

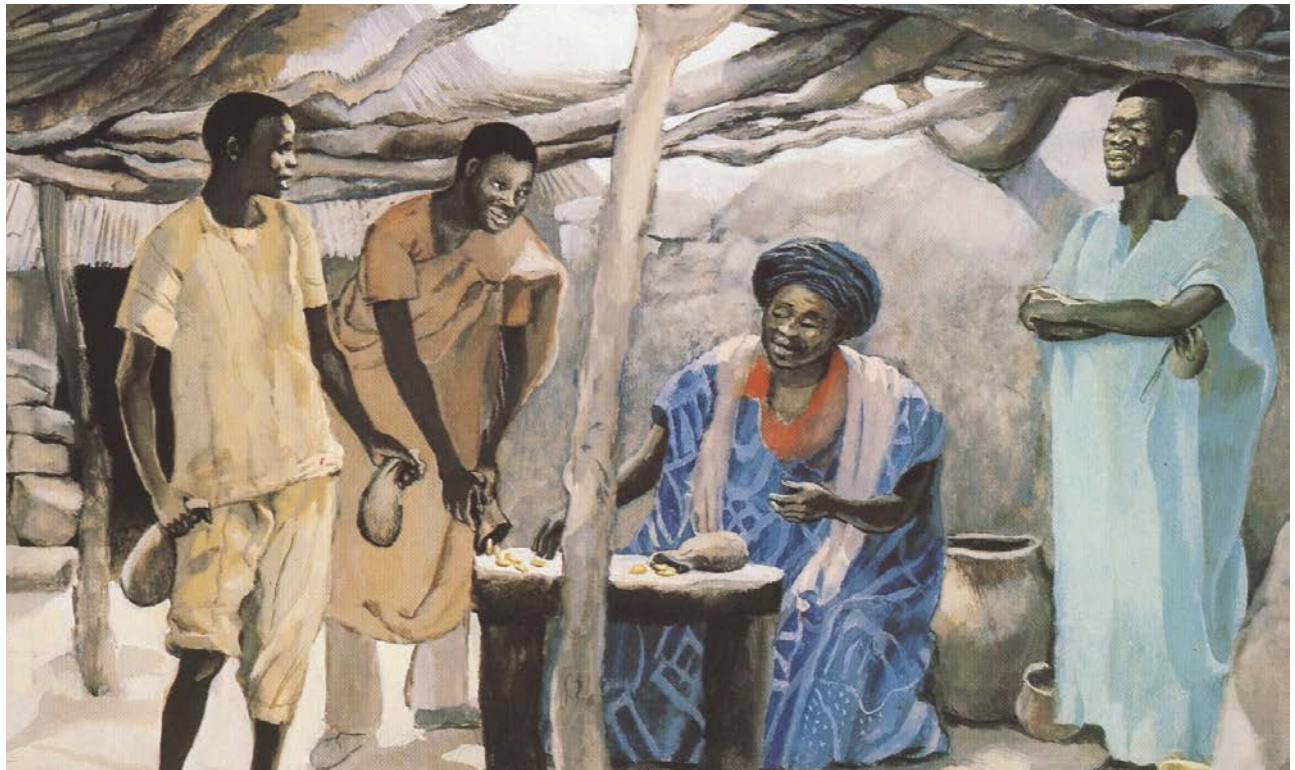


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CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 15, 2020, 11:00 a.m.



Parable of the Three Servants, or, The Talents
JESUS MAFA, Cameroon, 1973

In today's lesson from 1 Thessalonians, followers of Christ are encouraged to be children of light, people who are awake in hope and love. Children of God wear the helmet of hope with the sure knowledge that "God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ." The lesson from Zephaniah cautions any who are complacent because they do not expect God to act. The clear implication is when the Day of the Lord comes, God's people should be found at work for God. Matthew's Gospel picks up on a similar theme. Judgment is a term rarely associated with freedom, but in Matthew's parable of the talents, the master has harsh judgment for the slave who hoarded his coin rather than risk investment and growth. Sometimes judgment calls us to honest reflection and frees us to be a people who take risks for the growth and flourishing of the kingdom.

