

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

First Sunday in Advent Sunday, December 1, 2019, 11:00 a.m.



Two Women at the Mill James Tissot, c. 1886

Today we celebrate the first Sunday in Advent. Advent is Latin for "coming." It celebrates the most important news about the past and the most important news about the future. Christ has come; and Christ is coming back. Just as the coming of Christ as a baby in Bethlehem took everyone by surprise, although it had long been predicted, so the coming of Christ in glory will no doubt take everyone by surprise, although it too has long been predicted. In Duke Chapel, we place a large wreath in the center aisle to represent the four Sundays of Advent and the central moment of Christmas. The first Sunday of Advent commemorates the longing of Israel for the Kingdom of God.

# Gathering

Instrumental Prelude

Canzona XV a4

Giovanni Grillo (d. 1622)

**Opening Voluntary** 

Le monde dans l'attente du Sauveur, Op. 23

Marcel Dupré

Greeting and Call to Worship

Choral Introit

Savior of the Nations, Come

arr. Nancy M. Raabe

Savior of the nations, come; virgin's son, make here your home. Marvel now, O heaven and earth: God has chosen such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood, but the mystic breath of God, was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of woman, blossom fresh.

Text: Ambrose of Milan (340-397); Martin Luther (1483-1546)

### \*Opening Hymn



\*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | In unison:

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom; we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your

way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

\*Peace | All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

## **Proclamation**

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 122 | Chanted in alternation between the cantor and the congregation.



I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house | of the Lord!' Our feet are standing within your gates, | O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firm- | ly together.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name | of the Lord.

For there the thrones for judgement | were set up, the thrones of the | house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they pros- | per who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security with- | in your towers.'

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace | be within you.' For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will | seek your good.

New Testament Lesson | NT page 152 in the pew Bibles.

Romans 13:11-14

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

\*Gradual Hymn 196

\*Gospel Lesson | NT page 26 in the pew Bibles

Matthew 24:36-44

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Processional

Sonata für einen Zink und drei Posaunen Johann Georg Christian Störl (1675-1719)

Sermon

Hoping Without Fear

# Response

**Prayers of the People** | The congregation responds to each petition:

People: Hear our prayer.

Offertory Anthem

The Lord Shall Come and Not Be Slow

Zebulon M. Highben

The Lord shall come and not be slow; his light is soon appearing. Prepare, you children here below who are these tidings hearing:

Arise, O sleepers, trim your lamps! Their flames, so swiftly burning, reveal the path to hope and peace, the dawn for which you're yearning.

Come forth, you weary, meek, and poor! Forget your strife and labor. Messiah comes to those who toil, bestowing God's own favor.

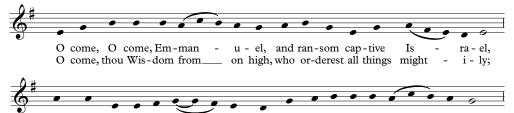
Your King eternal, Lord on high, in humble form and lowly, transforms a simple oxen stall into a throne most holy.

For Christ shall come and not be slow; his light is now appearing. Rejoice, you saints on earth below! His reign of love is nearing.

Text: Zebulon M. Highben

# \*Doxology

VENI EMMANUEL



that mourns in lone ly ex - ile here un- til the Son of God\_\_ ap pear.

to us the path of know - ledge show, and teach us in her ways\_\_ to go.



Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

- \*The Great Thanksgiving | Musical setting A, found on page 17 in the hymnal.
- \*The Lord's Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.

Sharing of the Bread and Wine | All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive Communion. Wine is used for Communion. If you would prefer to receive grape juice, it is available upon request at a Communion station on the pulpit side.

If you have a gluten allergy, there is a server near the Memorial Chapel who will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Music During Communion

Domine vivifica me a4

Orlandus Lassus

Communion Hymn | See insert.

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\*Post-Communion Prayer

# Sending Forth

\*Benediction

\*Closing Hymn 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

Closing Voluntary

Toccata on "Veni Emanuel"

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

# **TODAY IN WORSHIP**

#### **PRESIDING MINISTERS**

The Rev. Bruce Puckett	
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg	Pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel
PREACHER	

The Rev. Ismael Ruiz-Millan ...... Director, Hispanic House of Studies, Duke Divinity **LECTORS** 

Ms. Rachel Williamson Fugua '20

## MUSICIANS

#### **MINISTER OF ANOINTING**

#### **HEAD USHERS**

Ms. Acelynn Barefoot ....... Chapel Scholar, Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** | Today's flowers are provided by the generosity of the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Fund.

TODAY'S OFFERING | All of today's cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be given to the Chapel's Development Fund for Mission and Ministry.

