Our lessons today present us with reflections on freedom and promises fulfilled. In the Epistle, Paul confronts the Corinthians with what it means to enjoy those small freedoms, when exercising the same may cause offense to members of the family of God. An action that is not fundamentally a sin but wounds the conscience of another also wounds the body of Christ. In the Old Testament reading, a prophet is promised who will speak the word of God, which should be heeded by all of God’s people. In the Gospel, that promise is fulfilled. Jesus goes to the temple in Capernaum and teaches with authority, so that even the unclean spirits recognize and obey him.
Gathering
Carillon

Prelude

Tiento on the Litany of the Virgin

Pablo Bruna
(1611–1679)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn | UMH 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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*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.

Proclamation
Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Lord our God, open our ears to your Word, that in hearing we might learn to love you with all our hearts and to love all humanity as you do. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

*All rise as able
Old Testament Lesson  | OT page 168 in pew Bibles.

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

Lector: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

God Is Seen

Through all the world below God is seen all around,
search hills and valleys through, there he’s found.
The growing of the corn, the lily and the thorn,
the pleasant and forlorn, all declare, God is there.
In meadows dressed in green, God is seen.

See springing waters rise, fountains flow, rivers run.
The mist that veils the sky hides the sun.
Then down the rain doth pour, the ocean it doth roar
and beat upon the shore, and all praise, in their ways,
the God who ne’er declines his designs.

The sun with all his rays speaks of God as he flies.
The comet in her blaze, “God,” she cries.
The shining of the stars, the moon, when she appears,
his awful name declares; see them fly, through the sky,
and join the solemn sound all around, all around.

—anonymous

New Testament Lesson  | NT page 160 in pew Bibles.

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Lector: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
*Gospel Lesson | NT page 33 in pew Bibles.

Mark 1:21–28

Lector: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Teaching that Transforms

Response

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

Cast Out, O Christ

*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.

Mission of the Month
All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam
and silver moon with softer gleam:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O rushing wind and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O flowing waters, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O fire so masterful and bright,
providing us with warmth and light:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds rich blessings on our way:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The fruits and flow’rs that
verdant grow,
let them God’s beauty also show:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You lead to heav’n the child of God,
where Christ our Lord the way has trod.

*All stand and sing:
Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

—Francis of Assisi (1182–1226); tr. William H. Draper, alt.

Thanksgiving
*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord’s Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing.

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
*Choral Benediction

The Spirit of the Lord

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 and Psalm 72:18, adapt.
*Benediction

*Sending Hymn | UMH 157

Jesus Shall Reign

Postlude

Improvisation

Carillon

Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following today’s worship service, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel. Following communion, the minister will be available to offer prayers and anointing.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers
Kenneth Moland ...................... Pastoral Assistant, Congregation at Duke Chapel
Bruce Puckett ...................... Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel

Preacher
Luke A. Powery ...................... Dean, Duke University Chapel

Lectors
Parker Betts ........................... Graduate ’24
Mallory Poff ........................... Pratt ’25

Musicians
Duke Chapel Choir ...................... Choir
Zebulon Highben .... Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel
Robert Parkins ................ University Organist, Duke University
Chad Fothergill ................ Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel
Katherine Johnson ................ Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel
Mitchell Eithun ................ Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel

Head Usher
James Ferguson ................ Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel
**Today's Flowers** | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy Amelia (Amy) Plowden, a beloved teacher of French language and culture, for her dedication to scores of students who she inspired to dream dreams and helped find the means to live them.

**Mission of the Month** | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support Student Action with Farmworkers (SAF). SAF empowers farmworkers and students, many from farmworker families themselves, through learning, sharing resources and skills, and building diverse coalitions. SAF brings students, community members, partner organizations, government institutions, and farmworkers together in a context where all groups can learn and take collective action. Over the past 30 years, SAF has witnessed North Carolinians show up for their farmworker neighbors and learn about their stories through blogs, documentary, arts, and theater. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. Give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.

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**University Prayer of Thanksgiving** | Each week, we focus on a different campus unit, school, or department for whom to give thanks to God for their service and contributions to the wider university community and beyond. Today, we give thanks for the University Administration.

**Restrooms in Divinity School** | Public restrooms are available in the Divinity School. To access them, exit the Chapel through the main front doors and enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the hallway in the Divinity School.

**Organ Recital** | Nathaniel Gumbs, director of chapel music at Yale University, will perform at the Chapel today at 5:00 p.m. His organ recital will include music by Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn, and Hailstork on the Flentrop organ. *The Diapason* magazine recognized him as one of “20 outstanding organists under the age of thirty.” More recently, *The New York Times* described his playing as “mature, lyrical, accurate, and energetic.” No charge for admission.
Bach Cantata Concert | Johann Sebastian Bach’s church cantatas are often considered the pinnacle of German sacred music, works whose theological depth and emotional resonance touch deep places in the human soul. With a theme of “Music for Candlemas,” the next concert in our Bach Cantata Series will be on Sunday, February 4, at 5:00 p.m. No charge for admission.

