Goodson Chapel, Duke Divinity School

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE Wednesday, March 1st, 2006 Ten o'clock a.m.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*OPENING HYMN

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

UMH 269

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, your blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations. And, as you know the weakness of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

SERMON

"Ashes"

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

MUSIC DURING IMPOSITION

"Now is the Healing Time Decreed"

Emily Oliver, flute

CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PSALM 51 1-17

UMH 785 IN UNISON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

* INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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**SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

"Andante" from Concerto in D minor

Bernhard Molique Emily Oliver, flute

^{*} The communion elements are wine and bread. Grape juice is available in blue chalice.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"O For a Heart to Praise My God"

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- *BENEDICTION
- * Please leave in silence
 - * Please stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher and Celebrant: Rev Dr Susan Eastman, Assistant Professor of the Practice of Bible and Christian Formation

Co-Celebrant: Rev Sally Bates, Chaplain

Lector and Liturgist: Rev Roger Owens, Ph.D. Candidate in Theology and Ethics

Organist & Pianist: Dr David Arcus, Chapel and Divinity School Organist

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tomorrow during worship in Goodson Chapel the Divinity School Choir will present Bach's Cantata 131 (Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee, Lord) with orchestra and soloists. Come hear your colleagues offer this lenten work based on Psalm 130.

Service of Worship in the Revivalist Tradition, Friday, October 28th, 2:30pm in Goodson Chapel.

Irene Nowell will be visiting March 8-10 to offer a lecture on the topic of the St. John's Illuminated Bible. On March 9, 5:00 p.m., there will be the Illuminating the Word. The Saint John's Bible, Religion & Arts Lecture, 0016 Westbrook, with reception following. An exhibit related to that work is currently on display in the divinity library, and will remain on display through her visit. Sister Nowell is an Old Testament scholar and member of the Benedictine order who advised the artists engaged in the Illuminated Bible project. The Illuminated Bible includes both classical and modern art.

Would you like to be a lector, liturgist, or communion server in worship? Contact Emily Davis Oliver, ed18@duke.edu, to get on the "call list."

Would you like to sing in the Divinity Choir? Contact the director, Dr Allan Friedman, at allan@duke.edu