Forty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the Ascension of Jesus. 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

I Want to Praise the Lord All of My Life  Georg Philipp Telemann
(1681-1767)  arr. Susan Palo Cherwien

God of Beauty, Truth, and Goodness  Joseph Trivette
(b. 1970)

Al Sh’losha D’Varim  Allan E. Naplan

Keep Your Hand on That Plow  Traditional spiritual
arr. Christi Cary Miller

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:
open our minds to understand the scriptures today,
and 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 (page 110 in the pew Bible)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Clap Your Hands

Clap your hands, all ye mighty people, shout unto the earth;
Sing out with joy, sing out and clap your hands.
Let the seas roar, let the rivers clap their hands,
Let the mountains sing out for joy.

SECOND LESSON—Ephesians 1:15-23 (page 181)

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

(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)


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

SERMON—Heavenly Deployment

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 com-
munion 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
Kum Ba Ya

Douglas E. Wagner
(b. 1952)

Kum ba ya, my Lord, kum ba ya;
Someone’s crying, Lord, kum ba ya;
Someone’s praying, Lord, kum ba ya;
Someone’s singing, Lord, kum ba ya;
Oh, Lord, kum ba ya.

*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 graduate and professional students. We
celebrate their diligence and discipline in seeking to become experts in particular
fields of study. A representative brings a Duke doctoral hood to the altar.

In Durham, we lift up those who call the community to a more faithful stewardship of creation through their concern for the environment. A representative brings forward a packet of seeds.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 327
Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*Choral Blessing

Let There Be Peace On Earth
Sy Miller and Jill Jackson
arr. Hawley Ades

Organ Postlude

Transports de joie (from L’Ascension)
Outburst of Joy
Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)

*All who are able may stand.
TODAY’S GUEST CHOIR

The Southwest Virginia Children’s Choir was established in Spring 2003 to provide an opportunity for children in four counties of Southwest Virginia to sing in an organized choir. The Children’s Choir performs highly-successful concerts each December as “The Singing Christmas Tree” and each spring in a “Finale Concert” with an acclaimed guest conductor. The choir is a collaborative effort of Southwest Virginia Community College and the school systems of its service region. The Children’s Choir was chosen to perform at the Virginia Music Educators Association in Norfolk, VA in 2005.
CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY’S FLOWERS—The flowers for today’s worship service are given in loving memory of Barbara Booth by her family.

TODAY’S OFFERING—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used for the Chapel Development Fund, which is the primary source of contributed funds for building care and preservation. The Chapel fulfills James B. Duke’s desire that the building exert a profound influence on the lives of the young women and men who attend the university.

SUMMER CHOIR—Duke Chapel welcomes singers to its Summer Choir, which assists in leading worship from May 31 to August 2. The choir is under the direction of Dr. Allan Friedman. The rehearsal for the first Sunday of the summer choir will be Wednesday, May 27, at 6:00-7:50 p.m. Regular rehearsals will be on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. Call 684-3898 for details.

NC BOYS CHOIR CONCERT—The North Carolina Boys Choir and Chamber Choir will present their annual Spring Concert in the Chapel on Sunday, May 31, at 4:00 p.m. For information, call 489-0291. Tickets will be available at the door starting at 3:00 p.m. the day of the concert.

CONCERT BY VOCAL ARTS ENSEMBLE—Next Sunday, June 7, the 34-voice Vocal Arts Ensemble of Durham, directed by Rodney Wynkoop, will perform its highly anticipated annual summer concert at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Featured works include the Requiem of Herbert Howells, “Agnus Dei” by Penderecki, and works by Eric Whitacre, Lassus, and Gretchaninoff, as well as a choral arrangement of “The Flight of the Bumblebee.” Tickets are $10 (students are admitted free) and are available at the University Box Office (684-4444) and at the door.

VISITING THE CHAPEL—The Chapel often has weddings booked on Saturdays and Sunday afternoons, especially during the summer months. If a wedding is taking place, visitors will not be permitted inside. Before visiting on a weekend, please call 681-9414 to learn when the Chapel will be open to the public.

BROADCASTS—Thanks to the Friends of Duke Chapel, the Sunday service is broadcast live every week over AM 620 WDNC and one week later on Raleigh station AM 570 WDOX and Franklin County station AM 1480 WYRN at 10:00 a.m. The service is also available on the web via streaming video at www.chapel.duke.edu. The service is broadcast live on patient TV channel 50 in Duke Hospital.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT—Duke Chapel has an email list for those interested in building friendships across boundaries and engaging with the West End and greater Durham community. Opportunities are emailed from Duke Chapel’s Director of University and Community Relations Gaston Warner and Community Minister Abby Kocher. To subscribe to the list, contact Gaston Warner at g.warner@duke.edu.

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 Mandie Sellars at mandie.sellars@duke.edu.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Annual Meeting on June 7**—Congregation members and friends are invited to attend this year’s Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, June 7, at 12:15 p.m. in the Refectory at Duke Divinity School. The gathering includes a lunch of sandwiches and salads for $7 per person (children eat free of charge). To make a reservation, please call 684-3917 or email office@congregation.chapel.duke.edu by June 1.

**Clothing Collection**—The Local Missions and Outreach Committee of the Congregation is collecting clothing for Durham’s Criminal Justice Resource Center. This clothing is available for men and women returning home from prison. All articles of clothing are needed, including both dress and casual, with the most urgent request being men’s clothing and items for infants. Items may be placed on the back pew of the Chapel through next Sunday, May 31.

**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 McKennon Shea, Assistant Pastor, at mckennon.shea@duke.edu or 564-6993.

**Children’s Ministry**—Godly Play, a Christian education and spiritual direction program for children ages 2-11, meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel Crypt. For more information, contact Elizabeth Clift at elizabeth.clift@gmail.com.

**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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**Become a Friend of Duke Chapel**

Enjoy a meaningful, ongoing relationship with Duke Chapel by becoming a Friend of the Chapel. If you are interested in contributing to the Chapel’s ministry, fill out this form and place it in the offering plate. We will then send you more information about the Friends. Please contact Lucy Worth, Director of Development and Administration, at (919) 684-6220 for more information.

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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

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

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