



DUKE
UNIVERSITY
CHAPEL

Service of Worship

ASH WEDNESDAY
The First Day of Lent
March 9, 2011
Five-thirty in the evening



Today, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of Lent, which is the penitential season lasting 40 days before Easter but excluding the six Sundays (considered feast days). These forty days recall the Israelites' forty years in the desert and Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. As Christians begin the season of Lent today, Ash Wednesday is an opportunity for us to go deeper into our hearts and into the souls of our communities, and to recognize the horror and depth of our estrangement from God. In practicing the disciplines of Lent, such as self-examination and repentance, we seek systematically to put things right.

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

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

LAND OF REST

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

**Holy God, our lives are laid open before you:
as we hear your word today, rescue us from the chaos of sin
and, through the death of your Son, bring us healing
and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 *(OT page 798 in the pew Bible)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51 *(Pages 785-86 in the hymnal.)*

(The congregation will sing the text in bold type.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 *(NT page 5-6)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF A HOLY LENT

PRAYER OVER THE ASHES

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*Those wishing to receive ashes will come forward to the stations. When all
who desire have received the ashes, the service will continue as follows:*

LITANY OF PENITENCE

(The congregation responds with the text in bold.)

God the Father,
Have mercy on us.

God the Son,
Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity,
Have mercy on us.

From our pride, vanity, and hypocrisy,
and from all our evil plans,
Deliver us.

From our envy and malice,
and from our hardness of heart,
Deliver us.

From our sloth and worldliness,
and from our lack of compassion,
Deliver us.

From our love of money, our hoarding of possessions,
and from our relentless desire to accumulate more,
Deliver us.

From the lust for sexual pleasure
that obscures the true gift of love in us and in others,
Deliver us.

From the gorging of food, the indulging of our appetites,
and from our neglect of the hungry,
Deliver us.

From our hatred, anger, and quick temper,
and from our reluctance to be reconciled with those we have hurt,
Deliver us.

Give us true repentance;
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance
and our deliberate sins;
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PEACE

(Exchange signs and words of God's peace.)

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.")

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 417

O For a Heart to Praise My God

RICHMOND

*POSTLUDE

**All who are able may stand.*

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells
Preacher	The Rev. John McDonagh <i>Associate Director and Campus Minister, Duke Catholic Center</i>
Lector	Ms. Farley Lord Smith <i>Nicholas School of the Environment and Divinity '12</i>
Cantor	Mr. Michael Lyle
Organist	Dr. David Arcus <i>Chapel Organist</i>
Worship Assistants	The Rev. Todd Maberry <i>Director of Academic Formation and Programs, Duke Divinity School</i> The Rev. Bruce Puckett <i>Pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel</i> The Rev. McKennon Shea <i>Director of Admissions, Duke Divinity School</i>

**ON ASH WEDNESDAY:
AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE
THROUGH THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

- Having no other gods *Do I love God with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength?*
- Making no idols *Do I put possessions, career, family, reputation, or health ahead of God? Do I treat money, sex, and power as gifts or gods?*
- Revering God's name *Do all my words and actions glorify God?*
- Keeping the Sabbath *Do I let work take over my life? Do I find my identity in work or in being God's child? Do I set aside a full day each week to rest?*
- Honoring parents *Do my parents know I value and respect them? Do my children?*
- Respecting life *How do I respond when I am humiliated, insulted, or treated unfairly? Am I quick to forgive, or do I hold grudges and seek revenge? Do I let my anger get the better of me?*
- Respecting marriage *Am I chaste? Do I flirt? Do I treat friends or strangers as objects of my lust? Do I treat sex as a precious and holy gift? Do I support and affirm the marriages of others?*
- Respecting property *Am I greedy? Do I have things that rightly belong to others? Am I honest with regard to taxes, expenses, loans, and debts? Am I a generous giver?*
- Respecting truth *Do I exaggerate to impress? Do I gossip? Do I keep my promises? Do I face the truth about myself? Do I share my true self with others?*
- Curtailing envy *Am I jealous? Am I thankful? Am I content with what God has given me? Is the grass always greener on the other side? Do I curse the fact that life always seems easier for others?*

A LENTEN PRAYER—FOR PERSONAL LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Lord Jesus, you fasted and prayed for forty days. Help me to fast and pray during this time of Lent. Free my mind from distraction and worry, that I may be more aware of your love and more sensitive to others. Give me a spirit of generosity, so that I might share my gifts more freely with those who have less. Teach me to pray, that I might offer you praise and be more thankful. Help me make time to reflect on your Word; may it challenge, console, and purify me. Be with me in times of hurt, doubt, and confusion; unite my sufferings to yours and let them be redemptive. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, free me from sin, let me rise with you this Easter. I ask this in the name of Jesus, who died that I might have life to the full. Amen.

HOLY WEEK AT DUKE CHAPEL

Saturday, April 16

2:00 pm Duke Vespers Ensemble
Spring Concert
Beata Progenies — English
music about biblical families.

Sunday, April 17

11:00 am **Palm/Passion Sunday**
University Service of Worship
The Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells

11:00 am Catholic Palm Sunday Mass
White Lecture Hall
East Campus

9:00 pm Catholic Palm Sunday Mass

Monday, April 18

12:00 noon Holy Week Noon Service
The Rev. Keith Daniel

5:15 pm Catholic Mass
Goodson Chapel

Tuesday, April 19

12:00 noon Holy Week Noon Service
The Rev. Kori Jones

5:15 pm Service of Prayer and
Holy Communion
Memorial Chapel

Wednesday, April 20

12:00 noon Holy Week Noon Service
Ms. Katie Benjamin
Worship Intern

5:15 pm Catholic Mass
Duke Chapel Crypt

Thursday, April 21

12:00 noon **Maundy Thursday**
Holy Week Noon Service
Memorial Chapel

6:30 pm Service of Footwashing
Duke Chapel Crypt

7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service*
The Rev. Bruce Puckett
Stripping of the Altar
Service of the Lord's Supper

9:00 pm Catholic Liturgy of
Holy Thursday

Friday, April 22

11:30 am **Good Friday**
Procession of the
Stations of the Cross
beginning on the Chapel steps

12:00 noon Service of Good Friday
Fr. Michael Martin
Director, Catholic Center

1:00-3:00 pm Meditative organ music

5:00 pm Catholic Liturgy of Good Friday

7:30 pm Service of Tenebrae
(Darkness)*
The Rev. Dr. Sam Wells

Saturday, April 23

8:00 pm **Holy Saturday**
Catholic Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 24

6:30 am **Easter Sunday**
Easter Sunrise Service
The Rev. Dr. Sam Wells
Duke Gardens South Lawn

9:00 am Service of Worship
Service of Holy Communion
The Rev. Dr. Sam Wells

11:00 am Service of Worship
The Rev. Dr. Sam Wells

11:00 am Catholic Mass for Easter
Duke Gardens South Lawn

9:00 pm Catholic Mass for Easter

* Because silence will be observed in these services,
a limited capacity nursery will be available
for children under 6.

All events in Duke Chapel unless otherwise noted.
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