *Guest Organist*

**MEMORIAL CHAPEL COMMUNION**

The Rev. Bruce Puckett ..... *Assistant Dean of Duke Chapel*

**HEAD USHERS**

Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong ..... *Members of the Congregation at Duke Chapel*

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** | Today's flowers are made possible by the generosity of the Erlenbach Family Trust.

**TODAY'S OFFERING** | All of today's cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel's PathWays program.

**ACCESSIBILITY** | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the front desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the back left sound desk.

**FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN** | Children four and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel's lower level, beginning at 10:45 a.m. each week.

## ENGAGE

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**WELCOME TO DUKE CHAPEL** | If you have questions about the ministries of Duke Chapel or the Congregation at Duke Chapel, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the narthex. Those staffing the table will be happy to answer your questions.

**CHAPEL TOUR** | For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today's docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.

**PRESENTATION OF BIBLES** | The Congregation is pleased to present an engraved Bible to high school seniors: Bram Lovelace, Sophie Marcom, Henri Sui, and Sabat Siu. Children's Bibles are presented to two-year olds: Patrick Driscoll, Mirene Kpa, Miles Martinez, Teddy Shea, and Ella Solie.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL TODAY** | Plan to stay after worship today for an Ice Cream Social in the Chapel Lounge, located on the lower level. All are welcome to enjoy cool treats and warm fellowship.

**NO ASCENSION SUNDAY EVENSONG** | There will be no Choral Evensong today.

**THE SILENT CRISIS: MENTAL HEALTH IN OUR CHURCHES** | Duke Chapel and the Center for Reconciliation invite you to join the Revs. Amber Burgin, Adam Baker, and Chrisie Reeves Pendergrass for conversation as they explore mental health, community trauma, and faith on Wednesday June 5, at 6:30 pm in the Alumni Memorial Common Room at Duke Divinity School.

**DECISIONS?** | Summer book groups will be reading *Decision Making and Spiritual Discernment: The Sacred Art of Finding Your Way* by Nancy Bieber. Bieber is a psychologist and spiritual director who helps readers explore willingness, attentiveness, and responsiveness in responding to God's work in our lives. Book groups will meet on Wednesdays, one at 10:00 a.m. and the other at 7:30 p.m. beginning June 5 and concluding July 10. Participants will purchase their own books. Please contact the Congregation office at [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) or 919-684-3917 for details and to indicate plans to attend.

**CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING** | The Congregation's Annual Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 9, after worship. Lunch will be served in the Divinity School Café immediately following worship; the business meeting will be held in Goodson Chapel at 1:00 p.m. Contribution for the catered lunch is \$10 per person. Please RSVP by contacting the Congregation office at 919-684-3917 or [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu).

**YOUNG ADULT DINNER AND DISCUSSION** | University students and young adults will gather for dinner and discussion on Mondays, June 10 and 24, at 6:30 p.m. to talk about current events in the light of faith. The topics of discussion will be announced prior to each session. Please contact Carol Gregg at [carol.gregg@duke.edu](mailto:carol.gregg@duke.edu) for more information.

**SECOND WEDNESDAY LUNCH** | Informal conversation and fellowship in a local restaurant is the only agenda for the Second Wednesday Lunch. On June 12 at

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12-noon, participants will gather at Magianno's Little Italy, 8030 Renaissance Parkway, Durham. Each person will purchase their own meal. Please notify the Congregation Office at [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) or 919-684-3917 by Monday, June 10, if you plan to attend.

**EZEKIEL SUMMER BIBLE STUDY** | The summer Sunday morning Bible study will focus on the book of Ezekiel. The study will meet from 9:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m on Sunday mornings in Westbrook 0013, which is located in the lowest level of the Divinity School. Refreshments are provided at 9:30 a.m.

**SUMMER SCRIPTURE LESSONS** | As Christians who worship in a liturgical tradition, we follow the Revised Common Lectionary for our scripture texts throughout the year. This three-year cycle of scriptures follows the Christian calendar, and passages are selected to match the season of the Church year and the themes present therein. This summer during Ordinary Time, we will be following a different selection of texts. Together, we will read the book of Ezekiel as our primary scripture lessons in our Sunday services, and we will invite you to read Ezekiel with us outside of our Sunday services. Reading through the book together will allow our community to learn from scripture passages that we do not regularly encounter through the lectionary in our worship services and will open us to receive from a broader range of the scriptural canon; this approach is called *lectio continua*. We hope you will join us through the summer as we read, study, and learn from the book of Ezekiel. For June 16, please read Ezekiel 1:1-3:27.

**ACCESS TO THE CHAPEL THIS SUMMER** | This summer Duke Chapel continues to be open daily with worship services on Sunday morning, as well as other events; however, a number of construction and maintenance projects will limit access to the Chapel. During the week, the front doors of the Chapel will be closed and visitors should enter the nave through the south transept (closest to the Bryan Center) or via the handicap ramp on the north side (closest to the Divinity School). The front doors will be open on the weekends. Also, the roadway that loops in front of the Chapel will be closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic. As usual, visitors to the Chapel should park in the Bryan Center Parking Garage with ADA parking in the Bryan Center Lot. For details and updates, visit the Chapel website at [chapel.duke.edu](http://chapel.duke.edu).

**TRAVEL TO HAITI TO LEARN ABOUT FHM** | Duke Chapel and the Congregation at Duke Chapel both have a long history with Family Health Ministries in Haiti. For more than twenty-five years, Family Health Ministries (FHM) has supported Haitian communities in their efforts to build and sustain healthy families, particularly through a focus on women's health. Individuals and families interested in Haiti and FHM are invited to attend an informational meeting

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on Sunday, June 16, at 12:15 p.m. in the Chapel kitchen to learn about a trip to Haiti planned for September 30 – October 4, 2019. For more information, please contact Carol Gregg or Bruce Puckett.

**GODLY PLAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** | Volunteers who enjoy young children and telling Bible stories are needed to assist in the Godly Play classroom. Training is provided and volunteers participate on a rotating schedule. For more information, please contact Children's Pastor Phyllis Snyder at [phyllis.snyder@duke.edu](mailto:phyllis.snyder@duke.edu).

**SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** | Volunteers are needed for monthly lasagna dinners at the Urban Ministries Shelter, located at 410 Liberty Street, Durham. Volunteers cook two party size lasagnas (twelve servings) and help serve, or just provide the cooked lasagnas. Each dinner requires twenty-two lasagnas and about ten volunteers. Please contact Cricket Scovil ([scovilj@aol.com](mailto:scovilj@aol.com)) to volunteer on Wednesday, June 26, 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or Sunday, July 14, 5:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Detailed instructions will be provided.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES** | Classes for all ages will meet throughout the summer at 9:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Westbrook building, Duke Divinity School. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Sunday classes are:

- Wee Praise: For children ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook
- Godly Play: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford
- Bible Study on Ezekiel: For adults and youth in 0013 Westbrook

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For a complete listing of events, please visit [chapel.duke.edu/events](http://chapel.duke.edu/events) or sign up to receive weekly emails at [chapel.duke.edu/email](http://chapel.duke.edu/email)

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The Congregation is the interdenominational church home for university students and community members who consider the Chapel to be their primary place of worship. Through ministries of mission, education, and fellowship, members of the Congregation strive to deepen connections with God and neighbor.

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