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BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 12, 2023, 11:00 a.m.



Houston Conwill, Memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr., *Revelation*, 1993.

The readings between All Saints Sunday and the season of Advent turn our attention to God’s final judgment and cause us to reflect on the crucial decisions that make up our own lives in light of this judgment. The Prophet Amos proclaims the coming Day of the Lord, which calls into question the people’s practices of worship, festivals, and assemblies. The offerings, songs, and sacrifices of the people are not what the Lord desires. What God wants is for “justice to roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.” Paul declares a hopeful message to Christ’s followers in Thessalonica about Jesus’s return, when the dead in Christ will rise and be met by those who remain, as Christ gathers his people to be with him forever. The Gospel of Matthew recounts the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, in which half of the bridesmaids had wisely chosen to bring extra oil for their lamps, while the other half did not.

Gathering

Carillon

*All rise as able

Prelude

God Hath Spoken by the Prophets
(EBENEZER)

arr. Anita Burroughs-Price

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn | UMH 732

Come, We That Love the Lord

ST. THOMAS

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | The minister offers words of confession in three biddings to which the congregation responds as follows:

Minister: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Minister: Christ, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Minister: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*Response of Praise

Glory Be to the Father

Glenn L. Jones

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Ghost, the Three in One; as it

was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

*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:

God, our refuge and strength, inspire us by your word and bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 805 in pew Bibles.

Amos 5:18–24

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody | The congregation chants the verses in bold.

Psalm 70

For the lead musician, David's, for recollecting.

O God, hasten to de - liver me,

ADON- | **AI,** to help me!

May those who seek my life be put to shame | and disgrace;

those who delight in my misfortune fall back, hu - miliated.



Let them turn on the heel | of their shame,
those who | say, “Aha!”
Let all who see You be glad and re- | joice in You
and those who love Your salvation say always, | “God is great!”

But I am afflicted, vul- | nerable—
O God, hast- | en to me!
You are my help and my rescuer, | ADONAI;
do | not be slow!

—*trans. Ellen F. Davis*

New Testament Lesson | NT page 193 in pew Bibles.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Keep Your Lamps

arr. André J. Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
the time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over...

—*Black spiritual*

*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 26–27 in pew Bibles.

Matthew 25:1–13

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

More than a Song

Response

*Response Hymn | UMH 719

My Lord, What a Morning

BURLEIGH

Recognition of New Members | New members stand before the congregation.

All worshipers are invited to respond to the questions of faith. We welcome these people as the newest members of the Congregation at Duke Chapel: Burdette Connell, Ryan Hudnall, Vincent and Endang Manoogian, and Liz Wachendorfer.

Minister: Do you believe that God reaches out to us with love and forgiveness?

People: **We do.**

Minister: Will you seek to grow in faith through participating in worship, study, service, and our life together?

People: **We will.**

Minister: Will you strive to embody Christ's compassion and holiness?

People: **We will.**

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.**

Mission of the Month

Offertory Anthem

Be Thou My Vision arr. Alice Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heav'ns joys O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

—8th-century Irish; trans. Eleanor H. Hull and Mary E. Byrne

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Thanksgiving

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing. The text is found on page 895 at the back of the hymnal.

Sending Forth

*Choral Benediction

A Blessing

Martin Shaw
(1875–1958)

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor all people.
Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the pow'r of the Holy Spirit.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be upon you,
and remain with you forever. Amen.

—*Book of Common Prayer*

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn | See hymn at end of worship guide.

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

WACHET AUF

Postlude

Fantasy in G Minor, BWV 542/1

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Carillon

Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following today's worship service, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel. Following communion, the minister will be available to offer prayers and anointing.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

Hendrawan Wijoyo *Chapel Scholar; Divinity '24*

Carol Gregg *Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Preacher

Luke A. Powery *Dean, Duke University Chapel*

Lectors

Jan Vogt Spencer *Alum, Duke Wesley Fellowship; Trinity '87*
Katie Spencer *Alum, Duke Wesley Fellowship; Pratt '23*

Musicians

Duke Chapel Choir *Choir*
Zebulon Highben *Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*
Robert Parkins *University Organist, Duke University*
Chad Fothergill *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*
Mary Anderson *Cantor*
Anita Burroughs-Price *Harp*
Katherine Johnson *Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*
Mitchell Eithun *Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

Head Usher

James Ferguson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Mission of the Month | All of today's cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support PORCH-Durham. PORCH-Durham's mission is to provide supplemental food to Durham children and their families who are facing food insecurity. Since 2011, they have partnered with schools and agencies to provide food assistance to families in Durham County. Partner organizations identify families most vulnerable to food insecurity, and PORCH-Durham provides shelf-stable foods from monthly food drives, fresh produce, and emergency grocery gift cards to assist them. This has been an exciting year for PORCH-Durham, as they recently moved into their first ever permanent space, after years of operating out of shared spaces. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.

