



# Duke UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Trinity Sunday

Sunday, June 15, 2025, 11:00 a.m.



Ivanka Demchuk, *The Holy Trinity*, 2016.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity. Both the Romans and Gospel readings recognize the persons of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Paul writes to the Romans describing the peace with God through Jesus Christ and the love poured into believers' hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The reading from the Gospel of John is key to the doctrine of the Trinity as it helps outline the Spirit's role. In this passage, Jesus also states all that the Father has is also the Son's to give through the Spirit. This holy mystery of the Trinity has been celebrated and contemplated by the church since its inception.

# Gathering

## Prelude

Prelude in E-flat Major, BWV 552

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685–1750)

## Greeting and Call to Worship

**\*Gathering Hymn | UMH 64**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

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

Minister: Lord, have mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Minister: Christ, have mercy.

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Minister: Lord, have mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

The minister speaks words of assurance.

**\*Peace |** All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Proclamation

**Prayer for Illumination |** In unison:

**Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**\*All rise as able**

Old Testament Lesson | OT pages 557–558 in pew Bibles.

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Höchster, was ich habe, BWV 39/5

J. S. Bach

Höchster, was ich habe,  
Ist nur deine Gabe.  
Wenn vor deinem Angesicht  
Ich schon mit dem meinen  
Dankbar wollt erscheinen,  
Willt du doch kein Opfer nicht.

*Highest, what I have  
is only your gift.  
When before your face  
I with my gift  
would thankfully appear,  
you do not want any offering.*

—*Anonymous, tr. by Francis Browne*

New Testament Lesson | NT page 145 in pew Bibles.

Romans 5:1–5

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gradual Hymn | UMH 66. Stanzas 1 and 2. All turn to face the Gospel procession.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

**\*Gospel Lesson** | NT page 104 in pew Bibles.

John 16:12–15

**Lector:** The word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**\*Gradual Hymn** | UMH 66. Stanzas 3 and 4.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Sermon

If You Have Seen Me

Response

**\*Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.**

## Offertory Anthem

Öffne dich, mein ganzes Herze, BWV 61/5

J. S. Bach

Öffne dich, mein ganzes Herze,  
Jesus kömmt und ziehet ein.  
Bin ich gleich nur Staub und Erde,  
Will er mich doch nicht verschmähn,  
Seine Lust an mir zu sehn,  
Daß ich seine Wohnung werde.  
O wie selig werd ich sein!

*Open, my whole heart  
Jesus comes and enters within  
Though I am only like dust and earth,  
he does not want to scorn me  
but to see his pleasure in me  
so that I become his dwelling.*

—Erdmann Neumeister (1671–1756), tr. Francis Browne

## \*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 | All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing.

**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

\*Sending Hymn | UMH 79. Stanzas 1–4.

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name GROSSER GOTT

Postlude

Fugue in E-flat Major (“St. Anne”), BWV 552 J. S. Bach

**Communion Service Following Worship** | Immediately following today’s worship service, a brief communion service will be held in the chancel. All are welcome to enter the chancel, sit in the choir stalls, and participate. As you are leaving the Chapel, please be mindful of the impact of conversations and other sounds on this service.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

**Presiding Ministers**

Luke A. Powery. . . . .*Dean, Duke University Chapel*  
Bruce Puckett . . . . .*Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*

**Preacher**

J. Warren Smith. . . . . *Professor of Historical Theology, Duke Divinity School*

**Lectors**

Meg Greto ..... *Congregation Divinity School Intern; Divinity '26*  
Margot Wuebbens ..... *Member, Duke Chapel Choir*

**Musicians**

Chad Fothergill..... *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*  
Katherine Johnson .....*Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*  
Molly Quinn.....*Soloist, Chorworks Faculty*

**Head Ushers**

Ken Arneson..... *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*  
Pete Acker ..... *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

**Today’s Guest Preacher** | Today’s Young guest preacher is Dr. J. Warren Smith, professor of historical theology at Duke Divinity School. Dr. Smith studies the history of theology broadly conceived from the apostles to the present, with a primary focus on patristic theology. His books include *Passion and Paradise: Human and Divine Emotion in the Thought of Gregory of Nyssa*; *Christian Grace and Pagan Virtue: The Theological Foundation of Ambrose’s Ethics*; and *Ambrose, Augustine, and the Pursuit of Greatness*. He is currently working on a volume that traces the development of theology from the Apostolic era with Ignatius of Antioch to the high-water mark of Byzantine thought with Maximus the Confessor, entitled *Early Christian Theology: A History*.

**Today’s Offering** | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used for an emergency fund for disaster and recovery support for communities affected by natural disasters and humanitarian crises. You are invited to give online at [chapel.duke.edu/offering](http://chapel.duke.edu/offering). Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

**Today’s Flowers** | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Chapel Endowment.

**Liturgical Acknowledgments** | **Prayer for Illumination.** Adapted from *Common Worship: Collects and Post Communions*, © 2000, The Archbishops’ Council, Church House Publishing.

