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CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, January 3, 2021, 11:00 a.m.



The Lord is My Light
Mike Moyers, 2014

The celebration of Christmas continues on this tenth day of Christmas. As people who live in the reality of the incarnation of God in Jesus, we delight in the gift of God coming to be with us. The Apostle Paul writes to the Ephesians of the blessings they have received in Christ. In Jesus, the church has been lavishly gifted with the riches of Christ's grace and has been set apart to be holy and blameless in love. The lesson from John's Gospel also tells of the abundant grace of God. By God's own choosing, Jesus—God's Word—became flesh and dwelt among humanity. In this marvelous act of mercy, God's fullness became available to humankind, allowing us all to receive grace upon grace. We rejoice in this good news throughout the Christmas season and all year long.

Gathering

Opening Prelude

Ihr Völker hört

Georg Philipp Telemann
(1681–1767)

Ihr Völker, hört, wie Gott aufs neue spricht: Es werde Licht!
Erheitert die Seelen in heiliger Wonne, die Herrlichkeit Gottes, er schneidet der Welt.
Es strahl't ein Stern an Zions Kreisen, den alle Morgensterne preisen,
zu dem sich Licht und Heil gesellt.

*Hear, ye peoples, how God speaks again: Let there be light!
It cheers the souls in holy bliss; the glory of God appears to the world!
A star shines on the peoples of Zion, who all praise the morning stars,
joined by light and salvation!*

Greeting and Call to Worship

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

Of the Father's Love Begotten

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*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | In unison.

Almighty God, we confess that we have not followed the light of your word. We have not searched for signs of your love in the world, or trusted good news to be good. We have failed to praise your Son's birth, and refused his peace on earth. We have expected little, and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires, so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. 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

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: as the scriptures are proclaimed, grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen.

*All rise as able

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 1:3–14

Solo

Three Kings from Persian Lands Afar

Peter Cornelius
(1824–1874)

Three Kings from Persian lands afar
to Jordan follow the pointing star:
and this the quest of the travellers three,
where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
the kings to Bethlehem make their way,
and there in worship they bend the knee,
as Mary's child in her lap they see;
their royal gifts they show to the King;
gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
the Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
offer thy heart to the infant King.

Text: Peter Cornelius

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

Love Came Down at Christmas

GARTAN

*Gospel Lesson

John 1:1–18

Sermon

Wait No More

Response

*Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

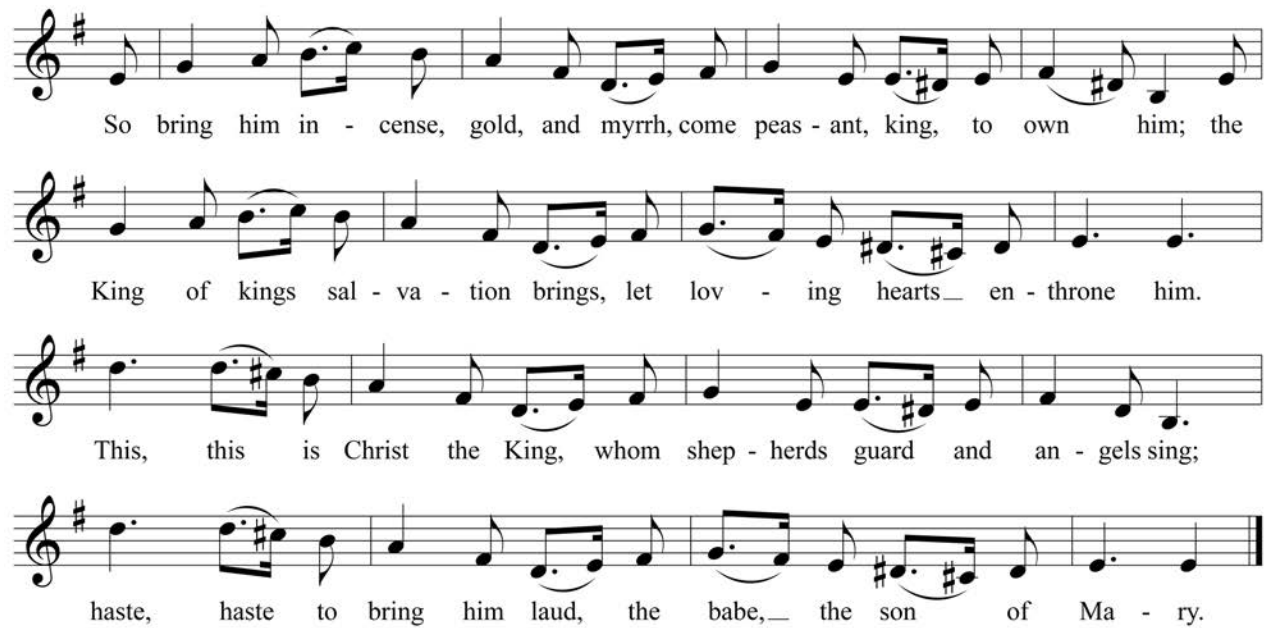
Prayers of the People (Virtual) | The congregation responds to each petition:

People: Hear our prayer.

Offertory

*Doxology

GREENSLEEVES



So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come peas - ant, king, to own him; the
King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts_ en - throne him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe,_ the son of Ma - ry.

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.

The First Noel

THE FIRST NOEL

Closing Voluntary

Tocatta for Organ

Robert Landes
(b. 1944)

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS

Mr. Matt Wright.....*Pastoral Assistant, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
Ms. Phyllis Snyder.....*Children's Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
Mr. Dan Ford.....*Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

PREACHER

The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg.....*Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

LECTOR

Dr. Fides Regina Schwartz*Member of the Duke Chapel Choir*

MUSICIANS

Dr. Philip Cave.....*Associate Conductor for Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*
Mr. Robert Brewer.....*Guest Organist*
Dr. Roseen Giles.....*Flautist; Assistant Professor of Music, Duke University*

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 Christmas season 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.

ENGAGE

'THE MARVEL OF THIS NIGHT' AVAILABLE ONLINE | *The Marvel of This Night: Christmas at Duke University Chapel* is an hour-long special, produced in 2019 by the Chapel and campus partners, that features beloved Christmas carols accompanied by three of the Chapel's organs as well as traditional scripture readings. In it, all of the Chapel's choirs and a sixteen-piece orchestra perform music from around the world. It is available for viewing online this Christmas season through January 6. You are invited to watch this service online and participate from home by joining in the prayers and singing along to beloved hymns, carols, and spirituals, such as "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," and "Go Tell It on the Mountain." [Watch it here.](#)

WATCH A RECORDING OF THIS YEAR'S 'MESSIAH' | This year's online presentation of G.F. Handel's masterpiece *Messiah* was a creative blend of live solos and instrumental parts with recordings of last year's choruses that include musical scores to encourage participation from home. A recording of the concert is now available online through Epiphany, January 6, at chapel.duke.edu/messiah.

PATHWAYS FELLOWSHIP FOR GRADUATING SENIORS | Graduating Duke seniors, and recent graduates, are invited to apply to become a PathWays Fellow. The fellowship gives participants the tools they need to discern their vocational and spiritual direction as well as opportunities for exploration, leadership, mentorship, service, and formation deeply rooted in the local community and their Christian traditions. Learn more at chapel.duke.edu/pathways.

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STUDENT PREACHER APPLICATIONS | On Sunday, March 21, 2021, we will continue the Chapel tradition of having a student preach for our 11:00 a.m. worship service. Maybe you are a student, or know a student, who has never thought about preaching at the Chapel, but you feel strangely compelled to give voice to what the Spirit of God is stirring in you? Perhaps you have considered what it would be like to preach in the pulpit at Duke Chapel? Or maybe you are just curious what it feels like to write a sermon? Regardless of what motivates you to consider this opportunity, we hope you will consider applying to be the student preacher for this year. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

ONLINE EPIPHANY SERVICE | You are invited to participate online in an Epiphany worship service, which will be posted on the Chapel website on January 6 at 8:00 p.m. This prerecorded service will include prayers and scripture readings for the day as well as anthems and hymns from past services. Find it at chapel.duke.edu.