**GUEST PREACHER** | Today's Boyles guest preacher is the Rev. Ismael Ruiz-Millan. Rev. Millan is a United Methodist pastor and the director of the Hispanic House of Studies, Global Education, and Intercultural Formation at Duke Divinity School.

**ACCESSIBILITY** | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the visitor desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the rear sound desk. **FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN** | Children four and younger are welcome to visit

the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel lower level, beginning at 10:45 a.m. each week.

#### MUSIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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## **ENGAGE**

steps of the Chapel following the service.

**WELCOME TO DUKE CHAPEL** | Students, staff, visitors, and community members are always welcome at Duke Chapel. For more information, please see the websites listed on the back page and sign-up for weekly e-newsletters. **CHAPEL TOUR** | For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today's docent near the front

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT DUKE CHAPEL | The seasons of Advent and Christmas at Duke Chapel are full of music and worship for you and your family. Events at the Chapel during Advent and Christmas include: Advent Lessons and Carols on December 12 at 7:00 p.m.; a Christmas Open House on December 18 at 12 noon; and Christmas Eve Services at 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, and 11:00 p.m. Find a full list of events at chapel.duke.edu/events.

**BACH CANTATA THIS AFTERNOON** | The Advent theme runs through today's Bach Cantata concert. The program includes *Lieber Herr Gott, wekke uns auf* by J. C. Bach, *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* by M. Praetorius, and *Magnificat* by M. Zielenski. The concert is at 5:15 p.m. this afternoon, and admission is free and open to the public.

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH** | Since 1933, Duke Chapel has welcomed the Advent season with the sublime music of *Messiah*. Handel's masterwork weaves a musical and scriptural tapestry that tells the story of Christ's life, leading us from darkness to light through the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Performances are December 6–8; a special luncheon is being held before the concert on Saturday, December 7. Learn more and purchase tickets at tickets.duke.edu or by calling 919-684-4444.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET FOR ZOE | Your Christmas gifts can make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children. Sunday, December 8 and 15 following worship, there will be an alternative gift market for Zoe Empowers, a global mission partner which empowers vulnerable children to move out of poverty and become independent in three years. When a gift is purchased, the giver will receive an attractive card or bookmark telling the recipient that their Gift of Help is empowering a child in Africa or India. The Congregation is currently sponsoring two groups of children in Zimbabwe. Please stop by the table in the narthex following worship on December 8 or 15.

**DINNER FOR GRAD STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS** | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to gather for dinner and discussion on Monday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Duke Chapel kitchen, located on the lower level of the Chapel. Conversation is focused on the book of Isaiah. All questions and perspectives are welcome. For more information contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

# **ENGAGE** (Continued)

**SECOND WEDNESDAY LUNCH** | Informal conversation and fellowship in a local restaurant is the only agenda for the Second Wednesday Lunch. On December 11 at 12-noon, participants will gather at Fairview Dining Room at the Washington Duke Inn, 3001 Cameron Blvd., Durham. Each person will purchase their own meal. If you plan to attend please contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

**DUKE CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT** | The Duke Chorale, directed by Rodney Wynkoop, presents its annual Christmas Concert featuring seasonal selections by the Duke Chorale as well as traditional carols for the entire audience to sing and stories and special treats for the children. This family holiday event, presented by the Duke Music Department, is a long-standing tradition for many area residents. The concert is on Tuesday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Those attending this free concert are encouraged to bring one canned item to donate to families in need.

**BEACH WEEKEND** | Save the weekend of May 15-17 for a weekend retreat at Ft. Caswell, Oak Island, North Carolina, to be led by Dr. Zebulon Highben and the Rev. Amanda Highben. This annual overnight retreat is sponsored by the Congregation.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES** | Classes for all ages will meet throughout the summer at 9:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Westbrook building, Duke Divinity School. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Classes are:

Wee Praise: For children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB Godly Play: For children ages 4 through 1st graders in 0054 Langford Godly Play Advanced: For children in 2nd–5th grade in 0050 Langford Youth Bible Study: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 Westbrook Adult Forum: Michael Larbi, the Congregation's Pastoral Assistant for Discipleship, will discuss "Thoughts on Discipleship and Discipleship Ministry" in 0012 Westbrook.

For a complete listing of events, please visit chapel.duke.edu/events or sign up to receive weekly emails at chapel.duke.edu/email



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The Congregation is the interdenominational church home for university students and community members who consider the Chapel to be their primary place of worship. Through ministries of mission, education, and fellowship, members of the Congregation strive to deepen connections with God and neighbor.

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## All Earth Is Hopeful

#### TODA LA TIERRA



- 2 Dice\_el profeta al pueblo de Israel: "De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel," será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será, con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.
- 3 Montes y valles habrá que preparar; nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar. Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo\_a\_encontrar, y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.
  - 4 En una cueva Jesús apareció, pero en el mundo está presente hoy. Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está; y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.