The scriptures for today point us toward the kind of people we should be before God. Psalm 101 goes beyond mere singing about the love and justice of God to striving for a life of integrity. Psalm 96, sung in today’s service, reminds us that “all the earth” is called to the vocation of singing to God, because the heart of our calling is praise. The Beatitudes in Matthew 5 lead us to know that we are not only called to act, but to be a people of a certain character—poor in spirit, meek, merciful, pure in heart, and more. These scriptures guide us to reflect on matters of our hearts, along with the heart of what it means to follow God.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Sonata in C Minor, K. 302 (Andante) 
Domenico Scarlatti (1685–1757)

Greeting and Call to Worship

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

Now with Joyful Exultation

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

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
    my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
    more than those who watch for the morning.

Text: Adapted from Psalm 130

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

Almighty God, as your word is proclaimed, send down upon your Church the riches
of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson

Psalm 101

*All rise as able
Psalmody | Virtual performance by Duke Chapel staff singers.

Cantate Domino

Giovanni Croce
(1557–1609)

Cantate Domino canticum novum; cantate Domino omnis terra.
Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus; annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.

*O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.*
*Sing unto the Lord, and praise his name: be telling of his salvation from day to day.*

Text: Psalm 96:1–2

*Gospel Lesson*

Matthew 5:1–12

Sermon

A Coherent Life

Response

*Affirmation of Faith*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all God’s benefits—
who forgives all our iniquity,
who heals all our diseases,
who redeems our life from the Pit,
who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies us with good as long as we live
so that our youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
God made known God’s ways to Moses,
God’s acts to the people of Israel.
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Text: Adapted from Psalm 103
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

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen, Op. 122, No. 3
(“O World, I Must Leave Thee”)  
Johannes Brahms  
(1833–1897)

*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.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Sonata in C Minor, K. 303 (Allegro)  
Scarlatti
TODAY IN WORSHIP

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The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery..........................Dean, Duke University Chapel

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MUSICIANS
Dr. Philip Cave..........................Associate Conductor for Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel
Dr. Robert Parkins..........................University Organist, Duke University

TODAY’S OFFERING | Today’s offerings will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. You are invited to give online at gifts.duke.edu/chapel. 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 July 26, please read Psalms 103-118.

SINGING THE PSALMS | As part of today’s worship through, and with, the Psalms, we will hear two verses from Psalm 96 in a composition by the Italian composer, singer, and priest Giovanni Croce (c.1557–1609). Cantate Domino is a four-part motet, quite upbeat and lively, with sections in duple and triple time. This highly popular setting reflects both the Council of Trent’s calls for textual clarity in sacred music as well as Croce’s skill as a composer of lighter-style canzonets and madrigals. The performers are four of the Chapel’s staff singers, who are currently section leaders in the Vespers Ensemble and Evensong Singers. Each singer recorded their own voice part at home, and were then edited together.

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.
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.

CHAPEL ORGANIST ON THE RADIO | Chapel Organist Christopher Jacobson will be a guest on WCPE Radio’s Great Sacred Music program next Sunday during the 8:00 a.m. hour. He will discuss a musical setting of the Te Deum text by the English composer Herbert Howells, which the Evensong Singers performed last year as part of a Choral Evensong service. Tune in to 89.7 FM or listen online at theclassicalstation.org.

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 has 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 the Sounds of Faith video series. Each video presents a recording of music performed at the Chapel with commentary about its composition, history, and meaning. Find the complete playlist at youtube.com/dukechapel.

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 69 and the topic of the weak and the strong led by the Rev. Bruce Puckett, assistant dean of the Chapel
Hymn

Now with Joyful Exultation

1. Now with joyful exultation let us sing to God our praise;
2. For how great a God, and glorious, is the Lord to whom we sing;
3. To the Lord such might revealing, let us come with reverence meet,

Psalm 95, paraphrase
The Psalter, 1912; alt.

Beecher

BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
John Zundel, 1870; alt.
Hymn

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

1. All people that on earth do dwell, sing
to the LORD with cheerful voice.

2. Know that the LORD is God indeed; he
formed us all without our aid. We are the flock he
surely feeds, the sheep who by his hand were made.

3. O enter then his gates with joy, with
in his courts his praise proclaim! Let thankful songs your
tongues employ. O bless and magnify his name!

4. Because the LORD our God is good, his
mercy is forever sure. His faithfulness at
all times stood and shall from age to age endure.

William Kethe, 1561; alt.

GENEVA 134 (OLD HUNDREDTH) L.M.
Louis Bourgeois, 1551