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Today's Flowers | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the alumni of the Duke Wesley Fellowship, in celebration of the long legacy of the United Methodist campus ministry in this place.

ENGAGE

University Prayer of Thanksgiving | Each week, we focus on a different campus unit, school, or department for whom to give thanks to God. Today, we give thanks for the Department of Health, Wellness, and Physical Education.

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.

Limited Tickets Available for Handel's 'Messiah' | Tickets for this year's performances of Handel's *Messiah* on December 1, 2, and 3 are nearly sold out. Purchase tickets at the Duke Box Office online at tickets.duke.edu or by calling 919-684-4444.

Snackluck Today | All are welcome to attend a snackluck this Sunday, immediately following worship in the Chapel lounge, in the lower level of the Chapel. A "snackluck" is a simplified version of a potluck meal. All are welcome.

Back Pew Collection | Donation for Meals on Wheels of Durham may be placed on the back pew today and Sunday, November 19. Meals on Wheels enhances the quality of life for homebound adults in our community by providing daily, nutritious meals and regular contact with compassionate volunteers. Donations currently requested are Ensure, Glucerna, and any type of cat or dog food.

Young Adult Gathering | Please gather for a Bible study on Joshua, Judges, and Ruth from the perspective of graduate students and younger adults and their partners. The next discussion will be Monday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m. over Zoom. Please contact alexander.jones@duke.edu for additional information.

Growing Thru Grief | Growing thru Grief offers small group support to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The meetings are held on Tuesdays from 4:30–6:00 p.m., with registration beginning at 4:00 p.m. Meetings are held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Durham. On November 14, Duke Hospice Bereavement Services will present on "Grieving through the Holidays."

ENGAGE

Habitat House Dedication | A Habitat for Humanity home, jointly sponsored by Duke Chapel, Duke Habitat student group, the Congregation at Duke Chapel and other partners, will be dedicated this Saturday, November 18, at 3:30 p.m. All are welcome. The home is located at 106 N. Plum St., Durham.

LGBTQ+ Fellowship | Members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies are invited to attend the monthly fellowship gathering on the third Sunday of each month from 12:30–1:30 p.m. in the Chapel kitchen and over Zoom. All are welcome to attend on Sunday, November 19.

Bach Cantata Concert | The next concert in the Bach Cantata Series is Sunday, November 19, at 5:00 p.m. With a theme of “A New Heaven and a New Earth,” the program presents two cantatas and one of Bach’s great organ works: *Ich elender Mensch, wer wird mich erlösen* (Wretched being, who will restore me); Prelude and Fugue in E minor; and *Wachet! betet! wachet!* (Watch! Pray! Pray! Watch!). Admission is free.

Sunday Morning Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages from 9:45–10:45 a.m., with coffee and refreshments provided at 9:30 a.m. Classes meet in the lowest level of the Westbrook building. New participants are welcome at any time. Contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information.

Wee Praise: Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook

Godly Play: Spiritual formation for children ages 4–1st grade in 0054 Langford

Godly Play Advanced: Spiritual formation for children in 2nd–5th grades in 0050 Langford

Youth Program: Youth in 6th–12th grades will explore Joshua, Judges, and Ruth in 0015 Westbrook

Adult Forum: On November 19, Dr. Joshua Salaam, Director/Chaplain, The Center for Muslim Life at Duke University, will speak in 0012 Westbrook and over Zoom

Adult Bible Study: An exploration of the book of Exodus in 0015 Westbrook and over Zoom

SENDING HYMN | Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1. Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
2. Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
3. Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
bliss be-yond all dream-ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride-groom comes! A-wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre-pare the feast to share;
Sing ho - san na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride-groom, who draws near.
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

ACCESSIBILITY

Hearing assistance units, as well as large-print worship guides and hymnals, are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. There, you can also find directions to download a listen-assist app on your phone. Please let us know if you need other accommodations by approaching a minister or usher, or email us at dukechapel@duke.edu.

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

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