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BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 6, 2020, 11:00 a.m.



Psalm 85

John August Swanson, 1990

A new world is coming. The scripture lessons for today carry a theme of promise and hope. Isaiah speaks tender words of comfort along with hope and promise that the Israelites' time of suffering is over, and a new day is coming. Isaiah and Psalm 85 speak to that new day, when every valley shall be lifted up, the uneven ground made level, and righteousness shall prepare a pathway for the Lord. Mark's gospel focuses on John the Baptist, who was sent to prepare the way for Jesus. John tells those who have come to be baptized that the more powerful one, Jesus, will come and baptize not just with water but with the Holy Spirit. In Advent, we remember that all our waiting, yearning, and hoping for God is met by God's waiting, yearning, and hoping for us.

Gathering

Carillon

Opening Voluntary

Contrapunctus I (from *The Art of Fugue*), BWV 1080

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Andante (from *Sonata I in E minor*), BWV 1034

J. S. Bach

Greeting and Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** | See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GENEVAN 42

***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.

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

Minister: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

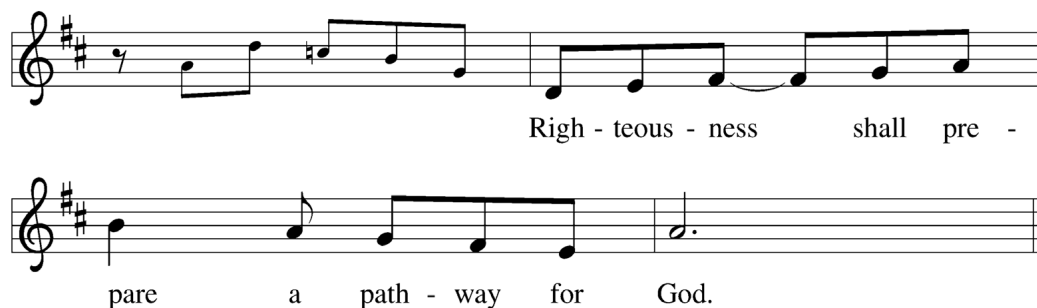
Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***All rise as able**

Psalmody | The refrain is introduced by the cantor, then sung by all.

Psalm 85:1–2; 8–13

setting by Mark Sedio



You have been gracious to your land, O Lord;
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.
I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.
Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land. *Refrain*

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before the Lord
and shall prepare for God a pathway. *Refrain*

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:1–11

***Gradual Hymn** | Stanzas 1–2. See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

OSOSÖ

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:1–8

*Gradual Hymn | Stanzas 3–4. See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

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Sermon

What Shall I Cry?

Response

Instrumental Voluntary

Largo e dolce (from *Sonata in B minor*), BWV 1030

J. S. Bach

*Affirmation of Faith

We trust the voice that cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

—Adapted from *Isaiah* 40:3–5

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

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

People: Hear our prayer.

