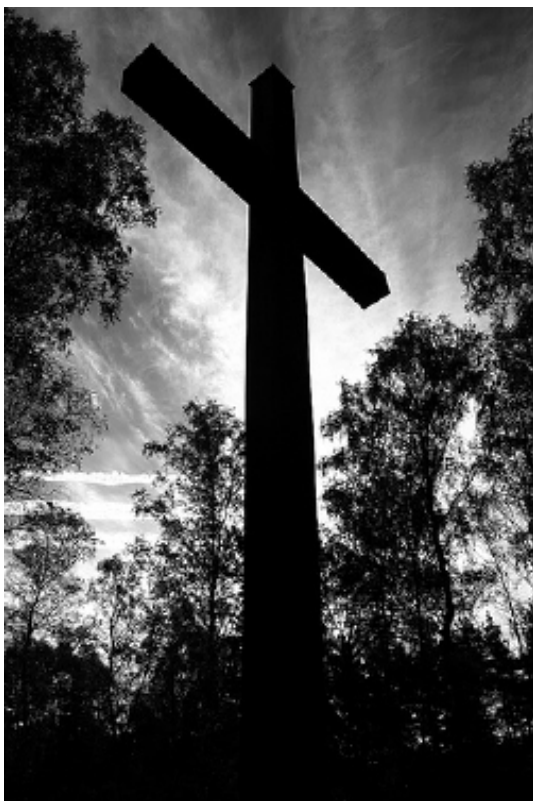




DUKE
UNIVERSITY
CHAPEL

Service of Worship

ASH WEDNESDAY
The First Day of Lent
February 22, 2012
Eight o'clock in the morning



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 deep 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

PRELUDE

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

LAND OF REST

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—Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51—(*Pages 785-86 in the hymnal.*)

(*The congregation will sing the text in bold type.*)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY—Hide and Seek

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 as follows:*

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.

PRAYERS 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

RICHMOND

*POSTLUDE

**All who are able may stand.*

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

The Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer

Preacher

The Rev. Katie Owen
Presbyterian Campus Minister

Lector

Ms. Hanna Metaferia
Trinity '14

Cantor

Mr. Nate Jones
Divinity '12

Organist

Dr. David Arcus
Chapel Organist

Worship Assistants

The Rev. Nils Chittenden
Episcopal Chaplain, Duke University
The Rev. Bruce Puckett
Assistant Pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel
Fr. Michael Martin
Catholic Campus Minister

**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, April 1	Palm/Passion Sunday	Friday, April 6	Good Friday
11:00 am	University Service of Worship The Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells	11:30 am	Procession of the Stations of the Cross beginning on the Chapel steps
11:00 am	Catholic Palm Sunday Mass White Lecture Hall East Campus	12:00 noon	Service of Good Friday The Rev. Charles Campbell Professor of Homiletics Duke Divinity School
6:00 pm	Tallis Scholars Concert The Field of the Cloth of Gold	1:00-3:00 pm	Meditative organ music
9:00 pm	Catholic Palm Sunday Mass	5:00 pm	Catholic Liturgy of Good Friday
Monday, April 2		7:30 pm	Service of Tenebrae (Darkness)* The Rev. Dr. Sam Wells
12:00 noon	Holy Week Noon Service Ms. Katelyn Scott (Worship Intern)	Saturday, April 7	Holy Saturday
5:15 pm	Catholic Mass Goodson Chapel	8:00pm	Catholic Easter Vigil Mass
Tuesday, April 3		Sunday, April 8	Easter Sunday
12:00 noon	Holy Week Noon Service The Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer	6:30 am	Easter Sunrise Service The Rev. Keith Daniel Duke Gardens South Lawn
5:15 pm	Service of Prayer and Holy Communion Memorial Chapel	9:00 am	Service of Worship Service of Holy Communion The Rev. Dr. Sam Wells
Wednesday, April 4		11:00 am	Service of Worship The Rev. Dr. Sam Wells
12:00 noon	Holy Week Noon Service Dr. Adam Hollowell	11:00 am	Catholic Mass for Easter Duke Gardens South Lawn
5:15 pm	Catholic Mass Duke Chapel Crypt	9:00 pm	Catholic Mass for Easter
Thursday, April 5	Maundy Thursday		
12:00 noon	Holy Week Noon Service The Rev. Kori Jones		
6:30 pm	Service of Footwashing Duke Chapel Crypt		
7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service* The Rev. Jo Wells Stripping of the Altar Service of the Lord's Supper		
9:00 pm	Catholic Liturgy of Holy Thursday		

* 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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