

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 17, 2019, 11:00 a.m.



The Prophet Gustave Doré, 1859

The lessons today encourage us toward faith and hope. In Genesis, God makes a promise to Abram. It is a promise that will take many years to be fulfilled, but the passage tells us, "He believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness." Lent is a season that reflects the tension between faith and frailty, hope and doubt. In Paul's letter to the church at Philippi, he expresses grief over those who live as enemies of the cross, who set their minds on earthly things. He encourages instead the heavenly citizenship, where all humiliations are transformed. In Luke's gospel, Jesus has harsh words for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, who have continually fallen away from the faith of their ancestors. He calls them to repent and return to the fold under God's wings and near to God's heart, a fitting invitation to all God's people in this season of Lent.

# Gathering

Organ Prelude

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 669

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Greeting and Call to Worship

Choral Introit

Indodana

Michael Barrett and Ralf Schmidt (Traditional isiXhosa text)

The Lord has taken his son who lived amongst us The son of the Lord God was crucified.

\*Opening Hymn 417

O For a Heart to Praise My God

RICHMOND

\*Prayers 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.

## Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Almighty God, in the hearing of your word and by the prayer and discipline of Lent, may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings and, by following in his way, come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 11 in the pew Bible

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

\* All who are able may stand

<sup>\*</sup>Peace | All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

Psalm 75

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

O Lord God, to thee be praise evermore; And thy glory shall be told to the ends of all the earth; While we sing unceasingly the great deeds which thou hath wrought.

Text: Théodore de Bèze (1519-1605)

New Testament Lesson | NT page 187 in the pew Bible

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

\*Gospel Lesson | NT page 72 in the pew Bible

Luke 13:31-35

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Job No One Wants

\*Hymn of Response 141

Children of the Heavenly Father

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# Response

\*Lenten Creed

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

### 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 Offertory Anthems

Sanctus

Richard Burchard (b. 1960)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Agnus Dei

Richard Burchard

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

\*Doxology OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

# Sending Forth

- \*Prayer of Thanksgiving
- \*The Lord's Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.
- \*Benediction
- \*Closing Hymn 517

By Gracious Powers

INTERCESSOR

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back.

May the rains fall soft upon you and the sun shine warm upon your face.

And true be the hearts that love you, peace ever with you, and until we meet again: May the path light up before you and the clouds forsake the skies above.

May the warmth of sun surround you and the stars shine bright to guide you home; And true be the hearts that love you. peace ever with you and until we meet again. May God hold you in the palm of his hand, May he hold you evermore.

Text: Gaelic Blessing, traditional

#### Organ Voluntary

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following today's worship service, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel. Following communion, the pastor will be available to anoint and pray.

## **TODAY IN WORSHIP**

PRESIDING MINISTERS

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## **TODAY IN WORSHIP (CONT.)**

#### MISSION OF THE MONTH

Ms. Cordelia Heaney ... Executive Director of the Compass Center for Women and Families

# MEMORIAL CHAPEL COMMUNION

#### **HEAD USHERS**

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** | The flowers for today's service are given by the Nancy Hanks Fund.

MISSION OF THE MONTH | Compass Center for Women and Families is the Mission of the Month offering recipient. The Compass Center helps all people navigate their journey to self-sufficiency, safety, and health. It empowers individuals and promotes equal access to opportunity regardless of gender or economic status. The Compass Center's services include career and financial education, domestic violence crisis and prevention programs, assistance with legal resources, and youth health programs. To learn more visit www.compassctr.org or call our 24-hour hotline: (919) 929-7122. **GUEST CHOIR |** This morning's guest choir, the Millbrook High School Madrigals from Raleigh, is a mixed auditioned ensemble of about thirty members. Represented in this group are sophomores through seniors, who dedicate themselves year-round to daily rehearsals and who give between twenty and thirty performances a year. The choir performs at Duke Chapel, the North Carolina Governor's Mansion, the State Capitol Building, Millbrook High School, and many other schools. In recent years, they have performed in New York, Georgia, Washington D.C., and Chicago. The Madrigals consistently receive Superior ratings in both performance and literacy from the North Carolina Music Educators Association. **ACCESSIBILITY** | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the front desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the back left sound desk.