Offertory

O Adonai

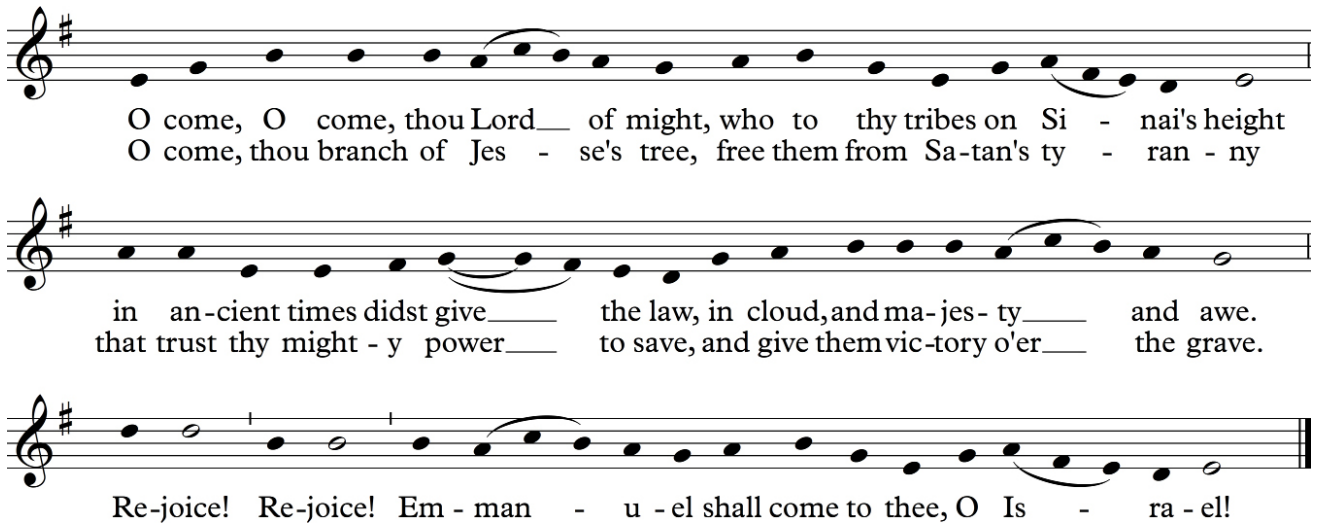
plainsong; organ setting by Nico Muhly

O Adonai, et Dux domus Israel,
qui Moysi in igne flammae rubi apparuisti,
et ei in Sina legem dedisti:
veni ad redimendum nos in brachio extento.

*O Lord and Ruler of the house of Israel,
who appeared to Moses in the flame of the burning bush,
and gave him the law on Sinai:
come, and redeem us with your outstretched arm.*

*Doxology

VENI EMMANUEL



O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Si - nai's height
O come, thou branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from Sa-tan's ty - ran - ny

in an-cient times didst give the law, in cloud, and ma-jes-ty and awe.
that trust thy might - y power to save, and give them vic-tory o'er the grave.

Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Thanksgiving

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn | See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

PUER NOBIS

Closing Voluntary

Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel"

Andrew Carter
(b. 1939)

Carillon

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Bruce Puckett.....*Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg.....*Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

PREACHER

The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery.....*Dean, Duke University Chapel*

LECTOR

Ms. Gretchen Ziegenhals*Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

MUSICIANS

Dr. Zebulon Highben.....*Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*
Dr. Roseen Giles.....*Flautist; Assistant Professor of Music, Duke University*
Mr. Christopher Jacobson.....*Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*
Mr. Tom Gurin.....*Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

ONLINE MINISTER

The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon.....*Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel*

TODAY'S FLOWERS | The interior decorations and the wreaths on either side of the front entrance of the Chapel are given to the glory of God in celebration of the Advent and Christmas seasons by Dr. and Mrs. James G. Ferguson, Jr.

TODAY'S OFFERING | Today's offerings will be given to the Chapel's Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. You are invited to give online at gifts.duke.edu/chapel. Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

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ENGAGE

FREE VIRTUAL TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR ONLINE 'MESSIAH' CONCERT | Virtual tickets to this year's online *Messiah* concert—which will livestream today at 4:00 p.m.—are available at no cost through the Duke Box Office website. This online presentation of *Messiah* will blend live performances of arias and recitatives with virtual, sing-along choruses created from recordings from last year's concerts. The program will include all of Part I—the Christmas portion—plus the “Hallelujah” chorus. [Click here to claim your virtual ticket.](#)

ONLINE AND BROADCAST CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS | The Chapel is celebrating Christmas and Advent this year with a series of online services and concerts, as well as television broadcasts. See a listing of online events at chapel.duke.edu/christmas.

NEW ONLINE RESOURCE CURATES DUKE CHAPEL PREACHING TRADITION | A new online resource presents insights into the rich and deep tradition of preaching at Duke University Chapel through the expertise of Duke Divinity School faculty, research by Duke students, and the reflections of renowned preachers. Launched this week, the Living Tradition webpages serve as an introduction to, and a pedagogical tool for, the Duke Chapel Recordings digital archive, hosted on the Duke Libraries website, which contains more than 3,000 videos, audio recordings, and manuscripts of sermons given at Duke Chapel from 1946 to 2002. Visit Living Tradition at chapel.duke.edu/livingtradition.

STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR AN ARTS AND THEOLOGY FELLOWSHIP | Duke students may apply for the Chapel's C. Eric Lincoln Theology & Arts Fellowship. The fellowship provides funding to an undergraduate or graduate student for a sacred art project. This year, the Lincoln Fellow will be asked to produce a visual art exhibit that can be experienced digitally. The application deadline is December 16. [Learn more and apply.](#)

STUDENT PREACHER APPLICATIONS | Students are invited to submit draft sermons to be considered for selection as this year's Student Preacher. Submissions are due February 1, 2021. [Learn more and apply.](#)

STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF CAN SIGN UP FOR TIME IN THE CHAPEL | With so many challenges and stresses brought on by the coronavirus pandemic, Duke students, faculty, and staff who are on campus have an opportunity to reserve time for a short visit inside Duke Chapel to meditate, reflect, be, pray, contemplate, and find sanctuary. The Chapel is decorated for Christmas with poinsettias, garlands, and lights. [Learn more and register for a time.](#)

'CHRISTIAN IMAGINATION' AUTHOR TO JOIN DISCUSSION DEC. 15 | The author of *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race*, the Rev. Dr. Willie Jennings, will participate in an online discussion about his book on Tuesday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m. This session will conclude a semester-long study of the book organized by the Chapel and community partner DurhamCares. [Learn more and register for free.](#)

CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP | The Fellowship Committee of the Congregation is hosting a Virtual Christmas Gathering on Sunday, December 13, at 5:00 p.m. as a time to share prayer, stories, and laughter with one another. All are welcome. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for Zoom link and more information.

ENGAGE

PRACTICING TRUST | The Congregation is sponsoring a half-day New Year's retreat on the topic of "Practicing Trust in Time of Transition" on Saturday, January 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 12-noon. Author and teacher Dr. Marilyn McEntyre will lead the retreat. [Please register online](#) or contact congregation@duke.edu for more information.

CONNECT IN A SMALL GROUP | Life Together, the Congregation's small group discipleship ministry, has had a good start this fall. Nearly thirty people are meeting every two weeks in four groups to share their lives and prayers with one another. Space is available in each of these groups and a new group is forming. [Please sign up here](#) to join a Life Together group starting the week of January 3. All groups will meet virtually until further notice. University students and adults of all ages are welcome to participate.

ZOE EMPOWERS GIFT MARKET | The Zoe Empowers Gift Market is now open! Please consider honoring loved ones with a gift to Zoe Empowers, which will empower vulnerable children in Zimbabwe to become independent adults who support themselves and their family members. [This link](#) will take you to the sign-up for these gifts. Please pay through the Congregation PayPal account, or you may mail a check to the Congregation office.

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL UPDATES | Receive regular email updates about Chapel services, concerts, and news by signing up here: chapel.duke.edu/email.

CARILLON LIVESTREAM | You are invited to participate virtually in an ongoing campus tradition. Listen live online to the playing of the Duke Chapel carillon bells weekdays at 5:00 p.m. on the Duke Chapel Facebook page at facebook.com/dukechapel.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE | Online and video classes for all ages are offered Sunday mornings from 9:45–10:45 a.m. New participants are always welcome. Please see the Congregation's eNews for links or contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu.

Classes are:

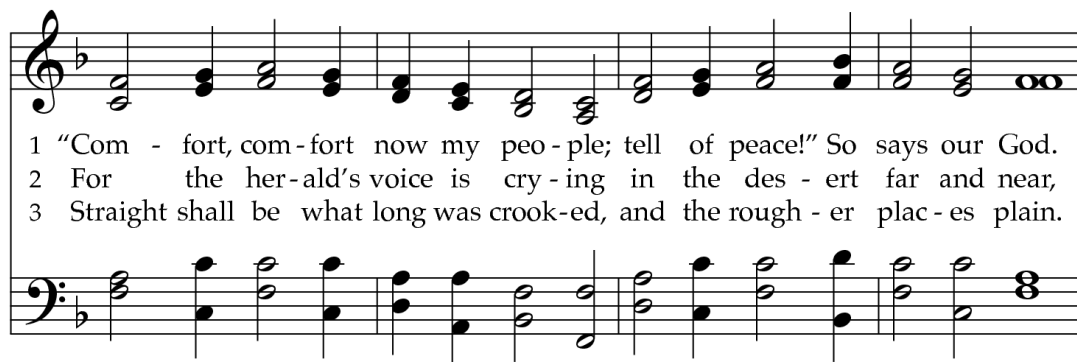
- Wee Praise – Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers
- Godly Play – Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade
- Youth Bible Study – A study of Ezekiel-Malachi for students in 6th–12th grades
- Adult Forum – On Sunday, December 13 Julie Leyva, PhD Student in Religion, Duke University, will speak on "God Said It Where? Tracing a Mystery Citation in Hebrews 13."

