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Tuesday, April 7, 2009 Eleven twenty-five in the Morning

*OPENING PRAISE

Ride On King Jesus

text: Traditional

tune: Negro Spiritual

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Look, your king comes to you. (Zechariah 9:9a)

People: Ride on, King Jesus, no one can hinder you!

Leader Look, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey (Zechariah 9:9b)

People: Ride on, King Jesus, no one can hinder you!

Leader See the crowd coming into the city! Join the glad procession with songs of praise.

People: Ride on, King Jesus, no one can hinder you!

Leader We come, lifting in great joy shouting: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (Matthew 21:9b)

People: Ride on, King Jesus, no one can hinder you!

Leader. We raise our voices to proclaim to the world that you are the King of Kings and the

Lord of Lords!

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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 9:57-62

SERMON Finding Our Way

CALL TO PRAYER

Yes

a.s.b Shekinah Glory Ministries

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 382 Have Thine Own Way Lord ADELAIDE

BENEDICTION

'POSTLUDE DUKE DIVINITY GOSPEL CHOIR

- * Please stand as you are able.
- + Safiyah Fosua,

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher Dr Sylvester Shannon, Div '66

Lector: Brian Bryant, Junior M.Div Liturgist: Tori Butler, Middler M.Div

Musicians: Divinity Gospel Choir,, Paul Atlas, director and accompanist, Sean Palmer, conductor Chaplain's Interns: Jodi Lampley, Stuart Harrell, Gannon Sims, Everdith Landrau, Anna Adams

Today in Goodson Chapel

2:30pm – Dr Brian Blount, 2009 Martin Luther King, Jr Distinguished Lecturer will speak on the topic "No Free Pass: An Apocalyptic Call for Prophetic Witness in the Book of Revelation."

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Wednesday, April 8, Service of the Word, Dr Brian Blount, 2009 Martin Luther King,
 Jr Distinguished Lecturer, preaching.

Thursday, April 9, classes are cancelled and no worship will be held Maundy Thursday. The Chaplain's office wishes you a blessed Holy Week and a joyful Easter!

About Our Preacher

Sylvester "Syl" Lorenzo Shannon is a 1966 graduate of Duke Divinity School. He received the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award at Pastors' School and Convocation last October He has seldom missed the Grey Lectures since his arrival on campus in August 1963. Traveling to the campus from Frankfort, Germany, Indianapolis, Indiana or Brooklyn, New York never hindered his presence at convocation. A past president of the Alumni Council, Syl and his wife, Doris, support scholarships programs at Duke Divinity School. Our preacher was senior pastor of The Pentagon Pulpit from June 1976 to January 1981 He is an honorably retired Presbyterian minister who served as Senior Pastor, Siloam Presbyterian Church, in central Brooklyn, New York from June 1990 to June 2001

Syl and Doris divide their time between Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina and Alexandria, Virginia. They are currently sponsoring five graduate students (two are divinity students; one is an MBA candidate and two are studying computer design).

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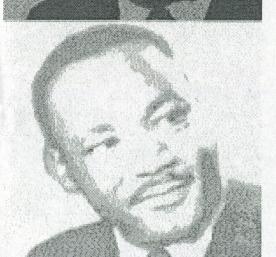
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Rev Tiffney Marley, Director, Office of Black Church Studies

Soloist: Dr Charles Michael Smith, Trinity '62, Divinity '65

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Next Week in Goodson Chapel

- Tuesday, April 14 at 11:25 a.m., Service of the Word: Dr J Kameron Carter, preaching.
- Wednesday, April 15 at 11:25 a.m., Service of the Word & Presentation of Senior Crosses, Dr Richard Lischer, preaching.
- Thursday, April 16 at 11:25 a.m. Closing Convocation, Dr Willie Jennings, preaching; Dean L. Gregory Jones, presiding and celebrating.

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