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CHORAL EVENSONG

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 10, 2023, 4:00 p.m.



Mabel Oliver Rae Backs, *King's College Cambridge from the Meadow*, c. 1920.

Welcome to Choral Evensong at Duke Chapel. You are welcome here, whether you are a student, a member of the community, or a visitor. Most of today's service is sung by the choir and clergy. The congregation is invited to participate through prayer and meditation and by singing the hymns. We thank you for joining us and hope that this offering of worship will be a blessing to you.

CHORAL EVENSONG AT DUKE CHAPEL

Choral Evensong combines music, scripture, and prayer and is celebrated in cathedrals, churches, and chapels around the world, drawing people from diverse backgrounds and faith traditions. Its roots stretch back to early Temple worship, and its timeless beauty and contemplative nature make it a cherished tradition for regular worshippers, and for those seeking solace or reflection in their busy lives. Evensong has inspired composers to write some of their most beautiful music.

At Duke Chapel, Evensong is sung on the second and fourth Sundays of the month during the academic year. The service lasts approximately forty-five minutes. Music of the great English composer of sacred music, Herbert Howells, will feature prominently on the second Sundays this year. On the fourth Sundays of the month, the service will feature music with a particular focus on a place or tradition.

You are warmly invited to sit where you will, including the chancel, and to join us in prayer and in singing the hymns as you wish. We hope that these services will provide a restorative and uplifting experience. The services are live-streamed and archived on Duke Chapel's YouTube page.

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Today's service of Choral Evensong begins with Boris Ord's much-loved setting of *Adam Lay Ybounden*, composed in 1955. Though this carol is his only published composition, Ord's leadership of the choir at King's College Cambridge, from 1927 until 1957, strongly shaped the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols service.

The canticles sung this evening, Howells' *Collegium Regale*, were composed in 1945 and are dedicated to King's College. *Collegium Regale* includes settings of the canticles for morning prayer, the *Te Deum* and *Jubilate*, as well the service for Holy Communion. Together, these settings represent the considerable range of Howells' compositional style, and are among his best-known works. During his time at the Royal Conservatory of Music, London, Howells studied counterpoint with Charles Wood, whose setting of *O Thou the Central Orb* is sung today as the anthem. The anthem text by Henry Ramsden Bramley speaks of light and radiance, looking forward to new light and life in Christ.

The service concludes with another carol setting, John Joubert's *There is no rose*. Joubert composed extensively, working in a wide variety of genres and forms; in addition to choral music, his publications include operas, orchestral works, and chamber music. *There is no rose* has been featured in King's College's Nine Lessons and Carols.

Organ Voluntary

*All rise as able

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen (Orgelsatz 1977)

Anton Heiller (1923–1979)

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, Op. 122, No. 8

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

Introit

Adam Lay Ybounden

Boris Ord
(1897–1961)

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;
four thousand winter thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,
as clerkes finden written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,
ne had never our Lady abeen heavené queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was,
therefore we moun singen, “Deo gracias!”

—*Anonymous, fifteenth century*

***Processional Hymn** | UMH 720. Stanza 1 sung by the choir in a setting by J.S. Bach.
Stanzas 2 and 3 sung by all.

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

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***Opening Responses** | Sung by the choir.

Humphrey Clucas

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Psalmody

Psalm 85

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry
(1848–1918)

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land;
thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.
Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people,
and covered all their sins.
Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure,
and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.
Turn us then, O God our Saviour,
and let thine anger cease from us.
Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever?
and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?
Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us,
that thy people may rejoice in thee?
Show us thy mercy, O LORD,
and grant us thy salvation.
I will hearken what the LORD God will say;
for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints,
that they turn not again unto foolishness.
For his salvation is nigh them that fear him;
that glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together:
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall flourish out of the earth,
and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
Yea, the LORD shall show loving-kindness;
and our land shall give her increase.
Righteousness shall go before him,
and shall direct his going in the way.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Isaiah 40:1–11

Minister: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Canticle

Magnificat (*Collegium Regale*)

Herbert Howells
(1893–1982)

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him, throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

—*Luke 1:46–55*

2 Peter 3:8–15a

Minister: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Canticle

Nunc Dimittis (*Collegium Regale*)

H. Howells

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

—*Luke 2:29–32*

*The 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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

All sit or kneel as the choir continues.

Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. Amen.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
 And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
 And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
 And make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people;
 And bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord;
 Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us;
 And take not thine Holy Spirit from us.

The following Collects are sung.

Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and
prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our
sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and
reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness: through the merits of Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem

O Thou the Central Orb

Charles Wood
(1866–1926)

O thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the Most High, eternal light
Of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith: hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine;
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin:
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls, erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

—Henry Ramsden Bramley

Prayers | The prayers conclude with the Prayer of St. John Chrysostom, said by all:

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Benediction

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

People: **Amen.**

Choral Benediction

There is no rose

John Joubert
(1927–2019)

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu;
Alleluia.

By that rose we may well see
That He is God in persons three,
Pari forma.

For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space;
Res miranda.

Now leave we all this worldly mirth
And follow we this joyful birth;
Transeamus.

—*Anonymous, fifteenth century*

*Processional Hymn | See hymn printed on following page.

Blest Be the King Whose Coming

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Organ Voluntary

Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 736

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN | Blest Be the King Whose Coming



1. Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of God!
2. Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of God!
3. Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of God!
4. Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of God!



For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him barred!
By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly heard;
He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of God.
He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they need.



Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in pow'r and pomp, comes he;
pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who have not learned to heed
All pow'r is his, all glo - ry! All things are in his hand,
Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And light his yoke shall be,



but clad as are the poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!
the Christ who is the Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.
all a - ges and all peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
for he would have us bear it so he can make us free!

Text: Federico José Pagura (1923–2016); tr. Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

Music: Melchior Teschner (1584–1635)

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Lessons and Carols | Three worship services in the next month are based on the formula made famous by the Christmas Lessons and Carols from King's College, Cambridge, following a similar pattern of readings, choral anthems, and congregational hymns.

- **Advent Lessons and Carols:** Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols:** Sunday, December 24, at 11:00 p.m.
- **Epiphany Lessons and Carols:** Sunday, January 7, at 4:00 p.m.

Bach Cantata on Fourth Sunday of Advent | In our Sunday morning service on December 24, at 11:00 a.m., the Duke Chapel Schola Cantorum and Mallarmé Music will perform J. S. Bach's cantata *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* ("Savior of the Nations, Come"), BWV 61. Dr. Richard Lischer, James T. and Alice Mead Cleland Professor Emeritus of Preaching at Duke Divinity School, will offer a homily on the cantata text and the scripture lessons for the day.

Christmas Eve at Duke Chapel | The Chapel will hold four Christmas Eve services on Sunday, December 24. These services often fill up, so attendees are encouraged to arrive early. Free parking is available in the Bryan Center Parking Garage located at 125 Science Drive.

- **2:00 p.m.**, Children's service with Christmas carols, a pageant, and scripture readings that tell the story of the birth of Jesus; the service lasts about thirty-five minutes.
- **5:00 p.m.**, The Durham Children's Choir sings and Powery preaches the sermon; the Amalgam Brass ensemble and Chapel organists lead the congregation in singing Christmas carols.
- **8:00 p.m.**, A service with Holy Communion and Powery preaching; the Bell Durham handbell choir plays; the Amalgam Brass ensemble and Chapel organists lead the congregation in singing Christmas carols.
- **11:00 p.m.**, The traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols by candlelight with scripture readings and Christmas carols; the singers of the Duke Chapel Schola Cantorum, a harpist, and Chapel organists lead the music, which will include the debut of an original, award-winning carol by Dr. Zebulon Highben, the Chapel's music director.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Lisa G. Fischbeck *Divinity '91*

Lector

Matthew Alexander *Graduate '24*

Musicians

Duke Chapel Evensong Singers *Choir*

Philip Cave *Conductor-in-Residence, Duke University Chapel*

Chad Fothergill. *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*

Katherine Johnson *Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*

This will be the final Choral Evensong in 2023. On Sunday, January 7, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., there will be a Service of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany. Choral Evensong will resume on Sunday, January 21, at 4:00 p.m. For more information about Choral Evensong at Duke Chapel visit chapel.duke.edu/evensong#fall2023.



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