



Duke
UNIVERSITY
CHAPEL

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2017
Eleven o'clock at night

~ Bridging Faith and Learning ~



"Birth of Christ," China, unknown artist

The congregation is invited to reflect silently during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation. Please do not take flash photos or record videos during the service.

CARILLON MUSIC

INSTRUMENTAL VOLUNTARIES

Harp: Variations Pastorales sur un Vieux Noël	Marcel Samuel-Rousseau (1882–1955)
Harp: Interlude from <i>A Ceremony of Carols</i>	Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)
Organ: Poème Mystique Greensleeves	Richard Purvis (1913–1994)
Guitar: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	arr. Richard Keena attr. Theodore Baker
Guitar: The Holly and the Ivy	Trad. English folk carol
Organ: Noël sur les Flûtes	Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772)

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING PROCESSION CAROL (congregation standing)

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Henry J. Gauntlett
(1805–1876)

(Soloist only, stanza 1; all remain standing to sing stanzas 2–6.)

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary, loving mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

**He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior
holy.**

**And through all his wondrous childhood he would honor and
obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms he lay,
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.**

**Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day, like us he grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait
around.**

—Cecil Frances Alexander

CHOIR ANTHEM (congregation seated)

In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke
(1888–1876)

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day,
A breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel, which adore.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

—Christina Rossetti

FIRST LESSON—Genesis 3:8–19 (*OT page 3 in the pew Bibles*)

(At the close of each lesson, the lector will say, “This is the word of the Lord.” The Congregation responds, “**Thanks be to God.**”)

*Adam and Eve lose life in paradise through their sin, as their
relationship with God and each other is broken.*

Read by Ms. Cora Cole-McFadden
Former Durham Mayor Pro Tempore

CHOIR ANTHEMS (congregation seated)

The Truth from Above

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872–1958)

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love,
Therefore don’t turn me from your door,
But hearken all both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate
Is that God did man create
The next thing, which to you I’ll tell
Woman was made with him to dwell.

—English Traditional

Deo Gracias (from *A Ceremony of Carols*)

Benjamin Britten
(1913–1976)

Deo gracias! [Thanks be to God!]
Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.
And all was for an appil, an appil that he tok,
As clerkes finden [clergy find] written in their book.
Ne [If not] had the appil take ben, the appil take ben,
Ne hadde never our lady a ben hevene queen [the queen of heaven].
Blessed be the time that appil take was.
Therefore we moun singen [must sing].
Deo gracias!

—Anonymous

SECOND LESSON—Genesis 22:15–18 (OT page 17)

*God promises to faithful Abraham that because he was obedient, his
offspring shall be the Lord's people, numerous as the stars in the sky.*

Read by Mr. Hernando Planells
Duke Women's Basketball Associate Head Coach

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL and NOEL
Richard Storrs Willis
(1819–1900)

(Congregation: stanzas 1 and 4; choir: stanzas 2 and 3.)

**It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old.
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,
From heav’n’s all-gracious King!”
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.**

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O’er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o’er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long.
Beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And warring humankind hears not
The tidings which they bring:
O hush the noise and cease your strife
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

—Edmund H. Sears

THIRD LESSON—Isaiah 9:2, 6–7 (*OT page 600*)

*Jesus' coming reign of justice and peace is prophesied centuries
before his birth.*

Read by Ms. Acelynn Barefoot
Member of the Congregation at Duke University Chapel

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL
Joy to the World

ANTIOCH
George Frideric Handel
(1685–1759)
vv. 2 & 3 arr. John Rutter

(Congregation: stanzas 1 and 4; choir: stanzas 2 and 3.)

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow, far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations
prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

—Isaac Watts

FOURTH LESSON—Isaiah 11:1–9 (OT page 602)

Jesus will sit upon the Throne of David, and usher in the coming Kingdom of God.

Read by Dr. Phail Wynn
Vice President, Durham and Regional Affairs

CHOIR ANTHEMS (congregation seated)

Morning Star (from *Southern Harmony*)

arr. Virgil Thomson
(1896–1989)

How splendid shines the morning star,
God's gracious light from darkness far,
The root of Jesse blessed.

Thou David's son of Jacob's stem.
My bridegroom, king, and wondrous Lamb,
Thou hast my heart possessed.

Sweetly, friendly, O thou handsome, precious ransom,
Full of graces, set and kept in heavenly places.

—Anonymous

There Is No Rose (from *A Ceremony of Carols*)

Britten

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

For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space:
Res miranda. [thing of wonder]

By that rose we may well see
That he is God in persons three:
Pares forma. [equal in form]

The angels sung the shepherds to:
“Gloria in excelsis Deo”,
Gaudeamus. [let us rejoice]

Leave we all this worldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth:
Transeamus. [cross over]

—Anonymous

FIFTH LESSON—Luke 1:26–35, 38 (NT page 53)

*The angel Gabriel announces to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she has
conceived Jesus, the Son of God.*

Read by Dr. Sujin Pak
Assistant Professor of the History of Christianity, Duke Divinity School

CHOIR ANTHEM (congregation seated)

Ave Maria

Franz Biebl
(1906–2001)

Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae, et concepit de Spiritu sancto.

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum,

benedicta tu in mulieribus et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

Maria dixit: Ecce ancilla Domini, fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Et verbum caro factum est et habitavit in nobis.

