



Duke
UNIVERSITY
CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 13, 2020, 11:00 a.m.



Christ Cares for All

Church of the Natividad, Pangasinan, Philippines, c. late 20th century

Creating space for future relationship after harm has been done is at the heart of the scripture lessons this week. Genesis tells the final part of the story of Joseph and his brothers who sold him into slavery. By reaffirming his choice to forgive his brothers for the evil they had done to him, Joseph makes room for relationship with his brothers, promising to care for them and their families. Joseph found God's redemptive actions in the midst of the turmoil his brothers created. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples that even after many wrongs have been done, future relationship is possible through forgiveness. Following Jesus is not about keeping track of wrongs but about extending great mercy. Jesus's parable highlights the expectation of his disciples to extend mercy because of the exceptional mercy that has been extended first to them. Paul emphasizes in his letter to the church in Rome that passing judgement on fellow disciples, be that through unforgiveness or despising another's opinions, is not following the way of the Crucified and Resurrected Christ for in the end "we will all stand before the judgment seat of God."

Gathering

Carillon

Opening Voluntary

Liturgical Improvisation No. 2

George Oldroyd
(1886–1951)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn | See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

DETROIT

*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.

*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, you search us and know us: as we search to know and understand you through your word, help us to rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 50:15–21

New Testament Lesson

Romans 14:1–12

*All rise as able

*Gospel Acclamation | Sung the first time by the cantor, then by all.

Al - le - lu - i - a, al - le - lu - i - a,
al - - - le - lu - i - a.

We have an advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous;
your sins are forgiven on account of his name. (*1 John 2:1, 2*)

Alleluia...

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:21–35

Sermon

Bad Math

Response

Solo

Redeeming Grace

arr. K. Lee Scott

Come, all who love my Lord and Master
and like old David, I will tell,
though chief of sinners, I've found favor,
redeemed by grace from death and hell.
Far as the east from west is parted,
so far my sins, by his dying love,
from me by faith are separated,
blest antepast of joys above.

I late estranged from Jesus wandered
and thought each dang'rous poison good;
but he in mercy long pursued me
with cries of his redeeming blood.
Though like Bartimaeus I was blinded,
in nature's darkest night concealed;
but Jesus' love removed my blindness,
and he his pard'ning grace revealed.

Now I will serve him while he spares me,
and with his people sing aloud;
though hell oppose and sinners mock me,
in rapt'rous songs I'll praise my God.

By faith I view the heav'nly concert,
they sing high strains of Jesus' love;
I fain would be with Christ above.
Oh, with desire my soul is longing,
and fain would be with Christ above.

Text and Tune: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second (1813)

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.

Offering

*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

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

*Closing Hymn | See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

Closing Voluntary

Finale, from *Symphony 3 (Organ Symphony)*, Op. 78

Camille Saint-Saëns
(1835–1921)
arr. David Briggs

Carillon

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTER

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

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

PREACHER

The Rev. Bruce Puckett.....*Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*

LECTOR

Mr. Jonathan Avendano.....*Chapel Scholar, Trinity '21*

MUSICIANS

Dr. Zebulon Highben.....*Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*

Dr. Robert Parkins.....*University Organist, Duke University*

Mr. Christopher Jacobson.....*Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*

Mr. Tom Gurin.....*Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

ONLINE MINISTER

The Rev. Breana van Velzen.....*Community Minister, Duke University Chapel*

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.

MUSIC ACKNOWLEDGMENTS | *Gospel Acclamation*: Orthodox Liturgy, Kiev, Ukraine. © 2003, Oxford University Press/Lutheran World Federation. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-725399.

ENGAGE

RECEIVE PERSONAL PRAYERS ONLINE | Following the livestream of this morning's service, you are invited to receive personal prayer online. [Register in advance by clicking on this link](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Individuals will then be invited one-at-a-time to share concerns and receive a brief prayer from a pastor.

