During this challenging time, the Duke Chapel staff continues to pray regularly for Duke, Durham, the nation, and the world. We invite you to join us online in this Holy Week service from wherever in the world you may be. Please note that all in-person services and events have been canceled until further notice. Please check the Chapel website for updates: chapel.duke.edu

Opening Voluntary

O Lamm Gottes unschuldig (O Lamb of God), BWV 656
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Greeting and Call to Worship

Opening Hymn | See Hymn Sheet.

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

God of grace, you have come to us in our Savior Christ; but we have reviled him, denied him, even betrayed him with a kiss. We have not faithfully followed his commandment to love one another as he has loved us. Since your love is constant in the face of our infidelity, reveal your love again to us. Restore us by the power of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

Lenten Creed

Together let us confess our faith.

We believe in Jesus Christ, “who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:6–11
Prayer for Illumination

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup of suffering prepared for him: may we who long to share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful. Amen.

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Homily

Hymn | See Hymn Sheet.

O Bread of Life from Heaven

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.

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

Stripping of the Altar | Psalm 22 is chanted as the alter is stripped and the cross is draped in black.

End in Silence | The absence of a benediction and closing voluntary reminds us that worship continues on Good Friday.
Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth-se-ma-ne, all who feel the tempt-er’s pow’r;
    your Re-deem-er’s con-flict see. Watch with him one bit-ter hour;
    turn not from his griefs a-way; learn from Je-sus Christ to pray.

2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
    oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
    Shun not suf-fr’ing, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

3 Cal-v’ry’s mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a-dor-ing at his feet,
    mark that mir-a-cle of time, God’s own sac-ri-fice com-plete.
    “It is fin-ished!” hear him cry; learn from Je-sus Christ to die.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901
Hymn

O Bread of Life from Heaven

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

1 O bread of life from heaven, O food to pilgrims given, O manna from above: feed
2 O fount of grace redeeming, O river ever stream ing from Jesus' wounded side: come
3 We love you, Jesus, tender, in all your hidden splendor within these means of grace. Oh,

with the blessed sweetness of your divine com now, your love bestow ing on thirsting souls, and

plete ness the souls that want and need your love. flowing till all are fully satisfied.
heaven behold your glory face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, st. 1; 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2