

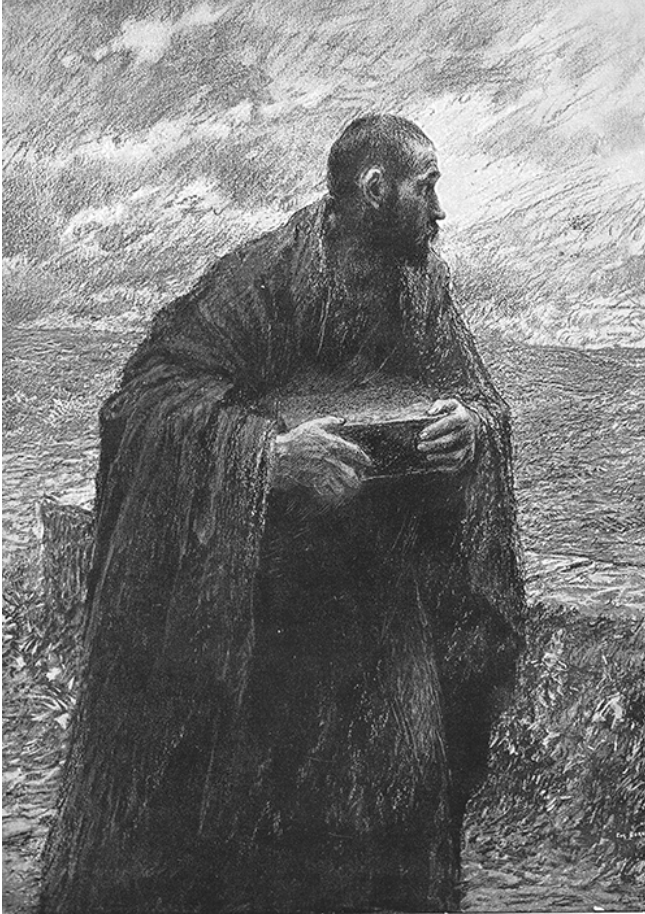


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CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
Sunday, November 19, 2023, 11:00 a.m.



Eugène Burnand, *The Parables—The Hidden Treasure*  
(*Les Paraboles—Le Trésor Caché*), 1799.

Today's lessons offer grave caution against complacency. In the reading from Zephaniah, there is a warning to avoid thinking that God will remain neutral; instead, the day of judgement will come, and on that day, silver and gold will have no saving power. In the Gospel, we are told a parable of three servants who are given responsibility for money while their employer is away. When he returns, the servants who invested well are praised. The servant who fearfully buried the money entrusted to him is chastised that he could have, at minimum, placed the money into a bank and earned interest, a corollary for the charge to use well that which we have been given.

## Gathering

### Carillon

\*All rise as able

### Prelude

Mein Jesu, der du mich, Op. 122, No. 1  
(My Jesus, Who Has Chosen Me)

Johannes Brahms  
(1833–1897)

### Introit

All Flesh Is Grass

Melissa Dunphy

All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof  
is as the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
because the spirit blows upon it:

Surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word shall stand forever.

—*Isaiah 40:7–8, adapt. M. Dunphy*

### Greeting and Call to Worship

\*Gathering Hymn | UMH 117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

\*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | In unison:

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Minister: Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**All:** Glory to God. Amen.

\*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:

**Lord, through the hearing of your Word, may our hearts be filled with your light that we may always acknowledge Christ as our savior and be more faithful to his gospel. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson | OT pages 824–825 in pew Bibles.

Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18

**Lector:** The word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Anthem

Lay Up for Yourselves

Ned Rorem  
(1923–2022)

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,  
where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt,  
and where thieves do not break through and steal.  
For where your treasure is there will your heart be also.

—*Matthew 6:20–21*

\*Gospel Lesson | NT page 27 in pew Bibles.

