Some of the questions around living together in Christian community are thorny—there may be different rituals, understandings, and convictions around various practices even within the body of Christ. In today’s lesson from Romans, Paul seeks to acknowledge the differences that may persist, even among faithful followers. In his context, rituals around food were of particular importance as the early Church learned to navigate the presence of Gentiles within the early Church. Paul urges tolerance for various traditions which grow out of sincere devotion. In our time, rituals and traditions around alcohol have a similar currency, and Dean Kocher will examine the question of alcohol in his sermon today.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON MUSIC

ORGAN PRELUDE

Tento de meio registo alto de 2º tom  
Diogo da Conceição  
(17th C.)

Tiento on the Litany of the Virgin  
Pablo Bruna  
(1611-1679)

GREETING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 315  
Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain  
ST. KEVIN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (in unison)

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)

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life:  
As we are inspired today by your word,  
take away our unbelief and all our anxieties  
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Exodus 14:19-31 (page 58 in the pew Bible)

Lector:  This is the word of the Lord.

People:  Thanks be to God.
ANTHEM
Wade in the Water
Spiritual

God’s-a gonna trouble the water. Wade in the water, children.
All God’s children gonna wade in the water.
See that host all dressed in white.
The leader looks like an Israelite.
See that band all dressed in red.
Well it looked like the band that Moses led.
Wade in, go wade in, children, go and wade in the water.
All God’s children in the water.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Romans 14:1-12 (page 153)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 441 (stanzas 1-2)
What Does the Lord Require
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 18:21-35 (page 19)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 441 (stanzas 3-4)
What Does the Lord Require

SERMON—The Good Wine

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
Sing Ye to the Lord (from Israel in Egypt)          George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously:
The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.
The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.
I will sing unto the Lord. —Exodus 15:21, 18

*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 celebrate the Department of Music, whose students and faculty
enrich the lives of the Duke and Durham communities, giving expression to the
human yearning for beauty, harmony, and peace. The ushers bring a piece of
sheet music to the altar.

In Durham we lift up those who are taking part in local elections, especially
those who as candidates participate in public debate and discussion. The
ushers bring forward a voter registration card.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSATIONAL HYMN 116
Leoni
The God of Abraham Praise
(stanzas 1-4 from hymnal: followed by additional stanzas printed below)

There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our righteousness
Triumphant o’er the world of sin, the Prince of peace:
On Zion’s sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
And glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
Hail Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, they ever cry:
Hail, Abr’am’s God, and mine, I join the heavenly lays,
All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.
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.

POSTLUDE
Xácara

Anonymous (Martín y Coll)
(c. 1700?)

CARILLON MUSIC

*All who are able may stand.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERIES

Dean Wells will lead Godly Play at Watts Street Baptist Church, Sunday, September 28. Join together with members from Watts Street Baptist Church and St. John’s Baptist Church to share a meal and encounter the biblical story in a format that encourages discovery and attentive interaction among people of all ages and backgrounds. Please come for dinner at 5:00 p.m. and stay for Godly Play beginning at 5:45 p.m. The session will conclude by 7:00 p.m. Duke Chapel’s Community Engagement series offers opportunities for those involved in the life of Duke Chapel to grow in faith together with downtown Durham neighborhoods and congregations. As Duke Chapel deepens its commitment to seek the welfare of the city of Durham, we hope these encounters will foster meaningful and transformational relationships in our community. Please RSVP to Karen Witzleben if you plan to come and if you can bring or contribute a dessert at 493-9178 or kwitz@earthlink.net. More information on Godly Play is available at: http://www.chapel.duke.edu/life/community/
FLOWERS—The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Erlenbach Family Trust.

TODAY’S OFFERING—The whole of today’s offering will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. These nonprofit organizations are identified to receive funds by a panel of Congregation members, Friends, and students. The grant-making process not only benefits people in need, but also seeks to introduce students to faithful stewardship and community development.

SERMONS AVAILABLE—Copies of today’s sermon are available in the communication stands at either side of the narthex, just after you enter the front doors of the Chapel. A downloadable PDF, podcast, and webcast of sermons each week are available on our website, www.chapel.duke.edu.

THIS WEEK AT DUKE CHAPEL

MORNING PRAYER
Morning Prayer is held at 9:00 a.m. on weekdays in the Memorial Chapel. Services last approximately 20 minutes and are led by members of the Chapel staff. Please join us for this time of prayer and reflection.

TUESDAY SERVICE OF PRAYER & COMMUNION
A Service of Prayer and Holy Communion will be held this Tuesday, September 16, at 5:15 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel. All are invited for scripture reading, prayers for the Church and the world, celebration of Holy Communion, and an opportunity for laying on of hands, anointing with oil, and prayers for healing.

THURSDAY CHORAL VESPERS
Choral Vespers will be held on Thursday, September 18, at 5:15 p.m. Vespers is a 30-minute candlelight service of worship with scripture readings, prayers, and sacred music, and is held in the intimate setting of the Chancel. The Vespers Ensemble is a select group of singers who specialize in Renaissance and 20th-century motets.

No Sunday Night Worship Tonight
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

ADULT FORUM—Next week on September 21, Mr. Mauricio Castro, Organizer for NC Latino Coalition, will give a presentation titled, “Stories of Immigrants.” The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building (Divinity School) at 9:45 a.m.

GRADUATE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS LUNCHEON—The Student Outreach Committee of the Congregation is hosting a luncheon today after worship in the Chapel basement. There is no cost for participants, and it is a great opportunity for fellowship with fellow students and members of the congregation. We will gather immediately following worship and will begin the meal as soon as the choir has had time to put away robes and music. No reservations are required, so please join us.

YARN COLLECTION—The Congregation will be collecting knitting and crocheting supplies on behalf of Our Children’s Place, a planned residential initiative that allows young children to live with their mothers who are serving prison terms. Inmates at the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women crochet and knit hats for their children and also sell their crafts for the benefit of OCP. Donations of yarn of all weights and colors (full and partial skeins), knitting needles, crochet hooks, and pattern books will be accepted. Supplies may be dropped off in the back pew of the Chapel on Sunday, September 21, or in the Congregation office weekdays. Questions can be directed to Dave and Judi Vos at 403-0584 or jbvos@msn.com.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES—The Congregation is offering a series of classes and small groups this fall which are open to all. Groups being offered include: Disciple I, a 34-week survey of the entire Bible, taught by Diana Abernathy; Disciple II, a 32-week study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts, taught by Melissa Mills; Invitation to the Old Testament, an 8-week class focusing on the question, “What does it mean to be God’s chosen people?” taught by Rev. Gaston Warner; Invitation to John, an 11-week series focusing on Jesus’ invitation to “come and see” and “follow me” taught by Rev. McKennon Shea; The Way of Prayer, an 11-week study about the nature, practice, and results of prayer, taught by Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark; a book group discussion of A Moral Climate—the Ethics of Global Warming by Michael Northcott, led by Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark; a women’s book group discussion of Living the Sabbath by Norman Wirzba, led by Marsha Altmeyer and Rev. Barbara Scott; Monthly Lectionary Group, a gathering to discuss upcoming lectionary texts, led by Rev. McKennon Shea and Rev. Hugh Knapp; and Sunday Morning Lectionary Group, an informal fellowship group to discuss lections for the day, led by Mark Gass. To sign up for a group, please contact Melissa Mills at melissa.mills@duke.edu or 493-7699 by September 15.
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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