ONLINE RESOURCE CURATES DUKE CHAPEL PREACHING TRADITION | The Living Tradition 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. 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.

SACRED ON SATURDAY RECORDINGS | Last semester the Chapel's Dr. Philip Cave, associate conductor for Chapel Music, gave a series of three online presentations on notable pieces of sacred music by theme. Each session included musical examples with commentary. [Watch recordings of Sacred on Saturday here.](#)

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.

GRADUATE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual Bible study on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. The next gatherings will be January 11 and 25 at 6:30 p.m. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact matthew.r.wright@duke.edu for the Zoom link and additional information.

VIRTUAL BACK PEW COLLECTION | Urban Ministries of Durham, a homeless shelter, welcomes donations of supplies to aid their work. [Their wish list](#) enables donors to have supplies sent directly to Urban Ministries. Donors may also shop locally using the wish list as a guide and drop off supplies at 410 Liberty St., Durham during weekday business hours.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE | The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning Christian education from 9:45–10:45 a.m. for all ages. Classes, which are held virtually, are open to the public and new participants are welcome at any time.

Wee Praise: Music and movement for children ages 03– with parents or caregivers

Godly Play: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade

Youth Confirmation Class: An exploration of Christian faith for students in 6th-12th grades

Adult Forum: A variety of speakers engage participants in a wide range of topics

HYMNS FOR JANUARY 3, 2021

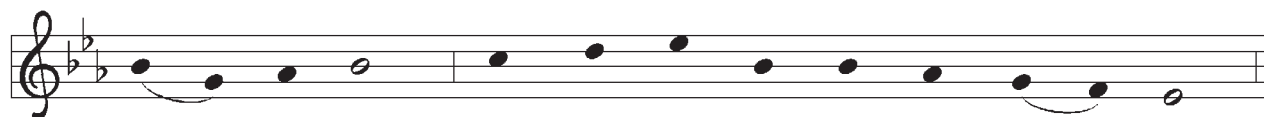
Opening Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten

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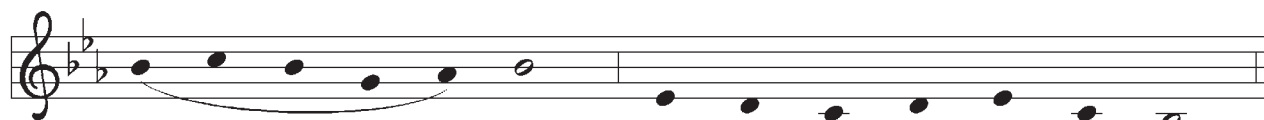
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



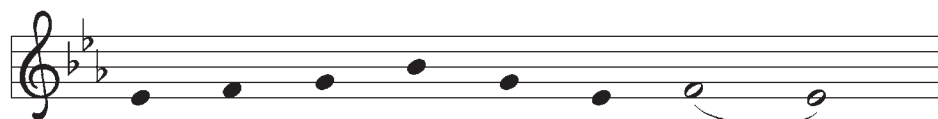
gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

HYMNS FOR JANUARY 3, 2021

Gradual Hymn

Love Came Down at Christmas

GARTAN

1. Love came down at Christ - mas, Love all love - ly, Love di - vine;
2. Wor - ship we the God - head, Love in - car - nate, Love di - vine;
3. Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine;

Love was born at Christ - mas; star and an - gels gave the sign.
wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where - with for sa - cred sign?
love to God and all men,* love for plea and gift and sign.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

*"neighbor" may be substituted for "all men"

WORDS: Christina G. Rossetti, 1885

MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by David Evans, 1927; alt.

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GARTAN

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Closing Hymn

The First Noel

THE FIRST NOEL

1. The first No - el the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor
2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the
3. And by the light of that same star three Wise Men
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er Beth - le -
5. Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, full rev - erent -

shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay
east, be - yond them far; and to the earth it
came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was
hem it took its rest; and there it did both
ly up - on the knee, and of - fered there, in

keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
stop and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
his pres - ence, their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

WORDS: Trad. English carol (Lk. 2:8-14; Mt. 2:1-12)
MUSIC: Trad. English carol; harm. from *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

THE FIRST NOEL
Irr. with Refrain