

Service of Worship

Sunday after the Ascension May 4, 2008 Eleven o'clock in the morning

≈ Keeping the heart of the University listening to the heart of God «



"The Ascension". Artist Unknown, c. 1000

Forty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the Ascension of Jesus as described in Acts, Luke, and Mark. Today we mark this celebration. In many traditions, the Feast of the Ascension is one of the holiest and most celebrated moments in the liturgical year; it is also among the most ancient of Christian traditions. The Church holds that the day of Ascension is a day for celebration because all the work that Jesus came to do has been accomplished, and he returns to the right hand of God the Father.

DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL



Duke Chapel is a grand building, suitable for hosting major events in the life of the University and its members; it acts as a moderator for the diversity of religious identity and expression on campus; and it is a Christian church of an unusually interdenominational character, with a tradition of stirring music, preaching, and liturgy. We welcome you to our life of worship, learning, dialogue, and service.

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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 today's docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the 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 week. 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 are available at the rear of the Chapel for children 5 or younger. Please return the bags at the end of the service. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers.

We invite you to consider joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel. The Congregation is an interdenominational church with a variety of vibrant ministries, including discipleship and spiritual formation (for children, youth, and adults), mission and outreach, and pastoral care. If you are interested in making Duke Chapel your home church, contact the Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu

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At the close of today's service, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the Memorial Chapel located to the left of the chancel.

Immediately following the Lord's Supper, a Service of Prayers for Healing will also be held. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON MUSIC

Prelude

I Will Greatly Rejoice in the Lord

Knut Nystedt (b. 1915)

Set Me as a Seal

René Clausen (b. 1953)

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter (b. 1945)

GREETING

*Processional Hymn 312

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

LLANFAIR

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance (in unison)

The minister offers words of confession in three biddings, to which the congregation responds as follows:

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*Peace

(All exchange signs and words of God's peace.)

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven. As we hear your word proclaimed, help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON—Acts 1:1-11 (page 110 in the pew Bible)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O Clap Your Hands

Rutter

O clap your hands together all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the Lord is high and to be fear'd; He is the great King upon all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet. He shall choose out an heritage for us; even the worship of Jacob whom he loved. God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. O sing praises unto our God; O sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth. Sing ye praises with understanding. O clap your hands together all ye people.

—Psalm 47:1-7

SECOND LESSON—Ephesians 1:15-23 (page 181)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 326 (stanzas 1-3)

The Head That Once Was Crowned ST. MAGNUS (All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*Gospel Lesson—Matthew 15:21-28 (page 16)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 326 (stanzas 4-6)

The Head That Once Was Crowned ST. MAGNUS

SERMON—The Way Back and the Way Up

RESPONSE

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Mission Announcement

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.")

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Alleluia Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

Alleluia. Amen.

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

THANKSGIVING

As part of Duke's Appreciation Week, this morning we give thanks for all Duke employees whose hard work and dedication contribute to the vibrancy and flourishing of the University. We specifically remember all those employed in service roles—housekeepers, groundskeepers, maintenance workers, food service employees, and all those occupations that are often overlooked. Chapel house-keeper Oscar Dantzler brings a uniform shirt to the altar.

In Durham, we lift up youth who live in the midst of challenging circumstances and disadvantage, and we pray for those who work with them. A youth brings forward a yearbook.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer (number 895 in the hymnal)

Sending Forth

*BENEDICTION

*Recessional Hymn 327 Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Postlude

Improvisation on DIADEMATA

Carillon Music

*All who are able may stand.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers The Rev. Craig Kocher

The Rev. Canon Dr. Samuel Wells

Preacher The Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence

Associate Professor of Preaching and Worship, Columbia Theological Seminary

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Guest Choir Millbrook High School Madrigal Singers

Guest Choir Director Ms. Megan Bender

Head Ushers Mr. Charlie Roedel and Mr. Leroy McRae

Presiding Minister in Memorial Chapel The Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer

Carillonneur Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

ABOUT TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER

Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence as our guest preacher. Anna Carter Florence is Associate Professor of Preaching and Worship at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. An ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), she has focused much of her work on two of her passions: youth and poetics. She has previously ministered in Minneapolis and in New Jersey. The Rev. Carter Florence holds degrees from Yale College and Princeton Theological Seminary, has preached and lectured widely, and published numerous sermons and articles. Her book, *Preaching as Testimony*, is forthcoming from Westminster John Knox Press.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday May 11 is Duke's graduation weekend. There will be no worship in the Chapel at the regular 11:00 a.m. time. Instead, the worship service will be at 5:00 p.m. It is Pentecost Sunday, which will be marked with a colorful procession, baptisms, and confirmation of youth from the Congregation. The Rev. Peter Gomes, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister at Harvard, will be preaching.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Are you interested in participating in the worship at Duke Chapel this summer by reading scripture, serving communion, or by being a crucifer or light-bearer? The Chapel would welcome your participation and look forward to including you in the worship life of the Chapel. If you are interested, please contact Director of Worship Meghan Feldmeyer at 684-8478 or meghan.feldmeyer@duke.edu.

CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Flowers—The flowers for today's worship service are provided by the Erlenbach Family Trust for the glory of God.

Today's Offering—Today's Mission of the Month offering will support EDGE Training and Placement, which is a progressive program designed to prepare at-risk youth for the future in a result-oriented, disciplined environment promoting education, leadership and personal responsibility. Today's offering will go directly to meeting both the academic and personal needs of high school dropouts with no easy means to re-enter the education system. EDGE has served 86 students this year; eight will attend and will live on campus at local universities this fall.

Today's Guest Choir—The Millbrook High School Madrigal Singers consist of tenth, eleventh, and twelfth graders at Millbrook High School in Raleigh. This group has previously performed in Williamsburg and at an invitation-only choral event in Chicago. They have had the opportunity to work with noted choral conductors such as Daniel Huff, Weston Noble, and most recently André Thomas. This is Megan Bender's second year as choral director at Millbrook High School.

Monday Morning Prayer—During the summer months the Chapel will have morning prayer each Monday at 9:00 a.m. in the Memorial Chapel. Services last approximately 20 minutes and are led by members of the Chapel staff. All are invited to this time of prayer and reflection.

Summer Choir—Duke Chapel welcomes singers to its Summer Choir that assists in leading worship from June to August; the choir is under the direction of Dr. Allan Friedman. Regular rehearsals are on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. Call 684-3898 for details.

Community Engagement—Duke Chapel has begun an email list for those interested in building friendships across boundaries and engaging with the West End and greater Durham community. Opportunities will be emailed from Duke Chapel's Director of University and Community Relations Gaston Warner and Community Minister Abby Kocher. To subscribe to the list, contact Gaston Warner at g.warner@duke.edu.

THE CONGREGATION AT DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

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The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

Thanks to the Congregation Interns—We are grateful to our three Divinity interns, who have provided outstanding service to the Congregation this year—McKennon Shea, Elizabeth Clift, and Dave Allen. McKennon, who has served as our Director of Youth Ministry, will be joining the staff of the Congregation as the full-time Assistant Pastor on May 15 after his graduation from Duke Divinity School. Elizabeth will continue in her present position as Director of Children's Ministry next year, and Dave will complete his work as Missions and Outreach intern today. Next year he will serve as an intern with the Duke Wesley Fellowship. We have been richly blessed by their dedication, good humor, and loving spirits.

ADULT FORUM—There will be no Adult Forum on May 11 due to Duke's graduation weekend. In conjunction with the recent performances of Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem*, the Adult Forum will be wrapping up the lecture series, "War and Faith." On May 18, Dr. Edward Arnett, retired Duke Chemistry Professor and member of Duke Chapel Congregation, with share his experience "Conscientious Objection: Another Kind Of War Story." The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building at 9:45 a.m. This will be the last Adult Forum of the spring semester.

Congregation Potluck on May 11—All are invited to attend a potluck hosted by the Congregation after worship on Sunday, May 11, starting at 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel basement lounge. Confirmands will be honored and guest preacher Rev. Peter Gomes will be available for a book-signing. Reservations are not required.

Collection for the Durham Crisis Response Center—On Sunday, May 18, the Congregation is collecting cleaning and laundry supplies, paper towels, twin sheets, bath towels, trash bags, and feminine hygiene products for Durham Crisis Response Center. Monetary contributions and checks will also be accepted to purchase some larger items needed. Contributions may be left on the back pew of the Chapel on May 18 or they may be brought to the Congregation office any time prior to May 18. For over twenty years, the DCRC has been the sole provider of comprehensive support including shelter, counseling, and legal advocacy to survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Luncheon to Honor Ched Myers on May 18—The Congregation will host a barbecue luncheon immediately after worship on Sunday, May 18, in the Chapel basement lounge to honor Ched Myers as guest preacher and as the Chapel's Theologian-in-Residence. Reservations are encouraged but not required. They can be made by contacting Mary Ann Manconi at: office@congregation.chapel.duke.edu or by calling 684-3917. There is no charge for the meal but donations will be accepted.