The gospel lesson today is one that stirs the consciences of many who hear it, as Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus’ feet with fine perfume in the face of Judas’s objection. How often have we been more like Judas with our quick self-righteousness and less like Mary, who offers an extravagant gift to God? Today also marks the 325th anniversary of Johann Sebastian Bach’s birthday. Bach worked as a church musician his entire adult life and made a profound contribution to Christian worship that endures to this day. Bach composed “O Lamm Gottes unschuldig” and “Nach dir, Herr, verlanget mich,” two of the pieces sung by the Chapel Choir today. In addition, several of the hymns that will be sung today were composed or harmonized by Bach.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

PRELUDE

* O Lamm Gottes unschuldig, BWV 656
  Johann Sebastian Bach
  (1685-1750)

INTROIT

* O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig
  J. S. Bach

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig,
Am Stamm des Kreuzes geschlachtet,
Allzeit erfund’n geduldig,
Wie wohl du warest verachtet;
All Sünd hast du getragen,
Sonst müssten wir verzagen.
Erbarm dich unser, O Jesu!

O Lamb of God, unspotted
Upon the cross’s branch slaughtered,
Always displayed in thy patience,
How greatly wast thou despised.
All sin hast thou born for us,
Else we had lost all courage.
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!

GREETING

*PROCESIONAL HYMN 292

What Wondrous Love Is This

*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)**

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: as your word is proclaimed in our midst, lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Savior’s blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FIRST LESSON**—Philippians 3:4b-14 *(NT page 187 in the pew Bible)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL HYMN 414 (stanzas 1-2)**

Thou Hidden Love of God

*(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)*

**GOSPEL LESSON**—John 12:1-8 *(NT page 100)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL HYMN 414 (stanzas 3-5)**

Thou Hidden Love of God

**SERMON**—A Criminal Waste

**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.”)*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Nach dir, Herr, verlanget mich (from *Cantata 150*) J. S. Bach

*Nach dir, Herr, verlanget mich. Mein Gott, ich hoffe auf dich. Laß mich nicht zu Schanden werden, daß sich meine Feinde nicht freuen über mich.*

For thee, Lord, do I long. My God, I trust in thee. Let me not be put to shame, so that my enemies may not exult over me.

—*Psalm 25: 1-2*

**DOXOLOGY** *(sung to the tune of Hamburg, more commonly known as “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”)*

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 School of Medicine. We celebrate its dedication to the physical care and healing of those people who suffer because of accident or illness, and we lift up those who walk with patients through difficult times. In particular, we pray for the Department of Community and Family Medicine and its outreach to the poor and most neglected in the community of Durham. A representative brings a stethoscope to the altar.

In Durham, we remember those who suffer from being exploited sexually and those who are addicted to pornography and prostitution. The ushers bring forward a map that outlines the global sex trade industry.

*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 532 (sung by all)
Jesus, Priceless Treasure

HYMN 631 (choir only)
O Food to Pilgrims Given

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction
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

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*Recessional Hymn 296*

Sing, My Tongue the Glorious Battle

*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.

**Organ Postlude**

Toccata [and Fugue] in D Minor, BWV 565

J. S. Bach

*All who are able may stand.*
CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY’S OFFERING—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support the Chapel’s PathWays program that offers undergraduates and recent graduates varied opportunities to discern God’s call for their lives. Our extended Lilly grant requires a 50% match from the Chapel.

SWIMMING AGAINST THE TIDE—This evening at 7:00 p.m., Dr. Vernon Tyson, the United Methodist pastor featured in the documentary Blood Done Sign My Name will reflect upon engaging ministry, race, and politics as a North Carolina Methodist pastor. The title of his talk will be “Fifty Years of Swimming Against the Tide.” He will be joined by his son, Dr. Timothy Tyson, Visiting Professor of American Christianity and Southern Culture at Duke, who wrote Blood Done Sign My Name, on which the documentary is based, which tells a story of racial violence in Oxford, NC, in 1970. This event will be held in Room 0016 Westbrook.

ORGAN RECITAL THIS EVENING—Today is the 325th birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach. As a tribute to the greatest composer of music for organ, University Organist Robert Parkins will present a program of works by Bach in the final recital of this season’s series, including an early chorale fantasy discovered just two years ago. The recital will be at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel, and admission is free.

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 Gray Building. The class is reflecting on Jesus’ parables.

VESPER PALM SUNDAY CONCERT—The Duke Vespers Ensemble will present “Ora Pro Nobis: Music for the Anunciation and Holy Week by Spanish and Colonial Masters” next Sunday, March 28, at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This hour-long concert will feature works by Victoria, Morales, Casals, Busto, Ginastera, and other composers from Spain and Latin America. Admission is free.

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 Jesus through the lenses of our Haitian sisters and brothers.

DUKE CHAPEL EVENTS LISTSERV—If you would like to receive emails about upcoming Chapel-sponsored events such as concerts, talks, and special worship services, please visit www.chapel.duke.edu/calendar, or send an email to Mandie Sellars at mandie.sellars@duke.edu.

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. Downloadable PDFs, podcasts, and webcasts of the weekly sermons are available on the Chapel’s website, www.chapel.duke.edu.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Adult Forum**—On March 28, the Rev. Joseph Taban Lasuba who is visiting from the Sudan will give a presentation titled, “Living by Faith: Following Christ and Serving His Church in Sudan.” The Rev. Dr. Jo Bailey Wells will also participate in the conversation. The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building at 9:45 a.m.

**Durham CROPWalk**—This afternoon at 2:30 p.m. is the annual Durham CROPWalk. The Walk is a ministry of Church World Service. Join the walk in solidarity with the world’s hungry. It is not too late to walk or to offer financial support. If you’d like to walk, you must be registered by 2:00 p.m. Please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu if you have any questions.

**Part-Time Director of Christian Education**—The Congregation is seeking a part-time Director of Christian Education to develop and implement programs for discipleship and spiritual formation for children fifth grade and younger and also for adults. A seminary degree is required. Please send your resume including two references to: office@congregation.chapel.duke.edu. Visit our website [www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu](http://www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu) to view a complete position description.

**Youth Ministry**—Sunday school classes for youth (grades 6-12) are held in the Divinity Student Lounge at 9:45 a.m., and Youth Fellowship occurs at 5:00 p.m. each Sunday in the Chapel basement. For more information, contact Bruce Puckett, Assistant Pastor, at bruce.puckett@duke.edu or 564-6993.

**Stephen Ministry**—Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one confidential care-giving to individuals in crisis. To receive care from a Stephen Minister, to make a referral for someone else, or to find out how to become trained as a Stephen Minister, please contact the Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark.

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**Questions People Often Ask - Why do we read the Gospel from the center aisle?**

This was the practice of the Western Church in ancient times, from at least the fourth century onward. The gospel has a special status because in it are recorded the very words of Jesus himself. Placing its reading at the center of our worship reflects this authority—it makes it clear the gospel stands at the very center of the Chapel’s faith and life. Like the opening procession and closing recession, the gospel procession displays the pilgrim character of the church. We invite the congregation to turn to face the gospel, as an embodiment of the repentance the gospel asks of us. Duke Chapel has an interdenominational foundation: this is one way we draw on all the riches of the Church’s liturgical heritage to enhance our encounter with the living God.
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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