Today marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday occurs forty days before Easter, not including six Sundays (which are considered feast days), and recalls the Israelites’ forty years in the desert and Jesus’ forty days in the wilderness. Lent is an opportunity to go deeply into our hearts and the souls of our communities, and to recognize the horror and depth of our estrangement from God. In practicing the disciplines of Lent, such as self-examination and repentance, we seek systematically to put things right.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

ENTRANCE

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  *(in unison)*

Holy God, our lives are laid open before you:
as we hear your word today, rescue us from the chaos of sin
and through the death of your Son bring us healing
and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 58:1-12

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Miserere mei, Deus

William Byrd
(c. 1540-1623)

Miserere mei, Deus: secundum magnam misericordiam tuam, et secundum multitudinem miseratiónum tuarum, dele iniquitatem meam.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy great goodness, and according to the multitude of thy mercies, blot out my iniquity.

—Psalm 51:1

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY—Acceptable Ashes

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF A HOLY LENT

PRAYER OVER THE ASHES

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Those wishing to receive ashes will come forward to the stations. When all who desire have received the ashes, the service will continue with the Litany of Penitence.
Anthem (sung during the imposition of ashes)

Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir
(Out of the Deep I cry to you)

Heinrich Schütz
(1585-1672)

Out of the I cry out to you,
Lord God, hear my call;
icne your merciful ear here to me
and be open to my prayer!
For if you choose to consider
what sin and injustice have done,
Lord, who can remain before you?

With you nothing matters but
grace and favor
in the forgiveness of sins;
our deeds are therefore useless,
even in the best life.
Before you nobody can boast,
but everyone must fear you
and live by your grace.

Therefore I shall hope in God,
and not build on my own merit;
my heart will rely on him
and trust in his goodness,
which was promised me by his precious word,
this is my consolation and faithful refuge;
that I will always trust.

And even if it lasts through the night
and again in the morning,
yet in God’s might my heart
will not abandon hope nor be troubled.
Act in this way, true race of Israel,
that was produced from the spirit
and wait on God.

Although there is much sin among us,
with God there is much more mercy;
his helping hand has no limit
however great the harm may be.
He alone is the good shepherd
who will save Israel
from all its sins.

—paraphrase of Psalm 130 by Martin Luther
English translation by Francis Browne
LITANY OF PENITENCE
(The congregation responds with the text in bold.)

God the Father,
Have mercy on us.

God the Son,
Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity,
Have mercy on us.

From our pride, vanity, and hypocrisy,
and from all our evil plans,
Deliver us.

From our envy and malice,
and from our hardness of heart,
Deliver us.

From our sloth and worldliness,
and our lack of compassion,
Deliver us.

From our love of money, our hoarding of possessions,
and our relentless desire to accumulate more,
Deliver us.

From the lust for sexual pleasure
that obscures the true gift of love in us and in others,
Deliver us.

From the gorging of food, the indulging of our appetites,
and our neglect of the hungry,
Deliver us.

From our hatred, anger, and quick temper,
and from our reluctance to be reconciled with those we have hurt,
Deliver us.

Give us true repentance;
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance
and our deliberate sins;
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to your holy word.

Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Peace
(Exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)
CALL TO PRAYER
Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Let us pray.

PRAYS OF THE PEOPLE
(The congregation responds to each petition: “Hear our prayer.”)

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 417
O For a Heart to Praise My God

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

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ON ASH WEDNESDAY:
AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE
THROUGH THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Having no other gods  Do I love God with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength?

Making no idols  Do I put possessions, career, family, reputation, or health ahead of God? Do I treat money, sex, and power as gifts or gods?

Revering God’s name  Do all my words and actions glorify God?

Keeping the Sabbath  Do I let work take over my life? Do I find my identity in work or in being God’s child? Do I set aside a full day each week to rest?

Honoring parents  Do my parents know I value and respect them? Do my children?

Respecting life  How do I respond when I am humiliated, insulted, or treated unfairly? Am I quick to forgive, or do I hold grudges and seek revenge? Do I let my anger get the better of me?