Jazz Vespers | In anticipation of Mardi Gras, John Brown, Duke’s vice provost for the arts, and his Little Big Band lead the music for the Chapel’s Jazz Vespers service on Thursday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. This service will be a New Orleans-inspired celebration of life in the Spirit, featuring spirituals, gospel favorites, and contemporary arrangements. Jazz Vespers services combine the ancient Christian tradition of evening vespers with the musical idioms of jazz.

Ash Wednesday Services | The Chapel will hold two services at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 14, with the imposition of ashes. The guest preacher at the services will be Casey Stanton, who has spent over a decade working in the field of social concerns ministries within parish life and as part of broader, faith-based coalitions. A graduate of Duke Divinity School, she is co-director of Discerning Deacons, a nonprofit organization committed to active discernment about women and their ordination to the diocesanate by the Catholic Church.

Talk on ‘Dignity, Justice and Joy’ | Author and poet Cole Arthur Riley will give two talks on February 16 on “Dignity, Justice and Joy: Holding on to Our Dignity in Challenging Times.” One is at 2:00 p.m. at North Carolina Central University, and the other is at 7:00 p.m. at Mount Level Missionary Baptist Church in Durham. Riley is the author of the New York Times bestseller This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories that Make Us. The Chapel is a co-sponsor of the events. Learn more and register via the website calendar at chapel.duke.edu/events.

Talk on ‘Same Goal, Different Paths?’ | Swami Medhanandana, PhD, will give a talk on “Same Goal, Different Paths?” on Monday, February 19, at 1:00 p.m. in 0016 Westbrook in the Divinity School. He is a monk of the Ramakrishna Order and an academic philosopher, currently serving as a senior research fellow in philosophy at the Vedanta Society of Southern California. He is also a Hindu Chaplain at UCLA and the University of Southern California. The event is presented by Religious Life at Duke and Hindu Life at Duke in collaboration with the Ramakrishna Vedanta Society of North Carolina. Registration is recommended. Find the registration link at chapel.duke.edu/events.
Durham Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope | Students, Duke community members, and others are invited to discover how their spiritual journeys are connected to our city of Durham through the Durham Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope on the weekend of February 23–25. The pilgrimage is an opportunity to immerse yourself in the story of the city and the biblical story as you reflect with others on what they mean for how you live your life in Durham. It is led by DurhamCares, a nonprofit with a mission to foster collaboration, develop leaders, and educate the people of Durham to care for their neighbors in holistic ways. The deadline to register is January 29. To learn more and register, contact the Chapel’s assistant dean, the Rev. Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.

National Lutheran Choir | Tickets are now on sale for the National Lutheran Choir’s performance at the Chapel on Sunday, March 3, at 3:00 p.m. From music of the Lutheran choral tradition, to the first wave of American immigrants to express that tradition in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, to today’s brilliant interpreters of an expansive sacred choral tradition, this concert evokes a world enriched by shared tradition. Purchase tickets at tickets.duke.edu.

Bach’s ‘St. John Passion’ | First performed 300 years ago on Good Friday, April 7, 1724, J.S. Bach’s St. John Passion is renowned for its dramatic choruses, expressive arias, and compelling narrative. It sets text from the Gospel of John, chapters 18 and 19, composed in two parts: Part I ends with Peter’s denial of Jesus, and Part II concludes with Christ’s burial. Duke Chapel’s Evensong Singers and Schola Cantorum are joined by Mallarmé Music in presenting St. John Passion on Sunday, April 7, at 4:00 p.m. Purchase tickets at tickets.duke.edu.

Chapel Flowers | If you would like to honor a loved one and the worshiping community of the Duke Chapel with a gift of flowers to decorate the chancel for Sunday worship, please contact Angela Flynn, coordinator of worship and ministry, at angela.flynn@duke.edu.

Sunday Morning Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages from 9:45–10:45 a.m., with coffee and refreshments provided at 9:30 a.m. Classes meet in the lowest level of the Westbrook building. New participants are welcome at any time. Contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information.
1. Cast out, O Christ, cast far away the de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.

2. Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame. brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors. home in peace to live your gos - pel call. sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

3. Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you break through e - vil’s thrall. You send us, strength - ened, de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to

4. Your word breathes life and health and hope that

5. So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im - sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow’r, you
demons that destroy: the haunting dreads that choke our souls, the hates that stifle joy.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle
Music: A. Davison, Kentucky Harmony (1816)
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