

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, October 20, 2019, 11:00 a.m.



Unjust Judge and the Importunate Widow John Everett Millais, 1864

The scripture lessons for today emphasize persistence and determination. Genesis tells the story of Joseph wrestling with God through the night. At the end of the night of struggle, Jacob demanded a blessing and received a new name, even as he came face to face with God and lived. The gospel lesson from Luke details the story of the persistent widow who sought justice again and again until the judge relented and granted her request. The persistence and determination of the widow and Jacob mirrors God's persistence and reveals the tenacity of love and faith.

Gathering

Opening Voluntary

Four versets from the Gloria (Mass, 1699)

Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

Et in terra pax à 5 Fugue Récit de Tierce en taille Dialogue

Greeting & Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 660

God Is Here Abbot's leigh

*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.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: as you inspire us through your word, teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 29 in the pew Bibles.

Genesis 32:22-31

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 | Chanted in alternation between the cantor and the congregation.



I lift up my eyes to the mountains. From where will | come my help? My help is from the LORD, Maker of heav- |en and earth.

May he keep your foot from shifting, and your | guard from slumber. See, he neither slumbers nor sleeps, the One who guards | Israel.

The LORD is your Guard; the LORD is your shade at | your right hand. By day the sun does not beat you, nor the | moon at night.

The LORD guards you from all evil, | guards your life.

The LORD guards your leaving and your coming, now and for- | evermore.

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*Gospel Lesson | NT page 76 in the pew Bibles

Luke 18:1-8

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Black Eyes and God-Fighters

Response

*Hymn of Response 142

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

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

Like As The Hart

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God.

When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, "Where is now thy God?"

Text: Psalm 42:1-3

Choreography: Elisa Schroth

*Doxology

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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 version is number 895 in the 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. Wine is used for Communion. If you would prefer to receive grape juice, it is available upon request at a Communion station on the pulpit side.

If you have a gluten allergy, there is a server near the Memorial Chapel who will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine. 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 Anthem

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the one that trusteth in him.

Text: Psalm 34:8

Communion Hymn 631

O Food to Pilgrims Given

O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN

*Post-Communion Prayer

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn 598

O Word of God Incarnate

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Closing Voluntary

Carillon Herbert Murill (1909-1952)

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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TODAY'S FLOWERS | Today's flowers are provided by the generosity of the Erlenbach Family Trust.

TODAY'S OFFERING | All of today's cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area.

TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER | Today's Boyles Guest Preacher is the Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence, the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. She is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and holds degrees from Yale University and Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div 1988, Ph.D. 2000).

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the visitor desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the rear sound desk.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN | Children four and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel lower level, beginning at 10:45 a.m. each week.

ENGAGE

WELCOME TO DUKE CHAPEL | If you have questions about the ministries of Duke Chapel or the Congregation at Duke Chapel, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the narthex. Those staffing the table will be happy to answer your questions. **CHAPEL TOUR** | For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today's docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.

PSALMS IN DIALOGUE THIS AFTERNOON | Longing and Belonging: Psalms in Dialogue will take place today at 4:00 p.m. It will be held in Goodson Chapel in the Divinity School's Westbrook Building. The event engages artists, performers, and theologians in a creative dialogue on the power of the Psalms to comfort and inspire communities of faith. Makoto Fujimura, a leading contemporary artist, opens the afternoon with a lecture titled "On Painting the Psalms." Performers include Ekklesia Contemporary Ballet, Andrew Nemr, Duke Chapel Evensong Singers, and Christopher Jacobson. In addition to traditional sacred music by Herbert Howells, Caroline Shaw, and others, the evening includes new dance works choreographed for this event and artworks by Makoto Fujimura. Admission is free, but seating is limited.

URBAN MINISTRIES DINNER | Ten volunteers and twenty cooked lasagnas are needed every month to serve our neighbors at Urban Ministries. The Congregation is committed to providing dinner on the following dates: Wednesday, October 23, at 6:15 p.m. and Sunday, November 10, at 5:15 p.m. Please contact the Congregation office if you are able assist with these meals. New volunteers are welcome at any time and detailed instructions are provided. **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY KICKOFF** | The kickoff for the Habitat for Humanity house sponsored by Duke Chapel, the Congregation, the Duke student chapter of Habitat for Humanity and several Duke departments, will be held on Saturday, October 26, at 8:30 a.m. at 607 Belmont Dr., Durham. The future homeowner of this property will be Ms. Dorethea Hart. Following the kickoff ceremony, volunteers are welcome to stay to help build walls.

THE MARVEL OF THIS NIGHT CHRISTMAS SPECIAL | Celebrating Christmas Eve is a beloved holiday tradition at Duke Chapel. This year, the Chapel has been invited to pre-record a Christmas service for national television broadcast on CBS, creating an opportunity to celebrate the mystery of Christmas before the holiday season has officially begun. Join us on Sunday, November 24, at 4:00 p.m. as the Chapel's pastoral staff, all three choirs and their conductors, and a host of guest musicians revel in The Marvel of This Night through music, readings, prayers, and carols for all to sing. The service is ticketed, but tickets are free. Tickets will be available through the Duke Box Office for students beginning October 24 and for the general public beginning October 29.

ENGAGE (Continued)

DUKE CHAPEL STUDENT AMBASSADORS | We are seeking enthusiastic, dedicated Duke undergraduate students to greet and guide the people who visit the Chapel more than 250,000 times each year. As a Duke Chapel Student Ambassador, you will be equipped to give weekly, personalized Chapel tours to various audiences. Sharpen your interpersonal skills, dive into your subject of interest outside the classroom, bridge the Chapel with the student body, Durham community, and world beyond. Apply by November 1 at chapel.duke.edu/DCSA.

CHAPEL SCHOLARS APPLICATIONS | Chapel Scholars are undergraduates who intentionally engage in Chapel-based programming that nurtures the intellectual, ethical and spiritual life of students. New Scholars connect with other students who come from a wide range of Christian traditions. They are also able to form discipleship and pastoral mentoring relationships with involved Chapel staff. Learn more and apply by November 1 at chapel.duke.edu/scholars. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES** | Classes for all ages will meet throughout the summer at 9:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Westbrook building, Duke Divinity School. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Classes are:

Wee Praise: For children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB Godly Play: For children ages 4 through 1st graders in 0054 Langford Godly Play Advanced: For children in 2nd–5th grade in 0050 Langford Youth Bible Study: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 Westbrook Adult Bible Study: A study of Isaiah in 0015 Westbrook New Member Class: For those considering membership in 0014 WB Adult Forum: On October 27, Steve Harper, Congregation member, will share "Notes on Modern Vietnam" in 0012 Westbrook.

For a complete listing of events, please visit chapel.duke.edu/events or sign up to receive weekly emails at chapel.duke.edu/email



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