This morning’s scripture lessons emphasize the importance of faith in God even in the midst of great hardship or despair. In Numbers, the Israelites are weary and complaining about their travels in the wilderness, and then poisonous snakes came into their midst and many Israelites die. But God tells Moses to make a poisonous snake and put it on a pole so that everyone who died might see it and live. In John, a comparison is made to Jesus, who is like Moses’ snake—all who see him lifted up will know eternal life. The darkness of the world is being scattered by the life and death of Christ.
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 also be held. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.

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

GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE
An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653 Johann Sebastian Bach
(By the Waters of Babylon) (1685-1750)

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

God so loved the world that he gave 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

GREETING

*PROCessional HYMN 579
Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here CAREY’S (SURREY)

*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,
  come to our aid and inspire us with your word,
  and turn us back to you again;
  through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM—Psalm 107:1-9 (pages 830-31 in the hymnal)

GLORIA
  Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
  People: and to the Holy Spirit.
  Leader: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
  People: world without end. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Numbers 21:4-9 (page 134 in the pew Bible)
  Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
  People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM
  Then Sent He Moses and George Frideric Handel
  They Loathed to Drink (from Israel in Egypt)  (1685-1759)
  Then sent he Moses, his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen;
  they showed His signs among them, and wonders in their land of
  Ham. He turned their waters into blood. —Psalm 105:26-27, 29
  They loathed to drink of the river. He turned their waters into blood.
  —Exodus 7:18-19

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Ephesians 2:1-10 (page 181)
  Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
  People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 188 (stanzas 1-2)
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

GOSPEL LESSON—John 3:11-21 (page 88)
  Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
  People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 188 (stanzas 3-4)

SERMON—Exposed to the Light
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
Pilgrims’ Hymn  Stephen Paulus
(b. 1949)

Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify you, you hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in you;
Endless your grace, O endless your grace, beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and for ever, and unto ages and ages, Amen.

—Michael Dennis Browne

*DOXOLOGY  OLD HUNDREDTH
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 Linguistics and its study of the
historical and biological development of language and language patterns in
various cultures. The ushers bring a listing of standard linguistic terms to the
altar.
In Durham, we lift up 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 to the altar.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 102
Now Thank We All Our God

*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
Fantasy in G Minor, BWV 542/1

*All who are able may stand.

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ABOUT TODAY’S GUEST PREACHER

Jeremy Begbie is Thomas A. Langford Research Professor in Theology at Duke Divinity School. He teaches systematic theology and specializes in the interface between theology and the arts. His particular research interest is the interplay between music and theology. He is also Senior Member at Wolfson College, Cambridge, and an Affiliated Lecturer in the Faculties of Divinity and Music at the University of Cambridge. He is author of a number of books, including *Theology, Music and Time*, and most recently, *Resounding Truth: Christian Wisdom in the World of Music*.

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The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

ADULT FORUM—Next Sunday on March 29, the Adult Forum will be a presentation titled, “Theological Anthropology,” presented by Brian Bantum. The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building at 9:45 a.m.

DURHAM CROP WALK—The 2009 Durham CROP Walk will be held this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. beginning here at Duke Chapel. This event helps raise funds and awareness for world hunger and poverty issues by having participants volunteer to walk a 3.5 mile course on the day of the event while raising funds beforehand. The funds raised are distributed through Church World Service to agencies both abroad and here in Durham. For more information, please contact Dave Vos at dlvos@earthlink.net or see the table set up outside the Chapel following the service.

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.

THIS WEEK AT DUKE CHAPEL

MORNING PRAYER - Weekdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Memorial Chapel
COMMUNION AND HEALING - Tuesdays at 5:15 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel
CHORAL VESPERS - Thursdays at 5:15 p.m. in the Chancel
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.

ORGAN RECITAL—Next Sunday, March 29, at 5:00 p.m., organist Iain Quinn will present the rarely performed Seven Chorale-Poems on the Seven Last Words of Christ by Charles Tournemire. These seven musical “meditations” (in anticipation of Holy Week), performed on the recently restored Aeolian organ, will include interpolated readings by Dean Sam Wells.

PATHWAYS HOUSE RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS—Join members of the PathWays house for dinner on Tuesday nights to learn what it is like to live in the PathWays House. Residency applications are now being accepted for rising juniors and seniors who are interested in living in intentional Christian community during the 2009-10 academic year. PathWays internship and Lilly fellowship applications are also being accepted. PathWays helps students discover their calling. If you have questions or would like to RSVP for a Tuesday dinner, please contact PathWays Director Keith Daniel at kd1@duke.edu.

NEW COMMUNITY HOUSE—Duke University Chapel is offering an opportunity to join in a new endeavor of shared residential life at 2003 Chapel Hill Road, Durham NC 27707. By residing together in one of Durham’s poorer neighborhoods, participants will experience the opportunity to live in relationship as Christian companions to one another and with neighbors in Durham’s greater West End. Those interested in exploring living in Christian community should contact Jim Wisner (jwisner@us.ibm.com).

FAITH TRADITIONS AND THE ENVIRONMENT—On Monday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m at the Freeman Center for Jewish Life (1416 Faber St.) the Faith Council will host its third annual interfaith dialogue panel: Saving the Earth: What Can Faith Traditions Teach Us about the Environment? Each of the major world faith traditions - Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism—tells a narrative about the nature of our relationship to this earth. Presenters will include distinguished speakers from each of the five major global faith traditions: Dr. Umesh Gulati (Hindu), Professor Emeritus of Economics, International Business, and Cross-Cultural Studies at East Carolina University; Dr. Stephanie Kaza (Buddhist), Professor of Environmental Studies at the University of Vermont and President of the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies; Dr. Seyyed Hossein Nasr (Muslim), Professor of Islamic Studies at George Washington University; Rabbi Dr. Arthur Waskow (Jewish), Co-creator and leader of the Jewish Renewal Movement and Director of the Shalom Center; Dr. Norman Wirzba (Christian), Research Professor of Theology, Ecology, and Rural Life at Duke Divinity School. Dean Sam Wells will moderate the panel.
**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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