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

**GATHERING**

**CARILLON**

**PRELUDE**

Ascendo ad Patrem meum  
Bicinium (two voices)  
X vocibus (ten voices)

Arnolt Schlick  
(c.1455 – c.1525)

Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 531  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

**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 are formed by your word, 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 (*NT page 110 in the pew Bible*)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM
Ascendit Deus Ferdinand Schaller
(1835-1884)


The Lord has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Alleluia.

—Psalm 47:5

SECOND LESSON—Colossians 3:1-4 (*NT page 190*)
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—Luke 24:44-53 (*NT page 85*)
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—Do We Exist?

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**

*Crown Him!*  
David Arcus  
(b. 1959)

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow’r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

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, Alleluia.

**THANKSGIVING**

*This morning we give thanks for Duke Forest and all those who work to cultivate and maintain it for the enjoyment of so many people. The ushers bring a branch to the altar.*

*In Durham, we remember the prophetic witness of the church. The ushers bring forward an image of Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

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

**SENDING FORTH**

*Benediction*
*RECESSIONAL HYMN 715
Rejoice, the Lord Is King

CHORAL BLESSING
Seven-Fold Amen

POSTLUDE
Fanfare

CARILLON
*All who are able may stand.

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CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY’S FLOWERS—The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Erlenbach Family Trust.

TODAY’S OFFERING—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used for an emergency fund for disaster and recovery support for communities in our world that are affected by unexpected and sudden disaster (natural or otherwise). Your generosity enables the Chapel to respond quickly with financial support in times of acute crisis.

SUMMER CHOIR—Duke Chapel welcomes singers to its Summer Choir. The summer choir assists in leading worship June 5 through August 14, except for June 12 and the first and last Sundays of July. 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.

NORTH CAROLINA BOYS CHOIR—The North Carolina Boys Choir and Chamber Choir will present their final concert of the season in the Chapel this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. For ticket information call 919-489-0291 or visit www.ncboyschoir.org.

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, or send an email to Kelsey Hallatt at kelsey.hallatt@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.

BACH’S MASS IN B-MINOR

The Vocal Arts Ensemble of Durham, the acclaimed 32-voice chorus founded and directed by Rodney Wynkoop, will present Bach’s monumental work for orchestra, soloists, and chorus on Sunday, June 12, at 7:00 p.m. The concert celebrates the 15th anniversary of the group’s founding in 1996 and features many singers from the Chapel Choir, Vespers Ensemble, and the Choral Society of Durham. Tickets at $15 and may be purchased by contacting 919-684-4444 or tickets.duke.edu. Students free with ID.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all:

**Congregational Meeting on June 26**—Members of the Congregation at Duke Chapel are asked to attend a special called meeting for the purpose of voting on the recommended candidate for Senior Pastor. The by-laws require that a quorum of the membership be present and that ninety percent of the votes be in favor of the candidate. The meeting will be held in the basement lounge of the Chapel immediately following worship on June 26.

**Local Missions Collection**—The Local Missions and Outreach Committee is collecting items for farm workers on Sunday, June 12 and June 19. Donations of hats, light-weight long-sleeved shirts, boots, and gloves can be placed in the back pew for delivery. Cash donations or checks will be accepted as well. Please make out the check to the “Congregation at Duke Chapel” with “farm workers” in the memo.

**Annual Business Luncheon**—Congregation members are invited to attend the Congregation’s Annual Business Luncheon scheduled for Sunday, June 12, at 12:15 p.m. in the Von Canon Room of the Bryan Center. Please join us for this important event in the life of the Congregation as we elect and install officers, vote on the 2011-12 budget, and celebrate our life together in Christ. Lunch will be catered by Saladelia and the cost is $9 per adult. Please contact Mary Ann Manconi at mamanc0ni@congregation.chapel.duke.edu to reserve a space. The reservation deadline is June 9.

**Interfaith Hospitality Network**—The Congregation is looking for volunteers to provide a meal or stay as an overnight host at Antioch Baptist Church during the week of June 12-19 as part of supporting the Interfaith Hospitality Network in Durham. For more information please contact Marilyn Christian at mchristian2@nc.rr.com.

**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.

**Open Table Ministries**—The Congregation is looking for individuals who are interested in helping Lisa Lark in her ministry to homeless people on Ninth Street. This ministry provides a meal on Tuesdays each week at 4 p.m. If you are interested in visiting, occasionally bringing food, or serving in any other way, please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu or at 684-3917.
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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 Boxes (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.
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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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