



Duke
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CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, November 9, 2025, 11:00 a.m.



Vittore Carpaccio, *The Meditation on the Passion*, ca. 1490.

This morning's scripture readings look toward future justice and resurrection. In Job's narrative, Job trusts in his vindicator, despite the calamities he has faced earlier in the book. The second epistle to the Christians in Thessalonica similarly recognizes a coming justice, while affirming that the letter's recipients have eternal comfort and hope in Christ. In the Gospel reading, the Sadducees attempt to trap Jesus with a difficult question related to the resurrection. Jesus responds to them in a way that rejects the premise of their question and teaches that resurrection is different than what they expected.

Gathering

Carillon

Prelude

Concerto in A minor, BWV 593

Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741)

I. Allegro

transcribed by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

II. Adagio

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn | UMH 732

Come, We That Love the Lord

ST. THOMAS

***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.

***Peace** | All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*All rise as able

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Almighty God, you have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts and set us free from the bondage of sin; open our minds to your word and give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 443 in pew Bibles.

Job 19:23–27a

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

O Nata Lux

Morten Lauridsen

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi,
dignare clemens supplicum laudes preces que sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis.
Nos membra confer effici tui beati corporis.

*O light born of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,
hear the praises and prayers offered by your supplicants.
You who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost ones,
grant us to be made members of your blessed body.*

—trad. Latin hymn

New Testament Lesson | NT pages 194–195 in pew Bibles.

2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 79 in pew Bibles.

Luke 20:27–38

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Penning Your Story

Response

*Response Hymn | UMH 318

Christ Is Alive

TRURO

*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.**

Offertory Anthem

Ain't Got Time to Die

Hall Johnson
(1888–1970)

Lord, I keep so busy praising my Jesus, keep so busy praising my Jesus,
keep so busy praising my Jesus, ain't got time to die.
'Cause when I'm healing the sick, I'm praising my Jesus,
when I'm healing the sick, I'm praising my Jesus,
when I'm healing the sick, I'm praising my Jesus,
Ain't got time to die.

Refrain

'Cause it takes all of my time to praise my Jesus,
all of my time to praise my Lord.
If I don't praise him, the rocks gonna cry out:
Glory and honor! Glory and honor!
Ain't got time to die.

Lord, I keep so busy working for the kingdom...
'Cause when I'm feeding the poor...

Lord, I keep so busy serving my Master...
'Cause when I'm giving my all...

—Hall Johnson

*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 | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing. The text is found on page 895 at the end of the hymnal.

Sending Forth

Blessing and Godspeed for Oscar Dantzler

Choral Benediction

The Spirit of the Lord

Zebulon M. Highben

May the Spirit of the Lord rest upon you;
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone has done wondrous things.

—*Isaiah 11:2 & Psalm 72:18, adapt.*

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn | See hymn printed on the insert.

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

LAND OF REST

Postlude

Concerto in A minor, BWV 593
III. Allegro

A. Vivaldi
trans. J. S. Bach

Carillon

Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following the postlude, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel; worship guides for the service are available near the entrance. Following communion, the minister will be available to offer prayers and anointing.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

Bruce Puckett *Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*
Nicole Ma *Chapel Scholar; Divinity and Sanford '26*

Preacher

Luke A. Powery *Dean, Duke University Chapel*

Lectors

Christina Colwell *Chapel Scholar; Trinity '26*
Angela Sapu *Chapel Scholar; Trinity '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*
Alain Arvelo *Soloist*

Head Ushers

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

Today's Offering | All of today's cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. You may also give directly to the Congregation at Duke University Chapel by check written to the Congregation at Duke University Chapel or online at congregation.chapel.duke.edu and access the giving link. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

Today's Flowers | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Nancy Hanks Chapel Endowment.

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SENDING HYMN | Jerusalem, My Happy Home



1. Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home,
2. O hap - py har - bor of the saints,
3. Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks
4. There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit,
5. Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great,
6. Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem,



when shall I come to thee?
O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
con - tin - ual - ly are green;
and ev - er - more do spring;
they see God face to face;
God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end?
In thee no sor - row may be found,
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit,
they tri - umph still, they still re - joice:
thine end - less joys, and of the same,



Thy joys when shall I see?
no grief, no care, no toil.
as no - where else are seen.
and ev - er - more do sing.
most hap - py is their case.
par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: F. B. P. (16th cent.)

Music: North American traditional

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ACCESSIBILITY

Hearing assistance technology, as well as large-print worship guides and hymnals, is available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. For other accommodations, please approach a minister or usher.

RESTROOMS

For public restrooms, exit the Chapel through the main front doors and turn left to enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the Divinity School hallway.

TOURS

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