Near the beginning of Lent we recite the Great Litany, which is a ritual of confession and petition to God. The practice of singing responsive prayers in the form of a processional liturgy goes back to the fourth century and is particularly associated with the liturgy of the Eastern Orthodox churches. Chanting the Great Litany during Lent has been a tradition at Duke Chapel for more than 25 years. Dean Wells will be continuing the Lenten theme by addressing the issue of torture, to coincide with the upcoming interfaith conference on torture to be held in Durham next weekend. The gospel lesson today includes the well-known words, “God so loved the world that he gave his only son”—showing us, not just how much God loves us, but how much it costs God to love us so much.
The congregation is asked to remain silent
during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

**GATHERING**

**CARILLON**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

Magnificat primi toni

Jean Titelouze

(c. 1562-1633)

**GREETING**

*The Great Litany (congregation standing)*

*Cantor in dialogue with choir and congregation*

Cantor: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Cantor: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Cantor: O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Cantor: O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Cantor: Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of
our forebears; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare
us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed
with Thy most precious blood, and by Thy mercy preserve us
for ever.

People: Spare us, good Lord.

Cantor: From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and
assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

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 prayer for healing
will be held. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness,
with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.
Cantor: From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.
Cantor: From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word and commandment,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.
Cantor: From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.
Cantor: From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.
Cantor: By the mystery of Thy holy incarnation; by Thy holy nativity and submission to the law; by Thy baptism, fasting, and temptation,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.
Cantor: By Thine agony and bloody sweat; by Thy cross and passion; by Thy precious death and burial; by Thy glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.
Cantor: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.
Cantor: We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church universal in the right way,

People: We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.
Cantor: That it may please Thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons with true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth and show it accordingly,

People: We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.
Cantor: That it may please Thee to bless and keep all Thy people,

People: We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.
Cantor: That it may please Thee to send forth laborers into Thy harvest, and to draw all people into Thy kingdom.

People: We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.
Cantor: That it may please Thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive Thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

People: We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.
Cantor: That it may please Thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

People: We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.
Cantor: That it may please Thee to give us a heart to love and fear Thee, and diligently to live after Thy commandments,

People: We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.
Cantor: That it may please Thee so to rule the hearts of Thy servants, our elected officials, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

**People:** We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Cantor: That it may please Thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

**People:** We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Cantor: That it may please Thee to show Thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

**People:** We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Cantor: That it may please Thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

**People:** We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Cantor: That it may please Thee to inspire us in our several callings to do the work which Thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as Thy servants and for the common good,

**People:** We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Cantor: That it may please Thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

**People:** We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Cantor: That it may please Thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

**People:** We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Cantor: That it may please Thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with Thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

**People:** We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Cantor: That it may please Thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

**People:** We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Cantor: That it may please Thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,
People: We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.
Cantor: That it may please Thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to Thy heavenly kingdom,
People: We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.
Cantor: Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

Cantor: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People: Have mercy upon us.
Cantor: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People: Have mercy upon us.
Cantor: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People: Grant us Thy peace.
Cantor: O Christ, hear us.

Cantor: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: Christ, have mercy upon us.
Cantor: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Cantor: O Lord, let Thy mercy be showed to us;

Cantor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in Thy Son’s name: we beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to Thy will may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.
Cantor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.
All: Amen.
**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 12:1-4a (OT page 9 in the pew Bible)**

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**

God So Loved the World  
John Goss (1800-1880)

God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Amen.

—John 3:16-17

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (NT pages 144-45)**

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 267 (stanzas 1-3)  
O Love, How Deep  
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—John 3:1-17 (NT page 88)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 267 (stanzas 4-6)  
O Love, How Deep  
DEO GRACIAS

**SERMON—Our Tortured State**

**RESPONSE**

**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.”)
Miserere mei, Deus: secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.
Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness:

Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum: dele iniquitatem meam.
according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offenses.

Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea: et a peccato meo munda me.
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.

Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco: et peccatum meum contra me est semper.
For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.

Tibi soli peccavi et malum coram te feci: ut iustificeris in sermonibus tuis et vincas cum judicaris.
Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judge.

Ecce enim iniquitatibus conceptus sum: et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.
Behold, I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti: incerta et occulta sapientiae tuae manifestasti mihi.
But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shall make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Asperges me hyssopo et mundabor: lavabis me et super nivem dealbabor.
Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Auditui meo dabis gaudium et laetitiam: et exultabunt ossa humiliata.
Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis: et omnes iniquitates meas dele.
Turn thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.

Cor mundum crea in me Deus: et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.
Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

Ne projicias me a facie tua: et spiritum sanctum tuum ne auferas a me.
Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

Redde mihi laetitiam salutaris tui: et spiritu principali confirma me.
O give me the comfort of thy help again: and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Docebo iniquos vias tuas: et impii ad te convertentur.
Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
Libera me de sanguinibus Deus salutis meae: et exsultabit lingua mea iustitiam tuam.
Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health: and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Domine labia mea aperies: et os meum anuntiabit laudem tuam.
Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium dedisse utique: holocaustis non delectaberis.
For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee: but thou delightest not in burnt offerings.

Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus: cor contritum et humiliatum Deus non despiciens.
The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

Benigne fac Domine in bona voluntate tua Sion: ut aedificantur muri Jerusalem.
O be favourable and gracious unto Sion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiae oblationes et holocausta: tunc imponent super altare tuum vitulos.
Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt offerings and oblations: then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

—Psalm 51

*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

Today we offer thanks for the Department of Theater Studies. We celebrate the ways in which the art of theater enlivens our imaginations and cultivates a spirit of playfulness in our lives. The ushers bring forward a book on improvisation to the altar.

In Durham, we remember those who suffer from being exploited sexually and those who are addicted to pornography and prostitution. A representative brings forward an image of the woman from Luke 7 who washes Jesus’ feet with her hair.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Sending Forth

*Benediction
*Recessional Hymn 159
Lift High the Cross

*Choral Blessing
God Be in My Head

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.

Postlude
Dialogue (from Magnificat in Mode II)

Carillon

*All who are able may stand.

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The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Adult Forum**—Next Sunday, March 27, Douglas Campbell, Associate Professor of New Testament, Duke Divinity School, will present a discussion called “Mendelsohn Wrote an Oratorio about Him, but Who Was Saint Paul?” The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building of the Divinity School at 9:45 a.m.

**Durham CROPWalk**—Today is the annual Durham CROPWalk, beginning in front of the Chapel at 2:30 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.

**Becoming a Member at the Congregation**—Are you looking for a way to connect with other worshipers at the Chapel? Are you looking for a group of people with whom to walk the Christian journey? Do you desire to be part of a Christian community that serves the Durham community and the world? Are you interested in membership in the Congregation? If so, come and learn more at three orientation sessions following worship on April 3, 10, and 17. Membership at the Congregation is open to all. If you have questions, please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.

**Dinner at Urban Ministries**—Each month the Congregation provides a meal for homeless guests at Urban Ministries of Durham. If you would like to donate lasagnas, serve one of the next meals, or acquire more information, please contact Ned Arnett at 489-4133 or email him at edward.arnett@duke.edu.
**CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY’S OFFERING**—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support the Chapel’s PathWays program, which offers undergraduates and recent graduates opportunities to discern God’s call for their lives through study, counsel, service, and community. With the conclusion of the Lilly grant, we now support 100% of PathWays’ expenses.

**ORGAN RECITAL TODAY**—Today at 5:00 p.m., University Organist Robert Parkins will present this season’s final recital in Duke Chapel: “French Keyboard Music of Four Centuries.” The program will feature the Brombaugh and Flentrop organs as well as the debut of our recently completed “Blue Devil” harpsichord. The recital is free and open to the public.

**TOWARD A MORAL CONSENSUS AGAINST TORTURE**—The Duke Divinity School and First Presbyterian Church in Durham are hosting an inter-faith conference on religious witnesses against torture; “Toward a Moral Consensus Against Torture: A Gathering of Students, Clergy, People of Conscience, and People of Faith,” on Friday, March 25, from 3:30 p.m. through Saturday, March 26, at 3:30 p.m at Duke Divinity School. The gathering is part of a national effort to develop a moral consensus against torture under any circumstances. The conference is sponsored by the Duke Human Rights Center, the North Carolina Council of Churches, and the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT). It is open to the public. For more information or to register, visit [www.divinity.duke.edu/moral-consensus-against-torture](http://www.divinity.duke.edu/moral-consensus-against-torture) or contact Dr. Amy Laura Hall, alhall@div.duke.edu.

**MENDELSSOHN’S ST. PAUL**—On Sunday, April 3, at 4:00 p.m., in Duke Chapel the Duke Chapel Choir and Duke Chorale will present Mendelssohn’s grand oratorio St. Paul, based on the life of the apostle. The choirs will be joined by professional soloists and orchestra. Rodney Wynkoop will conduct. Tickets cost $15 for adults and are free to the first 300 Duke students. Tickets may be purchased at [www.tickets.duke.edu](http://www.tickets.duke.edu) or by calling 684-4444.

**SERMONS AVAILABLE**—Copies of today’s sermon are available in the communication stands at either side of the narthex, just inside the front doors of the Chapel. A downloadable PDF, podcast, and webcast of sermons each week are available on the Chapel’s website, [www.chapel.duke.edu](http://www.chapel.duke.edu).

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**—The stations of the cross hanging in Duke Chapel this Lenten season were created by Haitian artist John Silvestri using recycled materials. The pieces are made from discarded steel oil drums by scrubbing off the paint, slitting them down the side, and hammering them flat. A chisel and wooden mallet are then used to cut out the design templates, and finally the pieces are textured with an ice pick or awl. These works of art allow us to see the suffering of our Lord through the lenses of our Haitian sisters and brothers.

**DUKE CHAPEL EVENTS LISTSERV**—If you would like to receive emails about upcoming events sponsored by Duke Chapel, such as concerts, talks, special worship services, and more, please visit [www.chapel.duke.edu/calendar](http://www.chapel.duke.edu/calendar), or send an email to Kelsey Hallatt at kelsey.hallatt@duke.edu.
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. Bruce Puckett at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu

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