Sancta Maria, mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus,

nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

The angel of the Lord announced to Mary and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

“Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;

Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.”

Mary said, “Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be according to your word.”

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,

Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

SIXTH LESSON—Luke 2:1–7 (NT page 54)

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Read by Dr. Augustus O. Grant, Jr.

Professor of Medicine and Vice Dean for Faculty Enrichment, Duke Hospital

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (congregation seated)

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT
Franz Gruber
(1787–1863)

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;

Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!

Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light

Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

—Joseph Mohr

SEVENTH LESSON—Luke 2:8–17 (*NT pages 54–55*)

*God's angels bring humble shepherds joyful news—
the Savior of the world has been born.*

Read by President Vincent Price
President of Duke University

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Traditional French Carol

arr. Edward Shippen Barnes
(1887–1958)

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing,
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

EIGHTH LESSON—Matthew 2:1–12 (*NT pages 1–2*)

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus, and avoid the schemes of King Herod.

Read by Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp
Associate Dean for Religious Life, Duke University Chapel

CHOIR ANTHEM (congregation seated)

My Lord Has Come

Will Todd
(b. 1970)

Shepherds, called by angels,
Called by love and angels:
No place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come.

Sages, searching for stars,
Searching for love in heaven;
No place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come.

His love will hold me,
His love will cherish me,
Love will cradle me.

Lead me, lead me to see him,
Sages and shepherds and angels;
No place for me but a stable.
My Lord has come.

*NINTH LESSON—John 1:1–14 (*NT page 87*)

*St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation—Jesus is the eternal
Word of God, who was, is, and is to come.*

Read by Mr. Steve Harper
Member of the Duke Chapel Choir and Congregation at Duke Chapel

*CHOIR ANTHEM (congregation standing)
Hallelujah (from *Messiah*)

Handel

Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

—*Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16*

*BENEDICTION

As you leave tonight, please consider donating to the Family Health Ministries and its ongoing work in Haiti. Ushers will have offering plates at all exits.

*CLOSING CAROLS

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN
Felix Mendelssohn
(1809–1847)
arr. William H. Cummings
(1831–1915)

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time, behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'incarnate deity!
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of
Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

—Charles Wesley

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES
John Francis Wade
(1711–1786)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him.
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal.
Lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Refrain

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

Refrain

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
We would embrace thee with love and awe.
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
Dieu Parmi Nous (God Among Us)

Olivier Messiaen
(1908–1992)

CARILLON MUSIC

**All who are able may stand.*

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP	
Presiding Minister	The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery
Christmas Eve Choir	Volunteer singers from the University and Triangle communities
Choir Director	Dr. Rodney Wynkoop
Soloists	Ms. Isabelle Kosempa, soprano Ms. Patricia D. Philipps, soprano Mr. Wade Henderson, tenor
Organists	Dr. Robert Parkins Mr. Christopher Jacobson Mr. Joseph Fala Mr. Jacob Montgomery
Guitar	Mr. Rick Keena
Harp	Ms. Anita Burroughs-Price
Brass	Amalgam Brass Ensemble
Ushers	Joel Boggan, J. William Butler, Robert Califf, Frank Coble, Sarah Gauger, Dan W. Hill III, Kathy Jones, William Jones, Charles R. Roedel, Harry E. Rodenhizer, Suzanne Wasiolek

CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ABOUT THE SERVICE—In 1969, Christmas Eve at Duke University Chapel was celebrated for the first time with music and candlelight. For this forty-ninth service, the decorations and music for the Chapel are given to the glory of God in memory of Dr. James T. Cleland and Mr. J. Benjamin Smith, the founders of this service, by Dr. and Mrs. James G. Ferguson, Jr.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING—As part of the Chapel's decade-long commitment to building relationships with the people of Haiti, the Christmas Eve offerings will go, for the fourteenth consecutive year, to Family Health Ministries (FHM). FHM is a nonprofit agency, founded by Dr. David and Mrs. Kathy Walmer, which provides medical care and support to the people of Haiti. Since 2004, the Chapel's work with FHM has included building the Blanchard Health Clinic and the Nancy Ferree-Clark Guesthouse named in honor of the former Congregation pastor. These offerings provide most of the clinic's annual operating support. Ongoing funding is crucial to continue to address the unmet needs of access to affordable healthcare, health education, and disease prevention. To donate online, go to www.familyhm.org.



THE CONGREGATION AT DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

CONGREGATION MINISTRIES—The Congregation at Duke University Chapel is the interdenominational church home for people who consider Duke Chapel to be their primary place of worship. Through education, mission, and fellowship the Congregation helps participants to deepen their relationship with God, each other and their neighbors. All are welcome.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES—The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning classes from 9:45–10:45 a.m., which are open to the public. New participants are welcome at any time. Classes resume on Sunday, January 7 as follows:

Wee Praise: For children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook Building, Duke Divinity School (WB).

Godly Play: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford.

Youth Sunday School: For youth in 6–12th grade in 0013 WB.

Bible Study: For adults in 0015 WB (starting January 21).

Adult Forum: Speakers offer diverse presentations in 0012 WB.

MONTHLY SHELTER DINNER—The Congregation serves dinner once a month at the Urban Ministries Shelter in downtown Durham. Ten volunteers and twenty cooked lasagnas are needed each month. Please contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917 for more information.

ENEWS—To receive the weekly newsletter announcing Congregational ministries, please email congregation@duke.edu.