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BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 28, 2021, 11:00 a.m.



Last Judgment

Peter Paul Rubens, 1577-1640

Today we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is Latin for “coming.” It celebrates the most important news about the past and 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. The scripture lessons today all point to this coming. The prophet Jeremiah speaks to the coming fulfillment of God’s promises to the people of Israel through the Branch of David. In 1 Thessalonians, Paul encourages the church to be strengthened for the coming day of the Lord that they might be blameless before God. Luke’s Gospel shares also about the coming day of the Lord, and encourages people to watch for the signs of Christ’s coming because then they will know their redemption is drawing near.

Gathering

Opening Voluntary

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685–1750)

Choral Introit

From the Rising of the Sun

M. Susan Brown

From the rising of the sun to its going down again,
let the name of the LORD be praised.

Text: Psalm 113:3

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn | See hymn at back of bulletin.

The Advent of Our God

DUX DELUBRUM

*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.

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

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 keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14–16

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody | The congregation chants the verses in bold.

Psalm 25:1–10



To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. My God, I put my | trust in you;
let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.

Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all | the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compas-| sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good-| ness, O LORD.

You are gracious and up-| right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

You lead the low-| ly in justice
and teach the low-| ly your way.

All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

New Testament Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

* All rise as able

*Gradual Hymn | Stanzas 1-3; see hymn at back of bulletin.

The King Shall Come

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*Gospel Lesson

Luke 21:25–36

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn | Stanzas 4 and 5; see hymn at back of bulletin.

The King Shall Come

CONSOLATION

Sermon

Uncovered

Response

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

This morning we give thanks for graduate and professional students. We celebrate their diligence and discipline in seeking to become experts in their particular field of studies.

* All rise as able

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.

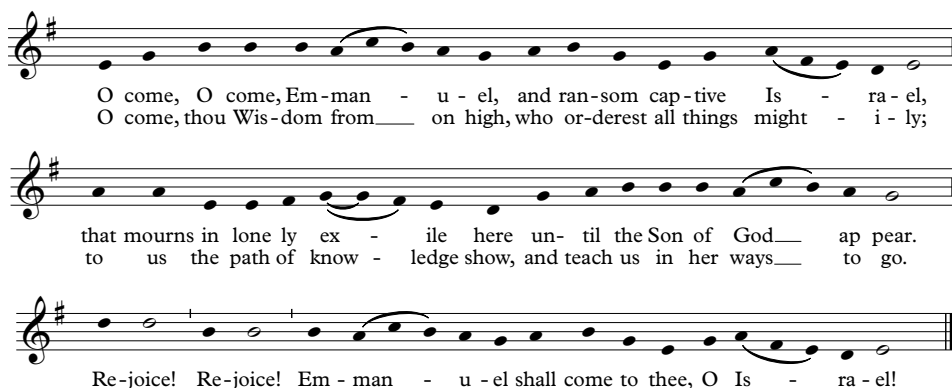
Your King eternal, Lord on high,
in humble form and lowly,
transforms a simple oxen stall
into a throne most holy.

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



O come, O come, Em-man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el,
O come, thou Wis-dom from___ on high, who or-derest all things might - i - ly;
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.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

* All rise as able

Thanksgiving

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing.

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 718

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

Closing Voluntary

Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel"

Andrew Carter

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS

Kathryn Lester-Bacon *Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel*
Breana van Velzen *Community Minister, Duke University Chapel*

PREACHER

Richard Lischer *James T. and Alice Mead Cleland Professor Emeritus of Preaching,
Duke Divinity School*

LECTOR

Mary Anderson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

MUSICIANS

Duke Chapel Choir *Choir*

Zebulon Highben *Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*

Christopher Jacobson *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*

HEAD USHER

James Ferguson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER | Today's Howard C. Wilkinson Guest Preacher is the Rev. Dr. Richard Lischer, the James T. and Alice Mead Cleland Professor Emeritus of Preaching at Duke Divinity School. He is an ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and has pastoral experience in rural and suburban settings. He joined the Duke Divinity School faculty in 1979 and taught homiletics and ministry. In his scholarly work Dr. Lischer has sought to portray proclamation, ministry, and rhetoric as integrated theological activities. His books include *The Preacher King: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Word that Moved America*, *Open Secrets: A Memoir of Faith and Discovery*, and *Stations of the Heart: Parting with a Son*. His most recent book, *Just Tell the Truth: A Call to Faith, Hope, and Courage*, was published by Eerdmans this year and contains several sermons preached in Duke Chapel.

TODAY'S FLOWERS | Today's flowers are provided by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Endowment, established by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Semans in loving memory of Elizabeth Gotham.

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and worship guides are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel.

TODAY'S OFFERING | All of today's checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel's PathWays program. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

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ENGAGE

TOUR AFTER THE SERVICE | Learn about the history, architecture, and life of Duke Chapel on a tour immediately following the service. The tour is free and lasts about forty-five minutes. Meet the docent outside in front of the Chapel.

CHORAL EVENSONG THIS AFTERNOON | Rich with music spanning from the Renaissance to the present day, Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m. today features sung prayers, psalms, and canticles. Distinct from the noisy world around us, this service offers a place for quiet contemplation.

ARTS AND THEOLOGY FELLOWSHIP FOR STUDENTS | Duke students are invited to apply for the Chapel's C. Eric Lincoln Theology & Arts Fellowship, which comes with funding up to \$2,000 to create a visual arts project and the opportunity to display it in Duke Chapel. Applications are due November 30. Learn more, see projects from past recipients, and apply at chapel.duke.edu/ArtsFellowship.

