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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, September 7, 2025, 11:00 a.m.



Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, *Christ Carrying the Cross*, c. 1738.

Today we are joined by participants and leaders from the Duke Initiatives in Theology and the Arts (DITA) conference. This year's DITA conference celebrated the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and the myriad surprises the Creed holds in store for artists, academics, clergy, and parishioners today. The scriptures for today speak to the demands of obedience and discipleship. The text from Deuteronomy makes obedience a matter of life and death; obedience to God brings life and prosperity, whereas disobedience leads to death and adversity. In the Gospel reading, Jesus calls his hearers to weigh the cost of discipleship, proclaiming that whoever does not carry the cross and follow him cannot be his disciple.

Gathering

Carillon

Prelude

Contrapunctus V (*The Art of Fugue*), BWV 1080

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Lied

Daniel Ficarri

Introit

Where Every Breath Is Praise

Zebulon M. Highben

Come to the place where every breath is praise,
And God is breathing through each passing breeze.
Be planted by the waterside and raise

Your arms with Christ beneath these rooted trees,
Who lift their breathing leaves up to the skies.
Be rooted too, as still and strong as these,

Open alike to sun and rain. Arise...

Slowly discern a life, a truth, a way,
Where simple being flowers in delight.
Then let the chaff of life just blow away.

Come to the place where every breath is praise.

—*Malcolm Guite*

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn | UMH 103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO
arr. Miller

*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.

*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:

God of glory, the end of our searching, may the inspiration of your word help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 179 in pew Bibles.

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All rise as able

Psalmody | The assembly chants the verses in bold.

Psalm 1



It is well with the one who has not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
and in the way of sinners has not stood,
and in the seat of scorners | has not sat,
but rather in the teaching of ADONAI | takes delight,
and over His teaching murmurs | day and night.

**Like a tree planted beside water channels,
which yields its fruit | in its season,
and its leaves do not wither—everything | they do prospers.**

**Not | so the wicked—
rather they are like chaff that the wind | drives away.**

**Therefore the wicked do not stand | up in judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation | of the righteous.**

**For ADONAI knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked | vanishes.**

—*trans. Ellen F. Davis*

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 73 in pew Bibles.

Luke 14:25–33

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Response

*Response Hymn | See hymn printed at end of the worship guide.

If You but Trust in God to Guide You

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
arr. Cherwien

*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

Blessed Are They

Carolyn Jennings

Blessed are they who take delight in the living Word of God,
for they, like trees along a stream, grow strong in all they do:
deeply rooted in the Word, ever nourished by the Word;
and the fruit of a holy life is good.

The Word enlightens all who strive to know and do God's will:
a lamp to guide us on our way, a light upon our path.
For the law of God is good, and the grace of God is pure,
and the fruit of a holy life is good.

All you hearers of the Word, rejoice and offer thanks
for love so deep and broad and high, and praise for life so full,
deeply rooted in the Word, ever nourished by the Word;
and the fruit of a holy life is good.

—*Psalms 1:1–3 & 119:105; Eph. 3:17–21; adapt.*

*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 and Holy Communion

***The Great Thanksgiving** | Musical setting A, found on page 17 in the hymnal.

***The Lord's Prayer** | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English text can be found at 895 in the pew hymnal.

Sharing of the Bread and Wine | All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive Communion. Bread and wine are used for Communion. After a server places bread in your hands, you may receive wine by dipping your bread into the chalice. If you desire gluten-free bread or grape juice, these are available from servers at the front near Memorial Chapel and near the back opposite the attendant's desk. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Voluntary

Flute Sonata in E Minor, BWV 1034
III. Andante

J. S. Bach

We All Believe in One True God

RATISBON

Communion Anthem

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

South African traditional

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona, Di thabile kaofela.
Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona, Di thabile kaofela.

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.

Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.

—South African traditional

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn | See hymn printed at end of the worship guide.

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA
arr. Bankson

Postlude

Hymne au soleil, Op. 53

Louis Vierne
(1870–1937)

Carillon

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

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

Preacher

Rowan Williams *Former Archbishop of Canterbury*

Lectors

Samuel Zorek *Law '28*
Kate Redden *Chapel Scholar; Divinity '26*

Musicians

Duke Chapel Choir *Choir*
Zebulon Highben *Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*
Chad Fothergill *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*
David Lim *Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*
Mitchell Eithun *Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*
Paul Neebe *Trumpet, Amalgam Brass*
Ben Hauser *Trumpet, Amalgam Brass*
Kim Van Pelt *Horn, Amalgam Brass*
Mike Kris *Trombone, Amalgam Brass*
Steve Truckenbrod *Tuba, Amalgam Brass*
Whitney Pencina *Flute, DITA New Caritas Orchestra*
Will Chow *Cello, DITA New Caritas Orchestra*
Gwen Hyland *Cantor*

Head Ushers

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

Today's Guest Preacher | Today's Gomes guest preacher is the Rt. Rev. Dr. Rowan Williams, who was confirmed in 2002 as the 104th bishop of the See of Canterbury: the first Welsh successor to St. Augustine of Canterbury and the first archbishop since the mid-thirteenth century to be appointed from beyond the English Church. He received his DPhil from Wadham College, Oxford, in 1975. From 1977, he spent nine years in academic and parish work in Cambridge. In 1986, he returned to Oxford as Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity and Canon of Christ Church. He became a fellow of the British Academy in 1990. His numerous books include *On Christian Theology* (2000), *Being Human* (2018), *Christ the Heart of Creation* (2018), *The Collected Poems* (2021), and *Passions of the Soul* (2024).

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RESPONSE HYMN | If You but Trust in God to Guide You



Choir 1. If you but trust in God to guide you, with gen - tle
All 2. What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
Choir 3. Be still, be still, and wait God's pleas - ure in cheer - ful
All 4. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing; of - fer your



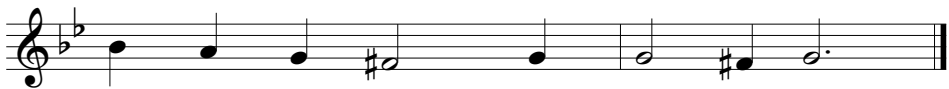
hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your
hope, with heart con - tent, trust - ing that grace which
ser - vice faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word; though



there be - side you, when cross - es come, in try - ing days.
Sav - ior's keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less?
knows no meas - ure will by un - bound - ed Love be sent;
un - de - serv - ing, there find the truth to set you free.



Trust then in God's un - chang - ing love;
For Christ who took for you a cross
nor doubt our in - most wants are clear
God will not fail to guide and bless



build on the rock that will not move.
will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
to One who holds us al - ways near.
those who em - brace God's faith - ful - ness.

Text: Georg Neumark (1621–1681)

Music: Georg Neumark; arr. David M. Cherwien

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SENDING HYMN | Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen



1. Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this
2. Rise, trans-formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter
3. Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has
4. Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age



meal of love and grace; may we through such
Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our
called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's
be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our



love en - vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise.
lives are hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole.
lov - ing nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live.
des - ti - na - tion from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.
Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien (1953–2021)

Music: Timothy J. Strand

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