Gathering

Carillon

Prelude Music

O Gott, du frommer Gott (*O God, Thou Faithful God*)

Johannes Brahms
(1833–1897)

Greeting and Call to Worship

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

O God, Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

*Prayer of Confession (Virtual)

Hide not thou thy face

Richard Farrant
(c. 1525–1580)

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord,
and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure;
for we confess our sins unto thee
and hide not our unrighteousness.
For thy mercy's sake,
deliver us from all our sins.

Text: Psalm 27:9

Minister: Hide not your face from us, O Lord.

People: **Deliver us from all our sins.**

Words of Assurance

Minister: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!
By God's mercy, we shall see goodness in the land of the living.

–Adapted from Psalm 27

*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

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: as we hear the gift of your word, stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess, and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All rise as able

Old Testament Lesson

Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18

New Testament Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

*Gospel Acclamation | Sung first by the cantor, then by all.



Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,
hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Abide in me as I abide in you;
those who abide in me bear much fruit. (*John 15:4, 5*)

Alleluia...

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:14–30

Sermon

Misjudging the Master

Response

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

Take My Life and Let It Be

MESSIAH

Recognition of New Members (Virtual) | All worshipers are invited to respond to the questions.

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.

Offering

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

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.

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

Closing Voluntary

Marche Héroïque

Herbert Brewer
(1865–1928)

Carillon

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery.....*Dean, Duke University Chapel*

The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon.....*Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel*

PREACHER

The Rev. Bruce Puckett.....*Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*

LECTOR

Mr. Santino Panzica.....*Chapel Scholar, Chapel Choir, Presbyterian Campus Ministry, Trinity '24*

MUSICIANS

Vespers Ensemble.....*Virtual Choir*

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

Dr. Robert Parkins.....*University Organist, Duke University*

Mr. Christopher Jacobson.....*Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*

Mr. Paul Bumbalough.....*Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

ONLINE MINISTER

The Rev. Breana van Velzen.....*Community Minister, Duke University Chapel*

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.

MUSIC ACKNOWLEDGMENTS | *Gospel Acclamation: Syrian traditional, as found in All Creation Sings*, © 2020 Augsburg Fortress.

ENGAGE

NEW MEMBERS | The Congregation at Duke Chapel welcomes the following new members: Steve Dirksen, Lauren and Dillon Gabbert, Kathryn Lester-Bacon, Henry Perry, Anthony and Ashley Peters, Ina McCoy, and Kellie Sims. The Congregation offers new member classes each fall and spring. For more information about joining the Congregation please contact carol.gregg@duke.edu.

ONLINE STAFF MEMORIAL SERVICE NOV. 18 | The Chapel and Duke University Hospital will co-lead an online service of remembrance for recent and former faculty and staff members who have died during the last year. Available on the Chapel website this Wednesday, November 18, at 12-noon, this half-hour, pre-recorded service will include music, candle lighting, and reading the names of those who have died. At the same time as the virtual service, the Chapel's carillon will toll live on campus, once for each of those employees being remembered. Please join us to remember and give thanks for those who have given their work in service of the university community.

VIRTUAL THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION | As we share our gratitude, all are invited to join a virtual Thanksgiving celebration on Sunday, November 22 at 5:00 p.m. This will be a time of fellowship to share favorite Thanksgiving recipes and stories, visit with other people, and to give our thanks to God for abundant blessings. For the Zoom link and detailed information, [please contact congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu).

