# Goodson Chapel, Duke Divinity School

### SERVICE OF WORD

Wednesday, October 31, 2007, Reformation Day Ten o'clock in the Morning

**PRELUDE** 

\*OPENING HYMN UMH No. 662

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

ST MICHAEL

## \* OPENING PRAYER\*\*

O God, you sent your Word to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy Through them we come to know the mystery of your life. Help us to worship you, one God in three persons, by proclaiming and living our faith in you. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever **Amen.** 

## \* CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*\*

Let us humbly confess our sins to God.

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

Let each of us in silence make confession to God. (Silence for individual reflection)

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

In your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Now the message that we have heard from God's Son and announce is this: God is light, and there is no darkness at all in him. If we live in the light—just as God is in the light—then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from every sin.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

READING Alexandrian Fragments SCOTT CAIRNS, RECOVERED BODY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

PSALTER READING Psalm 46, UMH No. 780, using Response 1

Congregation will read the text in bold and sing the response where indicated by R.

GOSPEL LESSON John 8:31-36

SERMON How Does the Truth Make Us Free?

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE \*\*

Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all gifts so freely bestowed upon us:

For the beauty and wonder of creation, in earth and sky and sea,

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, justice, and peace,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, let us give thanks for the great promises and mercies given to us and to all the world in Jesus Christ our Lord.

To Christ be praise and glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

\*All who are able please stand.

\*\* Today's Opening Prayer, Confession, and Prayers of the People are adapted from Hoyt L. Hickman, Don E. Saliers, Laurence Hull Stookey, and James F White, The New Handbook of the Christian Year (Abingdon, 1992).

The closing hymn, "Praise the Source of Faith and Learning," was commissioned by the Waldo Beach Hymnody Endowment of Duke University Chapel. The text is by Thomas H. Troeger, Professor at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. Professor Troeger wrote this hymn with Duke University's motto, Eruditio et religio ("Education and Religion"), as its theme.

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Preacher: Rev Roger L. Loyd, Director of the Divinity School Library, and Professor of the Practice of Theological Bibliography

Liturgist: Rev Andy Keck, Associate Director of the Divinity School Library

Lector: Ms. Luba V Zakharov, Reference and Serials Librarian

Psalter: Mr. Andy Bowers, Assistant Manager, Circulation

Organist/Pianist: Dr. David Arcus, Chapel Organist and Associate University Organist

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All are invited to a reception today from 12:20-1:30 pm in the Divinity School Library's Baker Room
The library will provide a very light lunch; and staff members will read entries in the library's "Top Ten
Contest" and announce the winner. This will be the final event in this year's Theological Libraries Month.
The Gutenberg Bible Facsimile remains on display in the Library until November 1.

## This week in Goodson Chapel:

**Thursday, November 1:** High Solemn Mass for All Saints Day Rev Dr. Jo Bailey Wells, Preacher; Rev Stephen Elkins-Williams, Rector of Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, NC, Celebrant.

"Music of the Heart", Thursday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m. In celebration of the 300th anniversary of Charles Wesley's birth, Duke Divinity School is hosting renowned musicians, Dr. S.T Kimbrough and Rev Timothy Kimbrough, in a concert of sacred song.

The Friday Service: Rev Vertie Powers, Associate Conference Minister for the Eastern NC Association of the UCC, Preacher.

Morning Prayer is held every weekday in Goodson Chapel 8:00-8:30 am. We are united with Christians throughout the world in this daily service, using the rite from the Book of Common Prayer. Contact Matthew Marston (matthew.marston@duke.edu) for more information.

Our Praise and Worship Team ministers for the Friday service, with Gospel and Contemporary Praise selections. We rehearse on Thursday afternoons at 5:00 pm. Come join us, new members are welcome.

On **Thursday**, **Nov. 15** the Divinity School Choir will be presenting a music service dedicated to the Psalms. The choir will sing settings by Brazilian, Jewish, American, and English composers. The service will be augmented by the chanting of Psalms and hymns based on Psalm texts.