DUKE CHORALE CONCERT NOV. 30 | The Duke Chorale presents its annual Christmas Concert this Tuesday, November 30, at 7:00 p.m. at Duke Chapel. The program will feature seasonal selections by the Chorale as well as traditional carols for the entire audience to sing and stories and special treats for the children. This family holiday event is a longstanding tradition for many area residents. The Duke Chorale, directed by Dr. Rodney Wynkoop, comprises undergraduate and graduate students and is the primary choral group of Duke's Department of Music. Pre-concert music on the carillon and organ begins at 6:30 p.m. The cost of admission is one non-perishable food item for Durham families in need.

ADVENT STUDY | Save time this December for an Advent study of *All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas*. This book, written by faculty at Duke Divinity school, guides readers through the four weeks of Advent by reflecting on biblical passages in light of an aspect of Wesleyan means of grace. The means of grace are highlighted by illustrations and stories. Advent study groups will meet virtually at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, December 1, 8, 15 and 22. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information.

TICKETS FOR ONLINE PRESENTATION OF HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH' | Tickets are sold out for the Chapel's two in-person performances of Handel's *Messiah*; however tickets are still available for the online presentation of the concert, which will be available for viewing December 12–26. The approximately ninety-minute performance will include all of Part I of *Messiah* (the Christmas portion) plus selected movements from Parts II and III. To purchase tickets for the virtual concert, contact the Duke Box Office at tickets.duke.edu or 919-684-4444.

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ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS DEC. 9 | The Chapel's Vespers Ensemble will lead a service of Advent Lessons and Carols on Thursday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. There will not be a Choral Vespers service on Thanksgiving Day. Vespers services will resume on Thursday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m. with a special service for Epiphany.

LECTORS, COMMUNION SERVERS, AND USHERS NEEDED | Have you ever wanted to read scripture for a Chapel worship service? Are you interested in serving communion on a Sunday morning? Would you be interested in welcoming people into worship and inviting them into the praise of God? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please write Rev. Bruce Puckett, the Chapel's assistant dean, at bruce.puckett@duke.edu. All are invited to serve.

ANGEL TREE-SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS | Volunteers are needed to help make Christmas bright for thirty-five area residents by purchasing Christmas gifts. Shopping this year can be as simple as a gift card purchase. Most requests can be purchased online and the spending limit is \$65–75. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for more information. Gifts need to be purchased by December 10.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE DEC. 15 | Welcome the splendor of the season at the annual Duke Chapel Christmas Open House on Wednesday, December 15, from 12-noon to 2:00 p.m. All are invited to see Duke Chapel by candlelight, fully decorated for the Christmas season, and listen to familiar Christmas music. There is no cost to attend and no tickets or reservations are required.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES | The Chapel will hold these Christmas Eve worship services on Friday, December 24:

2:00 p.m., a family-friendly service, lasting about forty-five minutes, with favorite hymns and carols, as well as a brief homily jointly preached by Chapel Dean Luke Powery and Assistant Dean Bruce Puckett;

5:00 p.m., a service with music from the Durham Children's Choir and Amalgam Brass, and a joint sermon from Deans Powery and Puckett;

8:00 p.m., a service with music from the Amalgam Brass Ensemble and soloists, as well as a sermon from Deans Powery and Puckett;

11:00 p.m., the Chapel's traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols with a choir, harp and organ music, scripture readings and Christmas carols.

Free parking will be available in the Bryan Center Parking Garage. Face masks are required. The Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service at 11:00 p.m. will be broadcast statewide on by Spectrum News 1 as well as on the radio on WDNC, 620 AM. All four of the Christmas Eve services will be livestreamed on the Duke Chapel website and broadcast on channel 12 of the Duke Hospital TV system.

HYMN FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Opening Hymn

The Advent of Our God

DUX DELUBRUM



1. The ad - vent of our God we greet with song and prayer.
2. The ev - er - last - ing Son in - car - nate stoops to be
3. O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise to meet your low - ly king,
4. As judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come a - gain
5. Then e - vil flees a - way, be - fore the ris - ing dawn.
6. All glo - ry to the Son, who comes to make us free,



We wait the com - ing reign of Christ, and ea - ger - ly pre - pare.
our ser - vant, in a ser - vant's form to set all peo - ple free.
nor let your faith - less heart de - spise the peace he comes to bring.
and all his scat - tered saints u - nite with him on high to reign.
The sin - ful self is cast a - side, the new self is put on.
with Fath - er, Spir - it, ev - er one through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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HYMN FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Gradual Hymn

The King Shall Come

CONSOLATION

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with line numbers 1 through 5 corresponding to the verses. The score concludes with a final double bar line.

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ENGAGE

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning Christian education from 9:45–10:45 a.m. for all ages. Classes, which are held both in person and virtually, are open to the public. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for Zoom link. Classes are as follows:

Wee Praise: Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers (available virtually).

Godly Play: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade (available virtually).

Youth Bible Study: Youth grades 6–12 will explore the Book of Genesis in Westbrook 0013.

Adult Forum: Guest speakers address a variety of topics.

LET'S BE IN TOUCH

We would like to get to know you. What are your questions? What is your story? Take a moment to fill out a very brief form and a Chapel minister or other staff member will contact you soon. Scan the QR code or visit chapel.duke.edu/connect.



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