Prayer is an intermixture of crying out and rejoicing, of calling on God for help and praising the Lord for rescue, of exulting God for blessings received and making supplication for one’s needs. The scriptures today remind us that the prayers of God’s people have always been intermixed with petition and praise. The writer of Psalm 40 gives voice to his experience of God’s work of redemption and appeals to God for deliverance in his current situation. Paul exhorts the Philippians to “rejoice in the Lord always” and in all things let their requests be made known to God. In the gospel lesson, Jesus encounters two blind men on the roadside near Jericho. After hearing the men’s cries for mercy, Jesus asks what they want. The men make their request known before the Lord, and Jesus responds with healing, demonstrating how God hears and answers calls for help.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Toccata nona

Johann Ernst Eberlin
(1702-1762)

Greeting and Call to Worship

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

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | In unison:

Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in our hearts;
there is no fear of you, O God, before our eyes.
For we flatter ourselves in our own eyes
that our iniquity cannot be found out and hated.
The words of our mouths are mischief and deceit;
we have ceased to act wisely and do good.
We plot mischief while on our beds; we are set on a way that is not good;
and we do not reject evil.
Yet your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
and your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.
Forgive us we pray and free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Text: Adapted from Psalm 36

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*Greeting of 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

God of truth, as we hear your word in our midst, inspire us to keep your law of love and
to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

*All rise as able
First Lesson
Philippians 4:1-9

Psalmody | Psalm 40 is chanted by the cantor.

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
    and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
    Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.
Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud,
    to those who go astray after false gods.
You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds
    and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.
Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear.
    Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.
Then I said, “Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”
I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
    see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.
I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
    I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
    I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.
Let all those be put to shame and confusion who seek to snatch away my life;
    let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt.
Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, “Aha, Aha!”
But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
    may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the Lord!”
As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me.

*Gospel Lesson
Matthew 20:29-34

Sermon

No Pure Prayer
Response
*Affirmation of Faith

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God.
God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
Trust in God at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before God, who is a refuge for us.

Text: Adapted from Psalm 62

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.

Organ Voluntary

Pasacalles I

Juan Cabanilles
(1644-1712)

*Doxology

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

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

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Chaconne in G Minor

Louis Couperin
(1626-1661)

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon
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University Organist, Duke University

TODAY’S OFFERING | Today’s offerings will be used to support the Chapel’s PathWays program. You are invited to give online at gifts.duke.edu/chapel and select the designation “PathWays at Duke Chapel.” Checks may be made payable to “Duke University Chapel” with a designation in the memo line of “PathWays.” Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

ENGAGE

SUMMER PSALMS SERIES | 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. As with the last two years, this summer we will be following a different selection of texts. Together, we will read the Psalms as our primary scripture lesson in our Sunday services and we invite you to read Psalms with us throughout your week; this approach is called lectio continua. Reading in this way opens us up to a broader range of the scriptural canon by allowing our community to learn from passages not regularly included in the Sunday morning lectionary. We hope you will join us through the summer as we read, study, and learn from Psalms. For June 28, please read Psalms 45-60.

SINGING THE PSALMS | This morning Psalm 40 is chanted to a melodic formula called the tonus peregrinus, or “wandering tone.” Medieval psalm tones were divided into two halves, united by a pitch called a reciting tone to which the majority of the psalm was sung. The tonus peregrinus was so named because its two halves “wander” between two different reciting tones. It is most closely associated with Psalm 114, which recalls Israel’s flight from Egypt into wandering in the wilderness. We pair it today with Psalm 40, which wanders between acclamations of praise and petitions of prayer.
**BIBLE STUDY ON THE PSALMS |** The Sunday morning Bible Study focuses on the Psalter to correspond with the summer preaching series. The online classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. and are open to all. Please contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu for the Zoom link.

**LAMENTING INJUSTICE AND THOSE WHO HAVE DIED |** The Chapel continues lamenting injustice and those who have died. See a collection of our prayers, messages, and reflections at chapel.duke.edu/lament.

**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, June 22 and July 13, at 6:30 p.m. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact Matt Wright at matthew.r.wright@duke.edu for login information.

**GUEST PREACHER NEXT SUNDAY |** Next Sunday, June 28, we will welcome as our guest preacher the Rev. Dr. Stephen B. Chapman, associate professor of Old Testament at Duke Divinity School. An ordained American Baptist minister and a proponent of theological interpretation of the Bible, Rev. Dr. Chapman has studied, lectured, and taught internationally and domestically in a variety of academic and church settings. His scholarship focuses on the formation of the biblical canon, the nature of the Old Testament as scripture, the literary dynamics of biblical narrative, the challenge of biblical violence, and the history and use of the Old Testament within the Christian tradition and Western culture.

**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.

**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.

**‘JUST MERCY’ ONLINE FILM VIEWING AND DISCUSSION |** In the context of the ongoing struggle against racism in the United States, the Chapel is hosting an online viewing of the movie *Just Mercy* followed by an online discussion. The film tells the true story of a man sentenced to death in Alabama in the 1980s whose claim of innocence is taken up by the (then) young lawyer Bryan Stevenson. It is based on Stevenson’s memoir of the same title. The conversation following the viewing will focus on the film, experiences participants would like to share, and the legacy of anti-black racism in the United States and in faith communities. This online event is free. To receive a Zoom link to participate in the film viewing and discussion, please email the Chapel’s Community Minister Rev. Breana van Velzen at breana.van.velzen@duke.edu.

**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:** Focus on Psalm 1 and God’s law taught by Matt Wright, Pastoral Assistant at the Congregation at Duke Chapel
Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

1. God of grace and God of glory, on your people
2. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, as
3. Cure your children’s warring madness; bend our pride to
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils

pour your pow’r; crown your ancient church’s story;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your control; shame our wan-ton, selfish gladness,
we deplore; let the gift of your salvation

bring its bud to glorious flow’r, Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
be our glory ever-more. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,

for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
lest we miss your kingdom’s goal, lest we miss your kingdom’s goal.
serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
Music: John Hughes, 1873–1932
Closing Hymn

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1. Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be undismayed.
2. Through waves and clouds and storms, God gently clears thy way;
3. Leave to God’s sovereign sway to choose and to command;
4. Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare,

God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, God shall lift up thy head.
wait thou God’s time; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.
so shalt thou, wondering, own that way, how wise, how strong this hand.
and publish with our latest breath thy love and guardian care.

WORDS: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. by John Wesley, 1739 (Ps. 37:5)
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894