Lent is a season that reflects the tension between faith and frailty, hope and doubt. 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.” 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.
The congregation is asked to remain silent
during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE
Chorale Fantasy on Wo Gott der Herr nicht bei uns hält J. S. Bach
(Were God the Lord Not With Us), BWV 1128 (1685-1750)

INTROIT
Give Me Jesus Spiritual

O, when I am alone, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus. O, when I come to die, give me Jesus. And when I want to sing, give me Jesus.

GREETING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 116
The God of Abraham Praise LEONI

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (in unison)
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*PEACE
(All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)

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—Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
(OT page 11 in the pew Bible)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
*Gradual Hymn 189 (stanzas 1-2)
Fairest Lord Jesus
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 189 (stanzas 3-4)
Fairest Lord Jesus

Sermon—Sacramental Sky

**Response**

**Commissioning of Spring Break Mission Teams**

**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**
Cantique de Jean Racine
Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

> Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,
> Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,
> De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence;
> Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux!

Word, equal to the Most High, our only hope,
Eternal day of the earth and the heavens;
From the peaceful night we break the silence;
Divine Savior, cast thine eyes upon us!

> Répands sur nous le feu de la grâce puissante,
> Que tous l’enfer fuie au son de ta voix;
> Dissipe le sommeil d’une âme languissante,
> Qui la conduit à l’oubli de tes lois!

Spread upon us the fire of thy powerful grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of thy voice;
Disperse the sleep from a languishing soul,
Which has driven it to forget thy laws.

> O Christ sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle
> Pour te benir maintenant rassemblé.
> Reçoit les chants qu’il offre à ta gloire immortelle
> Et de tes dons qu’il retourne comblé!
O Christ, be favorable to this faithful people
Now gathered to bless you.
Receive the songs they offer to your immortal glory,
And may they return filled with your gifts!

*Doxology

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.

Thanksgiving and Communion

This morning we give thanks for the department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. We celebrate the ways it shapes the imaginations of students in the ordering of public space and the questions of sustainable development. Ushers bring a hard hat to the altar.

In Durham, we celebrate all those people who seek to build friendships across socioeconomic and racial lines. A representative brings forward a copy of The Best of Enemies, an account of how two people from very different backgrounds in Durham came to be friends.

*The Great Thanksgiving
(Musical Setting D, on page 23 of the hymnal)

*The Lord’s Prayer (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)

Sharing of the Bread and Wine

All those who have become members of Christ’s body through baptism and seek to be united with God and at peace with their neighbor are invited to receive communion. Wine is used for communion. The tradition as understood at Duke Chapel is that the Holy Spirit makes Christ fully present in both the bread and the wine. If you receive only the bread, be assured that you are nonetheless in full communion with Christ and the Church. You may also come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you would like to receive individual anointing with oil and prayers for healing, ministers will be in the Memorial Chapel during communion.

Music During Distribution

Hymn 142 (sung by all)
If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee    WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

Communion Anthem
Tantum ergo

Therefore let us, with heads bowed,
Venerate so great a sacrament,
And let the old practice yield
To the new rite;
Let faith provide a supplement
For the failure of the senses.
To the begetter and the begotten  
Be praise and jubilation,  
Salvation, honor, virtue also,  
And blessing,  
And let equal praise be to him,  
Who proceeds from them both.  
Amen.

—Thomas Aquinas

HYMN 164 (choir only)  
Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life  
THE CALL

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 159  
Lift High the Cross  
CRUCIFER

*CHORAL BLESSING  
God Be in My Head  
John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

ORGAN POSTLUDE  
*Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671  
(J. S. Bach)

*All who are able may stand.

Today's organ prelude is a rare item: a recently discovered organ work by J. S. Bach. The manuscript of this extended fantasy came to light in Weimar (Germany) during the spring of 2008 and is thought to be a product of Bach's early years (1705-10). The hymn itself is virtually unknown among American Lutheran congregations, but the text is taken from Psalm 124.
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The Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark
The Rev. Bruce Puckett

Head Ushers
Dr. James Ferguson and Ms. Charlotte Harrison

TODAY’S GUEST PREACHER

This morning we welcome Barbara Brown Taylor as the Sterly and Pelham Wilder Guest Preacher. The Rev. Taylor teaches religion at Piedmont College in rural northeast Georgia and is an adjunct professor of spirituality at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur. She is the author of twelve books, including An Altar in the World, published by HarperOne in February 2009. Her memoir, Leaving Church, met with widespread critical acclaim, winning a 2006 Author of the Year award from the Georgia Writers Association. A contributing editor to Sojourners magazine, an at-large editor for The Christian Century, and sometime commentator on Georgia Public Radio, Taylor lives on a working farm with her husband, Ed, and a yard full of animals.

THIS WEEK AT DUKE CHAPEL

MORNING PRAYER - Weekdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Memorial Chapel
COMMUNION AND HEALING - Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel
CHORAL VESPERS - Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the Chancel

DURHAM CROPWALK

Save the date for the annual Durham CROPWalk, Sunday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m. Join the walk in solidarity with the world’s hungry. Walkers and financial sponsors are needed. To join our team or to contribute online, go to www.DurhamCropwalk.org or contact the Rev. Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu or at 684-3917. Information for donors and CROPWalkers is available by the front steps of the Chapel after worship today.
Today’s Offering—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used for the Chapel Development Fund, which is the primary source of contributed funds for building care and preservation. The Chapel fulfills James B. Duke’s desire that the building exert a profound influence on the lives of the young women and men who attend the university.

Coffee and Christ—The Chapel is offering a new Sunday School class for undergraduates at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Room 110 of the Westbrook Building. The class will reflect on Jesus’ parables.

Dvořák Requiem—The Choral Society of Durham, conducted by Dr. Rodney Wynkoop, will perform Antonin Dvořák’s Requiem today at 4:00 p.m. at Duke Chapel. Tickets will be available at the door for $20 each. Students are admitted free. The performance will be dedicated to the earthquake victims of Haiti, and donations for disaster relief will be accepted at the door. For more information, call 919-560-2733 or visit www.choral-society.org.

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The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

Adult Forum—On March 7, Dr. Daniel Day will speak on the topic “Christian Worship: Whence and Whither.” He is the Associate Professor of Christian Preaching and Worship at Campbell University Divinity School. The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building at 9:45 a.m.

Faithful Eating—Today at 12:15 p.m. the Environmental Stewardship Committee is sponsoring a presentation by Dr. Norman Wirzba, Research Professor of Theology, Ecology, and Rural Life at Duke Divinity. The presentation is titled “Faithful Eating,” a conversation on how Christians can witness to the grace and hospitality of God in the food choices they make. He will address issues related to today’s industrial food system and what a more Godly food economy can look like. This event will be held in Room 0016, Westbrook. An eco-friendly lunch will be provided at no cost for the first sixty people attending.

Anniversary Cookbook—In celebration of its 25th anniversary, the Congregation at Duke Chapel is creating a cookbook that will contain recipes, congregational history, photos, and essays about food and faith. If you would like your recipes to be considered for the keepsake, please submit them by March 1 to www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu/cookbook/. For more information, contact Kate DeAlmeida at 401-3596 or email TheDeAlmeidas@aol.com.

New Member Luncheon—The Congregation Council would like to invite new members to a luncheon after worship on Sunday, March 7, in the Chapel basement kitchen. Those who would like to learn more about the Congregation but have not yet joined are also welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Mary Ann at office@congregation.chapel.duke.edu by March 4.
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 (for children 5 and under) and Liturgy Boxes (ages 5-8) are available at the rear of the Chapel to help children engage in worship. Please return after the service.

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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