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ONLINE WORKSHOP NOV. 19 ON 'BUILDING A MOVEMENT' | The Chapel will present an online workshop, titled "Signs of Hope: Building a Movement," this Thursday, November 19, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. The workshop will address faith-based relational work, the need for faith-based organizing, and practical tips and training on building relationships, community, movements, and faith-based activism and advocacy. The speakers will be: the Rev. Bruce Puckett, assistant dean of the Chapel, who has been working in Durham and at the Chapel for the last eleven years; Alicia Crosby, a Duke Divinity student as well as a justice educator, activist, and minister whose work addresses the spiritual, systemic, and interpersonal harm people experience; and Ricardo Guillen, the organizing director at Living United for Change in Arizona and a longtime community organizer, activist, and youth empowerment leader in Phoenix, Arizona, working on the front lines of immigrant rights, economic justice, and racial justice. This free online event is open to students and the public. [Register here](#).

ADVENT BOOK GROUP | Two book groups will meet in December to read and discuss *Light of the World* by Amy-Jill Levine. Dr. Levine is a professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School, with degrees from Duke University. *Light of the World* explores the biblical texts surrounding the birth of Jesus. The book groups will meet by Zoom on the first four Wednesdays of December at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. [Please contact congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) for Zoom links.

MUSIC FROM DUKE CHAPEL 2020-2021 | The Chapel is offering a series of online sacred music concerts and recitals during this academic year. The next event in the series is a presentation of Handel's *Messiah*, Part I, on December 6. It will feature live performances of recitatives and arias with virtual "sing-along" choruses. Learn more at chapel.duke.edu/music.

MIDWEEK PRAYER | Please join us for a brief service of prayer on Wednesdays at 12-noon through December 16. To participate in this prayer time, [please register for the Zoom call here](#).

CONFIRMATION CLASS | The Congregation will host a confirmation class for all youth in the seventh grade and older on Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., starting January 3. This class will help students deepen their response to God's invitation to be part of the body of Christ. The class will conclude on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Please indicate plans to attend this class by December 1. All youth are welcome regardless of previous connections to the Congregation. The class will be held virtually until further notice. For more information or to indicate participation, please contact Matt Wright at matthew.r.wright@duke.edu

VESPERS AND EVENSONG REBROADCASTS | Weekly rebroadcasts of Evensong (Sunday afternoons, 4:00 p.m.) and Vespers (Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m.) continue through November 22. Each rebroadcast will be on the [Chapel's Facebook page](#) and website, and be available for one week until the next rebroadcast. The rebroadcasts feature commentary on the services provided by Chapel Music staff.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE | Online and video classes for all ages are offered Sunday mornings from 9:45–10:45 a.m. New participants are always welcome. Please see the Congregation’s eNews for links or contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu.

Classes are:

- Wee Praise – Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers
- Godly Play – Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade
- Youth Bible Study – A study of Ezekiel-Malachi for students in 6th–12th grades
- Adult Bible Study – A study of Ecclesiastes
- Adult Forum – On Sunday, November 22 – Carol Gregg, Pastor to the Congregation, will speak on “More than One Way to Pray.”

HYMNS FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Opening Hymn

O God, Beyond All Praising

THAXTED



1. O God, be - yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day and
2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die, its
3. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring, that



sing your love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay; for we can on - ly
frag - ile bloom sur-ren - der to you, the Lord most high; but hid - den from all
we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King; and wheth - er our to -



won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at bless - ings with - out num - ber and
na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown: though small in mor - tal sta - ture, to
mor - rows be filled with good or ill, we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows, and



mer - cies with - out end: we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait u - pon your
heav - en's gar - den grown: for Christ the man from heav - en from death has set us
rise to bless you still: to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your



word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
free, and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
ways, and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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HYMNS FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Response Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be

MESSIAH

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
2. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no
Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days;
for my King. Take my lips, and let them be
long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;
let them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands, and
filled with mes - sag - es from thee. Take my sil - ver
it shall be thy roy - al throne. Take my love, my
let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.
and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.
Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure - store.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
Take my-self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

HYMNS FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Closing Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.