Respecting marriage  Am I chaste? Do I flirt? Do I treat friends or strangers as objects of my lust? Do I treat sex as a precious and holy gift? Do I support and affirm the marriages of others?

Respecting property  Am I greedy? Do I have things that rightly belong to others? Am I honest with regard to tax, expenses, loans, and debts? Am I a generous giver?

Respecting truth  Do I exaggerate to impress? Do I gossip? Do I keep my promises? Do I face the truth about myself? Do I share my true self with others?

Curtailing desire  Am I jealous? Am I thankful? Am I content with what God has given me? Is the grass always greener on the other side? Do I curse the fact that life always seems easier for others?

A LENTEN PRAYER—FOR PERSONAL LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Lord Jesus, you fasted and prayed for forty days. Help me to fast and pray during this time of Lent. Free my mind from distraction and worry, that I may be more aware of your love, and more sensitive to others. Give me a spirit of generosity, so that I might share my gifts more freely with those who have less. Teach me to pray, that I might offer you praise and be more thankful. Help me make time to reflect on your Word; may it challenge, console, and purify me. Be with me in times of hurt, doubt, and confusion; unite my sufferings to yours and let them be redemptive. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, free me from sin, let me rise with you this Easter. I ask this in the name of Jesus, who died that I might have life to the full. Amen.
Holy Week at Duke Chapel

Sunday, March 24
11:00 am  Palm/Passion Sunday
University Service of Worship
The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

11:00 am  Catholic Palm Sunday Mass
Goodson Chapel

9:00 pm  Catholic Palm Sunday Mass

Monday, March 25
12:00 noon  Holy Week Noon Service
Ms. Kennetra Irby

5:15 pm  Service of Prayer and Holy Communion
Memorial Chapel

5:45 pm  Catholic Mass
FA House

Tuesday, March 26
12:00 noon  Holy Week Noon Service
The Rev. Brad Troxell

5:15 pm  Service of Footwashing
Memorial Chapel

Thursday, March 28  Maundy Thursday
12:00 noon  Holy Week Noon Service
Mr. Jeff Nelson
(Chapel Worship Intern)

6:00 pm  Service of Footwashing
Memorial Chapel

7:30 pm  Maundy Thursday Service*
The Rev. Dr. Laceye Warner
(Executive Vice Dean; Duke Divinity School)
Stripping of the Altar
Service of the Lord’s Supper

9:00 pm  Catholic Liturgy of Holy Thursday

Friday, March 29  Good Friday
11:30 am  Procession of the Stations of the Cross
beginning on the Chapel steps

12:00 noon  Service of Good Friday
The Rev. Dr. Richard Lischer
(Professor of Preaching, Duke Divinity School)

1:00-3:00 pm  Meditative organ music

5:00 pm  Catholic Liturgy of Good Friday

7:30 pm  Service of Tenebrae (Darkness)*
The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

Saturday, March 30  Holy Saturday
8:00 pm  Catholic Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 31  Easter Sunday
6:30 am  Easter Sunrise Service
The Rev. Bruce Puckett
Duke Gardens South Lawn

9:00 am  Service of Worship with Holy Communion
The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

11:00 am  Service of Worship
The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

11:00 am  Catholic Easter Mass
Duke Gardens South Lawn

9:00 pm  Catholic Easter Mass

*Because silence will be observed in these services, a limited capacity nursery will be available for children under 6.

Mon-Thurs noon services in Memorial Chapel
All events in Duke Chapel unless otherwise noted.
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FOR WORSHIPERS & VISITORS
† Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.
† For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet docents near the front steps of the Chapel following the Sunday service.
† Hearing assist units and a Braille hymnal are available at the attendant’s desk at the entry way of the Chapel. See the Chapel attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print Bibles or hymnals for the worship service this morning.

FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN
† Children 4 and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel basement, beginning at 10:50 a.m. each Sunday. Pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship. Parents needing a place to feed, quiet, or change infants are also welcome.
† Activity Bags (for children 5 and under) and Liturgy Boxes (ages 5-8) are available at the rear of the Chapel to help children engage in worship. Please return after the service.

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