**University Prayer of Thanksgiving** | Each week, we focus on a different campus unit, school, or department for whom to give thanks to God for their service and contributions to the wider university community and beyond. Today, we give thanks for the Department of African and African American Studies.

**Rev. Racquel Gill Departing Chapel Staff** | Rev. Racquel Gill will be leaving Duke Chapel to begin as the Community Relations Supervisor in the Department of Equity and Inclusion in the City of Raleigh. Rev. Gill has served faithfully at the Chapel over the past three years, and we will miss the various ways she has ministered and led. Join us as we say farewell to Rev. Gill in the service next Sunday, June 22.

**Chorworks Early Music Performances** | Singers in the Chorworks summer program, hosted by Duke Chapel, will present motets and mass settings by Johann Sebastian Bach at two concerts and one worship service. Directed by the Chapel's conductor-in-residence, Dr. Philip Cave, Chorworks is a week-long workshop for talented, early-career singers to deepen their facility with early music repertoire. All three events are free and open to the public.

- Bach, Family, and Friends: An Evening of Motets — Friday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m. in Duke Divinity School's Goodson Chapel
- J.S. Bach: Mass and Motets — Saturday, June 21, at 7:00 p.m. in Duke Chapel
- Sunday Morning Worship Service — Sunday, June 22, at 11:00 a.m. in Duke Chapel

**Guest Preacher Next Sunday** | The Wilder guest preacher next Sunday will be the Rev. Dr. Carolyn B. Helsel, Associate Professor in the Blair Monie Distinguished Chair in Homiletics at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and project director of the Sharing Faith Initiative. The author of five books, Dr. Helsel received the Book(s) of the Year Award in 2019 from the Academy of Parish Clergy for *Anxious to Talk about It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully about Racism and Preaching about Racism: A Guide for Faith Leaders*. Her work has been featured in *Newsweek*, *CNN*, *The New York Times*, *The Christian Century*, and *The Presbyterian Outlook*. She is ordained a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).



**Urban Ministry Dinner: Volunteers Needed** | The Congregation at Duke Chapel will provide dinner at Urban Ministries Durham on Wednesday, June 25. Please bring two party-size lasagnas to 410 Liberty Street by 5:15 p.m. Persons are needed to serve between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Congregation's Mission and Outreach Committee at [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu).

**Reality Ministries: Volunteers Needed and Back Pew Collection** | The Congregation's Mission and Outreach Committee will lead a service project on June 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 12-noon. Reality Ministries is located at 916 Lamond Avenue. Tasks include outside and indoor activities. Also, the Mission and Outreach Committee will collect items for Reality Ministries to be left on the Back Pew today and next Sunday. For details about the needs and the wish list, contact [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu).

**Choral Evensong with Newly Composed Music** | A Choral Evensong service on Sunday, June 29, at 4:00 p.m. debuts two original compositions written for the Duke Chapel Evensong Singers specifically for the service. The first is a musical setting for the service's *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* texts composed by Robert Lehman. The second is the anthem *We Sing of God, the Mighty Source* with music written by Gary Davison. Duke Chapel's Evensong worship service follows the Evening Prayer liturgy from the *Book of Common Prayer* with music from the English cathedral tradition.

**Sing in the Summer Choir** | All are welcome to add their voices to the Chapel's Summer Choir on Sunday, July 13. Rehearsal will be held from 9:30–10:30 a.m., followed by the service at 11:00 a.m. Music will be provided at rehearsal, and additional information and recordings of the day's pieces will be circulated in advance by email. If you would like to participate, please complete the form at [chapel.duke.edu/summerchoir](http://chapel.duke.edu/summerchoir).

**Sunday Morning Classes** | All Sunday morning classes meet in the lowest level of Duke Divinity School (across the Chapel quad from Page Auditorium) from 9:45–10:45 a.m. Come early for refreshments at 9:30 a.m. New participants are welcome at any time. Contact [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) for additional information.

**Wee Praise, Godly Play, Godly Play Advanced, and the Youth Program** will pause for the summer

**Adult Bible Study:** "Our Faith Family Tree: An Exploration of Abraham and His Family" in 0013 Westbrook and over Zoom

## ACCESSIBILITY

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Hearing assistance units, as well as large-print worship guides and hymnals, are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. There, you can also find directions to download a listen-assist app on your phone. Please let us know if you need other accommodations by approaching a minister or usher, or email us at [dukechapel@duke.edu](mailto:dukechapel@duke.edu).

## LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

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We would like to get to know you. What are your questions? What is your story? Take a moment to fill out a brief form, and a Chapel minister or other staff member will contact you soon. Scan the QR code or visit [chapel.duke.edu/connect](https://chapel.duke.edu/connect).



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