
Duke Divinity School York Chapel

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Thursday, April 3, 2003
Ten after ten o'clock in the Morning

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

(lighting the peace and justice candle)

The Light shines on in the darkness.
And the darkness has never overcome it.
Come let us worship.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ Is the World's Light

UMH 188 (Stanzas 1-2)

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

John M. Drescher and Joseph Newton

O God, you have gathered us in from many places, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. You have redeemed us as your people. When we have cried to you in the midst of our troubles, you have come to save us. You have delivered us from destruction. You have been rich in mercy. We come to give thanks to you, O Lord; for you are good, for your steadfast love endures forever. Move among us by your Spirit this day, that we may worship you acceptably. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O merciful Father, in compassion for your sinful children you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world. Grant us grace to feel and to lament our share of the evil that made it necessary for him to suffer and to die for our salvation. Help us by self-denial, prayer, and meditation to prepare our hearts for deeper penitence and a better life. And give us a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance won by Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. God so loved the world.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 3.14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.

SERMON

INTERCESSIONS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 15

Song during the distribution of the elements:

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH 206

* PRAYER AFTER 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.

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

** All who are able may stand.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER: Shane Page, *Senior M.Div.*

CELEBRANT: Rev. Sally Bates, *Chaplain*

LITURGIST AND LECTOR: Christy Brookshire, *Senior M.Div.*

INTERCESSOR: Rev. Dr. Peter Storey, *Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry*

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Carl Clark, *Junior M.Div.*

THE DIVINITY SCHOOL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Dr. David Arcus, *Chapel and Divinity School Organist*

Marcus Bridell, Christy Brookshire, Shane Page, Sally Bates, Lee Edwood, Randy Blanton

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today We Welcome Phillip Shoe, Andrea Nelson, Crystal Cash, Rhonda Hatton, Andrew Johnson, Kara Naglee, Hannah McManus. Please pray for these individuals as they discern a future in theological education.

Choral Vespers Service Today (Thursday, April 3) from 5:15 to 6:00pm in Duke Chapel.

Service in the Revivalist Traditions (Pentecostal, Holiness, Charismatic) Friday, April 4 from 2:30 to 4:00pm in York Chapel. Preacher: Rev. Dr. John W. Gibson, *Holy Cross Episcopal Church*. Followed by a time of fellowship and reflection with Dr. William C. Turner, Jr. in the Student Lounge.

Duke Vespers Ensemble's Spring Concert Sunday, April 6 at 5:00pm in Duke Chapel. The program includes works by J.S. Bach, Johann Pachelbel, and Arvo Part. Admission is free.

Service of Word and Table Wednesday, April 9 at 10:10am in York Chapel. Preacher: Rev. Bruce Stanley, *Director of Field Education*.

lectionary Prayer Group on ministry in a time of war meets Thursday mornings from 8:00am to 8:50am in room 110. Join in a prayerful, reflective reading and discussion of scripture. Read and pray over the following weekend's lectionary texts before you come. This is designed to create a safe space for ALL of us to come together, open to the instruction of the Holy Spirit. In a time of polarization, let us unite as Christians around God's word.

Service of the Word Thursday, April 10 at 10:10am in York Chapel. Preacher: Rev. Sally Bates, *Chaplain*.

The Sterling Silver Cross which Chaplain Bates wears was commissioned by SLM for Duke Divinity School. Orders will be taken next week (April 7-11) in the student lounge. For more information, contact Michael Barham who is coordinating the sale.

Morning Prayer continues each weekday morning in York Chapel from 8:20-8:40am. Please note that morning prayer WILL continue throughout reading week. Contact Mark Graves (mwig2@duke.edu) for more information.

Weekly Prayer is held each Tuesday from 12:45-1:15pm in York Chapel. Contact Aimee Baxter for details (aimee.baxter@duke.edu).