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FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN | Children four and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel's lower level, beginning at 10:45 a.m. each week.

### **ENGAGE**

**WELCOME TO DUKE CHAPEL** | If you have questions about the ministries of Duke Chapel or the Congregation at Duke Chapel, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the narthex. Those staffing the table will be happy to answer your questions. **CHAPEL TOUR** | For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today's docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.

**BACK PEW COLLECTION |** Donations for Reality Ministries may be placed on the back pew today. These donations will assist Reality Ministries in developing friendships with developmentally disabled teens and adults.

**COMMUNAL LENTEN PRACTICE** | The forty days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday and end on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. During this time, we remember the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptations of Satan, and preparing to begin his ministry. For us, it is a time of self-examination, repentance, and preparation for the coming of Easter. Individual and corporate spiritual disciplines, unique to this season, can help us be mindful of our need for a Savior. At Duke Chapel, we mark the penitential nature of this season as our colorful floral arrangements are replaced with simple greens, and "Alleluias" are excluded from our music. This year, we will also refrain from our usual worship processionals to heighten the reflective nature of the season. We invite you into this Lenten journey, praying that it will lead to a more profound "Alleluia" on Easter morning.

**LENTEN BOOK GROUP** | Two book groups will discuss Howard Thurman's *The Search for Common Ground* during Lent. The five-week series will be held on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. beginning March 20. For detailed information or to indicate plans to attend, please contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

BACH CANTATA TODAY AT THE NASHER | The final concert in this season's Bach Cantata Series will be held today at 5:15 p.m. at Duke's Nasher Museum of Art. Titled Both Sides of Bach, the program includes two of J.S. Bach's secular Cantatas: the delightful Coffee Cantata, Schweigt stille, plaudert nicht (BWV 211), and Cantata 213, Laßt uns sorgen, laßt uns wachen, known in English as "Hercules at the Crossroads." The Duke Bach Ensemble performs under the direction of Dr. Philip Cave, associate conductor for Chapel Music. Admission is free.

**SATURDAY SERVICE PROJECT** | Volunteers are needed to assist in a Ladies Tea at Reality Ministries on Saturday, March 23, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Volunteers will help set up, serve, and clean up. Food contributions of fruit, vegetables, cheese, crackers, and cookies will be appreciated. Reality Ministries is located at 916 Lamond Avenue, Durham. To volunteer, please contact the Congregation office at 919-684-3917 or congregation@duke.edu.

**TRIPLE T** | Young adults and university students will gather in the Chapel kitchen on Monday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m. to feed their spirits and bodies.

## **ENGAGE** (Continued)

Food and discussion, along with laughter and friendship, mark this gathering. Triple T meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

**ORGAN RECITAL SERIES** | University Organist Dr. Robert Parkins will give his annual recital this year on Sunday, March 24, at 5:15 p.m. Titled *J. S. Bach and His Predecessors*, the concert will feature works of Bach and earlier composers who influenced him. The program will include music by Frescobaldi, Böhm, Buxtehude, Pachelbel, and Grigny. Admission is free.

crop walk | The Annual CROP Walk to benefit organizations that work to end hunger and support refugees locally and globally will be Sunday, April 7. The 4.8 miles course starts in the front of Duke Chapel, then travels to Duke's East Campus and back. Registration starts at 1:30 p.m.; step-off is at 2:30 p.m. The Congregation at Duke Chapel team welcomes both walkers and donations. Please see https://www.crophungerwalk.org/durhamnc/TheCongregationatDukeChapel or contact the Congregation office.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES** | Classes for all ages are offered every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Westbrook building, Duke Divinity School. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Classes are:

Wee Praise: For children ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB. Godly Play: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford Youth Bible Study: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 Westbrook Adult Bible Study: Study on the Gospel of Mark in 0015 Westbrook Adult Forum: On March 24, Christopher Karnadi, writer on culture and religion, will present "The Confessions of St. Kendrick" in 0012 Westbrook.

For a complete listing of events, please visit chapel.duke.edu/events or sign up to receive weekly emails at chapel.duke.edu/email



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