HYMNS FOR DECEMBER 6, 2020

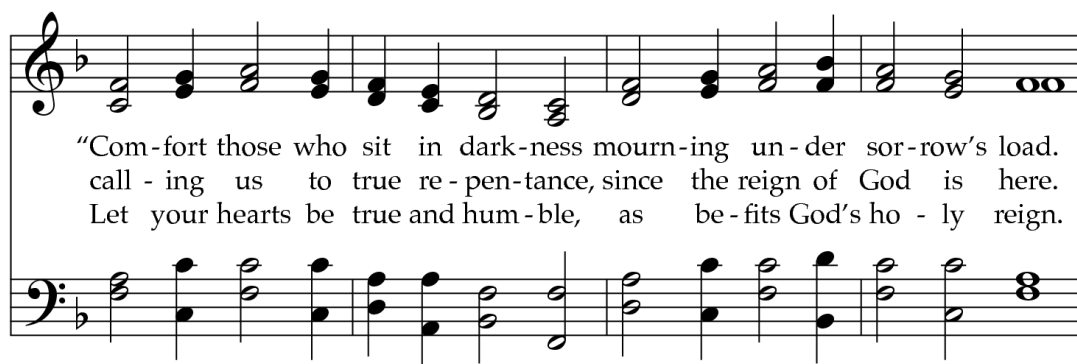
Opening Hymn

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GENEVAN 42



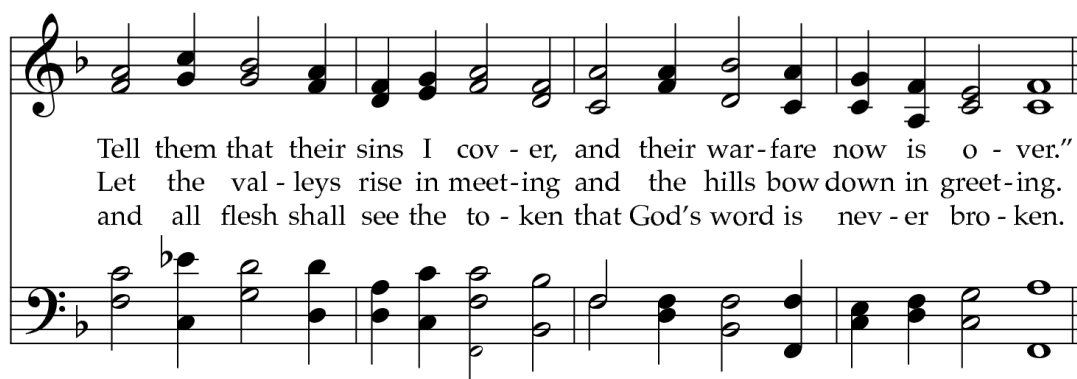
1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook-ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness mourn-ing un-der sor-row's load.
call - ing us to true re-pen-tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum-ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To my peo - ple now pro-claim that my par - don waits for them!
O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre-pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a-broad,



Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war-fare now is o - ver."
Let the val - leys rise in meet-ing and the hills bow down in greet-ing.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

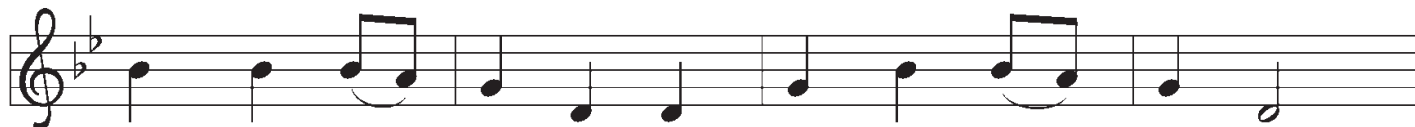
This 17th-century German paraphrase of Isaiah 40:1–5 was one of the texts translated as part of the 19th-century British interest in German religious poetry. It is set here to one of the most popular Genevan Psalter tunes, probably derived from an earlier French folksong.

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Gradual Hymn

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

OSOSŎ



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ŭi - im - gŭm
1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope

Music: OSOSŎ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947

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Closing Hymn

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

PUER NOBIS



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621