To whom do you ascribe authority? In today’s lesson from Exodus, the Israelites challenge Moses’s authority over them because their needs are not being met in the wilderness under his leadership. In Matthew’s gospel, the chief priests question Jesus’s authority as he teaches in the temple. The lesson from Philippians orients disciples to a new way of being—that they take on the mind of Christ. In this passage, Paul casts a vision that every knee will bend and every tongue confess the authority of Jesus as Lord.
Gathering
Carillon

Opening Voluntary

Komm, süßer Tod, komm, selge Ruh
(Come, sweetest death, come blessed rest)

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)
arr. Virgil Fox

Greeting and Call to Worship

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

At the Name of Jesus

KING’S WESTON

*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

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching through the inspiration of your word, and give us knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 17:1–7

*All rise as able
Psalmody

Doch der Herr, er leitet die Irrenden recht

For the Lord will lead all the lost in the right;

Er lehret die Irrenden seine Weg'.

God teaches the humble the godly way.

Alle, die dich fürchten, Herr,

All who fear you, mighty God, you shall instruct

Du wirst sie unterweisen den besten Weg,

and show them the righteous path,

Und ihre Seele wird im Guten wohnen.

and they shall dwell in steadfast love and goodness.

Text: Psalm 25: 8–9, 12–13; trans. Susan Palo Cherwien

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 2:1–13

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

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. (John 10:27)

Alleluia...

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:23–32

Sermon

From the Corners to the Table

Response

Choral Anthem (Virtual)

Words from Two Women

I. Nurture

Heal the broken with comforting words of God.

The fruit of silence is prayer.

Cheer them gently with earthly joys.

The fruit of prayer is faith.

Be merry: Laugh with the broken

The fruit of faith is love.

and carry their secret needs

The fruit of love is service.

in the deepest silence of your heart.

The fruit of service is peace.

Text: Mechtild of Magdeburg (c.1207–c.1282)

Text: Teresa of Calcutta (1910–1997)

Jane Marshall

(1924–2019)
*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.

*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.

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.

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service  

Closing Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 533  

Carillon

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTER
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg.................................................................Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel
Mr. Nathaniel Metz.................................................................Congregation at Duke Chapel Intern, Divinity ’22

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The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon.............................Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel

LECTOR
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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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY NEXT WEEK | Next Sunday, October 4, is World Communion Sunday, which we will observe during our 11:00 a.m. online worship service. This will be our first celebration of communion since March, when the pandemic changed our gathering patterns. All worshipers are invited to provide their own communion elements at home and to watch the service online or listen on the radio. During the service, the minister will prompt you when to partake of communion. If you would like to participate, please prepare your own bread and cup and have it ready for the service.

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 28 and October 12 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 TO GIVE RUBEN L. SPEAKS LECTURES | Chapel Dean Luke Powery, an associate professor of homiletics at Duke Divinity School, is the speaker for Hood Theological Seminary’s Virtual Ruben L. Speaks Endowed Memorial Lecture Series. The series comprises these two online lectures, both of which are free and open to the public: “I Can’t Breathe: A History of Racialized Inhumanity” on Friday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m. and “Breath on Me, Breath of God: A Pneumatology for a Humanizing Ministry” on Saturday, October 3, at 11:00 a.m. Learn more by clicking here.

NOMINATIONS FOR HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD | The Chapel is now accepting nominations for its Humanitarian Service Award, which aims to recognize individuals with a commitment to service and simplicity. The award is inspired by the lives of two Duke professors: Dr. George R. Parkerson, Jr. and the late Dr. C. Eric Lincoln. The recipient of the award is honored with a grant of up to $3,000 given to the nonprofit they designate. You are invited to submit a nomination by November 13 by using this form on our website. For more information, email the Chapel’s community minister, the Rev. Breana van Velzen, at breana.van.velzen@duke.edu.

VESPERS AND EVENSONG REBROADCASTS | Weekly rebroadcasts of Evensong (Sunday afternoons, 4:00 p.m.) and Vespers (Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m.) will continue this week. Each rebroadcast will be on the Chapel’s Facebook page and website, and be available for one week until the next rebroadcast. The rebroadcasts feature commentary on the services provided by Chapel Music staff.

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.

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.
**PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE |** Please join us in purposeful prayers for racial reconciliation in our community, nation and world on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom hosted by the Congregation. The service includes short readings, unison prayers, and the option of prayer from the participants. For more information and logon information, please contact Nathaniel Metz at nathaniel.metz@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 of the Congregation at Duke Chapel are welcome to attend. For additional information, please contact Pastor Carol Gregg at carol.gregg@duke.edu.

**TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE CHAPEL |** A new 360-degree virtual tour presents the sights and sounds of Duke 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 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.

**JOIN A VISUAL CONVERSATION ABOUT FINDING SANCTUARY |** Amid the coronavirus pandemic and nationwide calls for justice, the Chapel is re-engaging a question for the Duke community at a time when many of the ways we usually worship, pray, and find solace are evolving: Where (or how) do you find sanctuary? We invite you to participate in this online, visual conversation by posting on social media with the hashtag #FindSanctuary a photo of a way you find sanctuary in certain places, people, or practices.

**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. on the Duke Chapel Facebook page at facebook.com/dukechapel.

**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, October 4 – Dr. Steve Winters, Congregation member, will speak on "God’s Healing Grace at PCEA Chogoria Mission Hospital, Kenya."
At the Name of Jesus

1 At the name of Jesus ev’ry knee shall bow,
ev’ry tongue confess him king of glory now.
It is God’s good pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

2 At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last;
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

3 Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
Crown him as your captain in temptation’s hour;
and our hearts confess him king of glory now.

4 In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true.
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
let his will enfold you in its light and pow’r.

5 Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again
on the clouds of glory, with his angel train;
It is God’s good pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

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Closing Hymn

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,

2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;

3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light

4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,

who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy’s perfect deed:

still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.

in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,

to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;

we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;

As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,

making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,

hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,

consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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