35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TODAY | Please join a virtual celebration of the 35th anniversary of the Congregation at Duke University Chapel, this afternoon, Sunday, September 13, at 1:00 p.m. The program will include reflections on our history from multiple speakers and videos, as well as prayers for our future. Please see the Congregation's eNews or [contact the Congregation office](#) for logon information.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY TOMORROW | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual Bible study on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The next studies, on the book of Ezekiel, are September 14 and 28 at 6:30 p.m. All perspectives are welcome; questions and laughter are encouraged. Please contact Matt Wright at matthew.r.wright@duke.edu for login information.

DEAN POWERY'S NEW CHRONICLE COLUMN | Chapel Dean Luke Powery has begun writing a column in the campus newspaper *The Chronicle*. In his first column on "The Gift of Laughter," he wrote, "I have found laughter to be freedom, embodied joy, resistance and an expression of love, regardless of the circumstances of life." His next column comes out tomorrow in print and on *The Chronicle's* website. [Read the dean's columns](#).

BECOME A CHAPEL SCHOLAR | Undergraduate students are invited to nurture their intellectual, ethical, and spiritual life as Chapel Scholars. The program fosters an environment of ecumenical fellowship and serves as a hub for spiritual mentorship. Learn more and apply at chapel.duke.edu/scholars.

PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE | The Congregation is hosting a brief weekly prayer service focused on racial justice on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. The service will include short readings, unison prayers, and the option of prayer from the participants. The service will be no more than thirty minutes. Please see the Congregation's eNews or [contact the Congregation office](#) for logon information.

JOIN A RELIGIOUS LIFE GROUP | Students can deepen their faith and make friends through Religious Life groups. Duke has more than twenty Religious Life groups representing a wide range of faith traditions, including Catholic, Hindu, Latter-Day Saints, Jewish, Muslim, and a variety of Protestant denominations. See how to connect with Religious Life leaders at chapel.duke.edu/ReligiousLife. For questions, contact the Chapel's director of Religious Life, the Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon, at kathryn.lester.bacon@duke.edu.

NEW MEMBER CLASS | The fall new member class will be held on four Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m. beginning Sunday, October 18. Classes will be held by Zoom. All those who are considering becoming a member in the Congregation at Duke Chapel are welcome to attend. For additional information, please [contact Pastor Carol Gregg](#).

ENGAGE

LIFE TOGETHER GROUPS | The Congregation at Duke Chapel is offering “Life Together Groups” to encourage deeper connections and spiritual growth. Both university students and community members are invited to participate. Groups will meet for 60–75 minutes every other week for conversation, prayer, laughter, and connection. [Please sign up here for Life Together Groups](#). For more information, please [contact Michael Larbi](#).

VESPERS AND EVENSONG REBROADCASTS | Weekly rebroadcasts of Evensong (Sunday afternoons, 4:00 pm) and Vespers (Thursday evenings, 7:00 pm) will begin next week on September 20 and September 24, respectively. Each rebroadcast will be on the [Chapel's Facebook page](#), and be available for one week until the next rebroadcast. The rebroadcasts feature newly written commentary on the service provided by Chapel Music staff.

BOOK GROUP | The Chapel's book on *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race* continues with an online meeting this Tuesday, September 15, at 6:30 p.m. Co-organized by the community organization DurhamCares, the group of ministers, community members, and students is reading and discussing *The Christian Imagination* by the Rev. Dr. Willie Jennings, associate professor of systematic theology and Africana studies at Yale Divinity School. New participants are welcome. To receive a Zoom link to participate or for more information, email the Chapel's community minister, the Rev. Breana van Velzen, at breana.van.velzen@duke.edu.

TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE CHAPEL | A new 360-degree virtual tour presents the sights and sounds of the Chapel with highlights and anecdotes from the building's history. The twelve-minute, narrated video shows the statues at the entrance, the vaulted ceiling in the main sanctuary, the beauty of the stained-glass windows, the underground resting place of some of the university's past leaders, and the stunning view from the top of the Chapel's tower. It also showcases music from the Chapel's organs, carillon, and choir—and even sermon snippets from famous preachers. [Watch it here](#).

SERMON PODCAST | [Subscribe to the Duke Chapel Sermons podcast](#) to listen to the sermon each week—and share with others the faithful preaching from the Chapel's pulpit.

FALL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE | Online and video classes for all ages are offered Sunday mornings from 9:45–10:45 a.m. New participants are always welcome. Please see the Congregation's eNews for links or contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu.

Classes are:

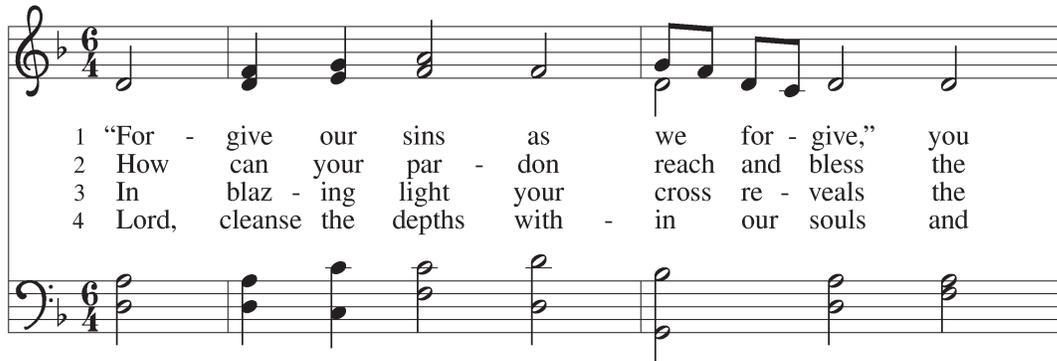
- Wee Praise – Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers
- Godly Play – Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade
- Youth Bible Study – A study of Ezekiel-Malachi for students in 6th–12th grades
- Adult Bible Study – A study of Ecclesiastes
- Adult Forum – On Sunday, September 20, Jillian Marcantonio, Ph.D. Student in Early Christianity, Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University, presents “Refreshing Fire: The Mother of God in Romanos the Melodist.”

HYMNS FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

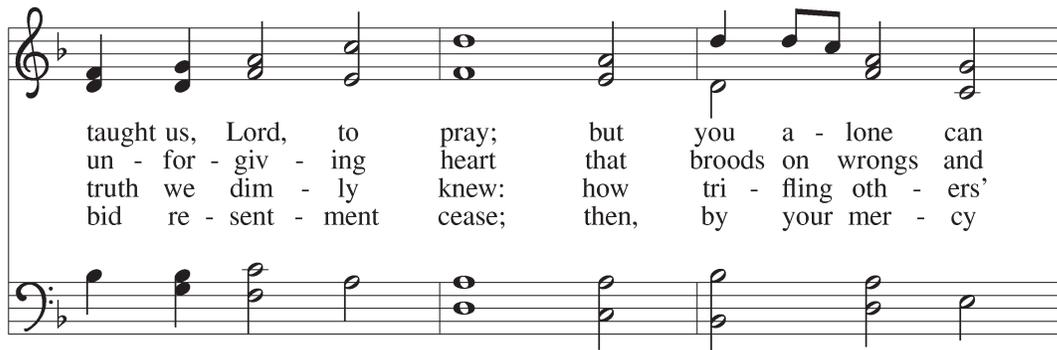
Opening Hymn

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

DETROIT



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and



taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
truth we dim - ly knew: how tri - fling oth - ers'
bid re - sent - ment cease; then, by your mer - cy



grant us grace to live the words we say.
will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
debts to us; how great our debt to you!
rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

HYMNS FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Closing Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures
of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal
which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more
sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-
where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.