Today’s scripture readings reflect on the passage from darkness to light. In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul uses imagery of darkness and light to reveal how light exposes the dirt and sin of our lives, but that Christ’s light illuminates goodness and truth. The passage from John relates the story of Jesus healing the blind man. Jesus covers the man’s eyes with mud and then tells him to wash his eyes. When the man washes his eyes, he regains his physical sight; but the washing also awakens the man’s spiritual sight. He then claims Jesus as Lord. The fourth Sunday in Lent, sometimes known as “Laetare” (“rejoice”) has long been regarded as a kind of half-time break amid the rigors of Lent. Pink (rather than purple) vestments are sometimes worn, and simnel cake is sometimes eaten. The day is also sometimes known as Refreshment Sunday.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE

O Gott, du frommer Gott  
(Johannes Brahms, 1833-1897)

GREETING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 138

The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
(ST. COLUMBA)

*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)

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, as we hear your word, come among us and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON—Ephesians 5:8-14 (NT page 183 in the pew Bible)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.
**ANTHEM**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Traditional Hymn

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name,
In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
He leads me for his mercy’s sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay,
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread,
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days,
O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come,
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

—Isaac Watts

*Gradual Hymn 266 (stanzas 1-2)*

Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer (All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*Gospel Lesson—John 9:1-41 (NT page 96)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 266 (stanzas 3-5)*

Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer

SERMON—Dirty Theology

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.
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
  O Great Is the Depth (from St. Paul)  Felix Mendelssohn
  (1809-1847)
  O great is the depth of the riches of wisdom and knowledge of the Father! How deep and unerring is he in his judgments! His ways are past our understanding. Sing his glory for evermore. Amen.
  —Romans 11:33

*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
  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 are victims of homicide and the families, friends, and neighborhoods touched by these deaths. A representative brings a yellow rose and a list of names of the 25 people who died violently in Durham during 2010.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE LORD’S PRAYER (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 378
  Amazing Grace
  —Amazing Grace

*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.
This morning we welcome Shane Claiborne as our guest preacher. Claiborne is one of the co-founders of a New Monastic community, the Simple Way (now the Potter Street community), in Philadelphia, PA. He is a prominent voice for nonviolence and redistribution of wealth to the poor. A graduate of Eastern University, he has also attended Princeton Theological Seminary and is currently part of the Alternative Seminary in Philadelphia. He spent ten weeks working alongside Mother Teresa in Calcutta, and three weeks in Baghdad with the Iraq Peace Team in the Spring of 2003. He is the author of The Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical and co-author of Jesus for President: Politics for Ordinary Radicals, which was named one of Publishers’ Weekly Books of the Year for 2008. He most recently published Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals with Durham colleagues Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove and Enuma Okoro.
**THIS WEEK AT DUKES CHAPEL**

**MORNING PRAYER** - Monday 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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**CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY’S OFFERING**—All cash and undesignated checks today will be sent to Save the Children, which has been working in Japan since 1986, and estimates that at least 100,000 children have been affected thus far by the recent disasters. Save the Children (STC) has mobilized a response to address the immediate and longer-term needs of children and their families, and has set a funding goal of $20 million in new support for this work. Conditions facing children and families in the affected areas are so extreme that STC is developing a three-year strategy, based on initial on-scene assessments. The first step is to help provide essential relief items and launch child protection activities, and then help restore children’s sense of security and normalcy, and advocate for their inclusion in emergency preparedness planning. For more information, visit [www.savethechildren.org](http://www.savethechildren.org). Please give generously.

**MENDELSSOHN’S ST. PAUL**—Today 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), by calling 684-4444, or at the box office prior to the performance.

**VESPERTS ENSEMBLE SPRING CONCERT**—On Saturday, April 16, at 8:00 p.m., in Duke Chapel the Duke Vespers Ensemble will present their spring concert: *Beata progenies*. This hour-long concert will feature the music of English Renaissance and twentieth century composers. Allan Friedman will conduct. Free admission.

**LABYRINTH**—On Tuesday, April 12, visitors are invited to walk the Labyrinth in Duke Chapel, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Labyrinth, a forty-foot circle containing a winding path, is an ancient spiritual tradition in many faiths.

**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.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

SECOND SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR—Next Sunday join friends old and new at the Second Sunday Coffee hour at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel basement kitchen. All are invited. There will be no Adult Forum next week, but it will meet again on April 17.

BECOMING A MEMBER OF 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.

“NOURISH” FILM AND DURHAM CENTRAL MARKET DISCUSSION—Following the worship service on April 10, the Environmental Stewardship Committee will sponsor an event focused on humans’ intimate connections with the food system and the impact of food choices on the environment. Over a provided meal, those attending will watch Nourish: Food + Community, a 30-minute film followed by a discussion of local efforts to provide healthy and responsible food choices that will help create a sustainable food future for Durham. This event will be held in Room 0012 Westbrook in the Divinity School.

SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT—All are welcome to attend a one-day retreat next Saturday, April 9. The Rev. Dr. Mickey Efird, Professor Emeritus of New Testament at Duke Divinity School, will speak on “The Passion of Christ: A Comparison of Four Gospels.” The retreat will be held at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Durham from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. A registration fee of $12 includes lunch. Please contact Sonja Tilley at shtilley@congregation.chapel.duke.edu or 684-3917 to register or for more information.

LOCAL MISSION COLLECTION—The mission collection for April will benefit Urban Ministries of Durham. The Congregation will collect non-perishable foods, especially canned meats, peanut butter, and beans. We will also collect gently used or new men’s casual clothing in large sizes. Long and short sleeve T-shirts, athletic shorts or long pants with an elastic waist in sizes extra large and up are needed. Please bring your donations to the back pew of the Chapel on Sunday, April 10 or 17. Thank you for your generosity in considering the needs of others. If you have any questions, please call Jane Fellows at 286-2605 or e-mail janeafellows@msn.com.
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

We welcome you to our life of worship, learning, dialogue, and service.

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