
DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL
A Service of Worship for the Blessing of Animals



Sunday, October 15, 2017

Three O'clock in the Afternoon

INTROIT

Gloria Deo

Durham Children's Choir
arr. Victor C. Johnson

Gloria, gloria, gloria Deo! Gloria, gloria, gloria Deo!
Gloria Deo, alleluia, Gloria Deo, alleluia!
Gloria, gloria, gloria Deo!

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.

Gloria, gloria, gloria Deo! Gloria, gloria, gloria Deo!
Gloria Deo, alleluia, Gloria Deo, alleluia!
Gloria, gloria, gloria Deo!

Gloria Deo, alleluia. Gloria Deo, alleluia. Gloria alleluia.

Gloria, gloria, gloria Deo! Gloria, gloria, gloria Deo!
Gloria Deo, alleluia, Gloria Deo, alleluia!
Gloria, gloria, gloria Deo!

Gloria, gloria Deo, alleluia!

GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, make us instruments of your peace,
where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy;
O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be
consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

ANTHEM

Durham Children's Choir

arr. Philip E. Silvey

All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours, He made their tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning, That brightens up the sky,

He made all things well.

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 36:5–9

*Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.*

*Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgements are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.*

*How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.*

Luke 16:19–22a

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

LITANY ON BEHALF OF GOD'S CREATURES *(read responsively)*

Leader: Gracious God, you created the earth and all that is in it and proclaimed it good. All this belongs to you, and yet we harm your creation. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to be champions of all those who suffer, so that we may be channels of your goodness.

People: Hear us, O Lord!

Leader: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who protects his sheep. May we learn from your self-giving love to care for creation and protect vulnerable creatures and habitats.

People: Hear us, O Lord!

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for animals who live in our homes, on farms, in the wild, and in havens of refuge. Make us ever aware of our stewardship of creation, and help us to be faithful in caring for all you have created.

People: Hear us, O Lord!

Leader: Holy Spirit, we lift to you all animals who are mistreated in any way, for those who are tortured, deserted, abused, exploited and used for unnecessary experimentation, and for any whose lives are spent in extreme confinement. Help us to stop abuse in any form. Open our mouths to the defense of the defenseless, and above all, open our lives to your ways.

People: Hear us, O Lord!

Leader: We ask forgiveness Lord for the part we have all played in systems that exploit your creation and promote hardness of heart.

People: Hear us, O Lord!

Leader: We remember before you our companion animals who have died. We remember at this time also, those animals who are lost or separated from their owners.

People: Hear us, O Lord!

THE BLESSING

O holy Father and Creator of all, we ask your blessing on every creature gathered here today, the large and the small. May they live peacefully in praise of you. Bless us all to love your creation, and revere it as a gift from you. We ask this blessing in the name of the One who was, is, and always will be, our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom every creature belongs. Amen.

*Animals will be blessed individually. The worship leaders will come to you.
You may depart in peace after your animal companions have been blessed.*

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Robin Arcus <i>Minister, United Church of Christ</i>
Preacher	The Rev. Meghan Benson <i>Chaplain, Duke Divinity School</i>
Lector	Mr. Nicholas Woodrum <i>Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel</i>
Other Participants	Ms. Rondy Elliott <i>Founder of Blessing of the Animals Service</i>
	Fr. Michael Martin <i>Director, Duke Catholic Center</i>
	Ms. Denise Noble <i>Congregation Intern, Divinity '18</i>
	The Rev. Andrew Phillips <i>Assistant Pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel</i>
Choir	The Rev. McKennon Shea <i>Major Gifts and Leadership Annual Fund Officer, Duke Divinity School</i>
	Durham Children's Choir Ms. Dena Byers, <i>Artistic Director</i>
	Ms. Vangie Poe, <i>Accompanist</i> Mr. Rick Keena, <i>Guitarist</i>

The service today has been coordinated and supported by Duke Chapel. We would like to thank the Animal Protection Society of Durham, Beyond Fences, and the Green Iguana Society who have joined us today for their work helping animals and educating people. Also a special thank you to the Durham Children's Choir for their participation in the service and to the volunteers who distributed materials to veterinarians around Durham.

ABOUT THE DURHAM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Durham Children's Choir is a community organization made up of outstanding young singers from elementary and middle schools, public and private, and home-schooled children, in the Durham and neighboring communities. Their mission is to learn a wide variety of high quality choral music, both sacred and secular, and to share that music with the community through public performances. The choir is under the direction of Artistic Director, Dena Byers. For more information please visit our website at www.durhamchildrenschoir.org.