Matthew 25:14–30

**Lector:** The word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

Risky Business

## Response

\*Response Hymn | UMH 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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## 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.**

## Offertory Anthem

A Song of Thanksgiving

John Ferguson

Lord! You have been our refuge from one generation to another.  
Your love never ceases, your mercies never end.  
For you are good, O Lord.  
Your steadfast love endures forever and ever.

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Lord! You have been our refuge from one generation to another.  
Amen.

—*Psalms 90, 100, and Lamentations, adapt.;*  
*Martin Rinkart, trans. Catherine Winkworth*

**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 and Holy Communion

\*The Great Thanksgiving | Musical Setting A on page 17 in the hymnal.

\*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.

**Sharing of the Bread and Wine** | All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive Communion. Bread and wine are used for communion. You may receive wine by dipping or drinking from the cup. If you desire gluten-free bread or grape juice, they are available from servers near Memorial Chapel in the front and opposite the attendant's desk near the back. Please use these chalices for dipping only. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

## Communion Anthem

The Deer's Cry

Shaun Davey

I arise today through the strength of heaven  
light of sun, radiance of moon, splendor of fire, speed of lightning,  
swiftness of wind, depth of the sea, stability of earth, firmness of rock.  
I arise today through God's strength to pilot me.  
God's eye to look before me, God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me  
from all who shall wish me ill afar and anear, alone and in a multitude,  
against every cruel merciless power that may oppose my body and soul.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise, Christ to shield me,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me.  
I arise today.

—*attr. St. Patrick; trans. Kuno Meyer*

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

**Sending Forth**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Hymn** | See hymn printed at back of worship guide.

For the Fruit of All Creation

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**Postlude**

Fugue in G Major, Op. 37, no. 2

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy  
(1809–1847)

**Carillon**

# TODAY IN WORSHIP

## Presiding Ministers

Carol Gregg . . . . . *Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*  
Kathryn Lester-Bacon . . . . . *Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel*

## Preacher

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

## Lectors

Morgan Dynes . . . . . *Pastoral Assistant for the Congregation; Divinity '26*  
Max Miller . . . . . *Intern for Intercultural Engagement; Divinity '24*

## 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*  
Monica Szabo-Nyeste . . . . . *Soloist*  
Katherine Johnson . . . . . *Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*  
Mitchell Eithun . . . . . *Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

## Head Usher

James Ferguson . . . . . *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

**Today's Offering** | All of today's cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel's Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. Give online at [chapel.duke.edu/offering](http://chapel.duke.edu/offering).

**Liturgical Acknowledgments | Prayer for Illumination.** *Christian Prayer: The Liturgy of the Hours*, © 1976, Daughters of St. Paul.

**Today's Flowers** | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Nancy Hanks Chapel Endowment.

## ENGAGE

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**University Prayer of Thanksgiving** | Each week, we focus on a different campus unit, school, or department for whom to give thanks to God for their service and contributions to the wider university community and beyond. Today, we give thanks for the Department of Economics.

**Restrooms in Divinity School** | Public restrooms are available in the Divinity School. To access them, exit the Chapel through the main front doors and enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the hallway in the Divinity School.

**Back Pew Collection** | Donations for Meals on Wheels of Durham may be placed on the back pew today. Meals on Wheels enhances the quality of life of homebound adults in our community by providing daily nutritious meals and regular contact with compassionate volunteers.

**LGBTQ+ Fellowship** | Members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies are invited to attend the monthly fellowship gathering today from 12:30–1:30 p.m. in the Chapel kitchen and over Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

**Bach Cantata Concert** | The next concert in the Bach Cantata Series is today, 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! betet! wachet!* (*Watch! Pray! Pray! Watch!*). Admission is free. Director of Chapel Music Zebulon Highben will give a pre-concert talk at 4:00 p.m. in Goodson Chapel entitled “Cantatas and Chorales in Context.”

**Choral Evensong Next Sunday** | Our next Choral Evensong service will be Sunday, November 26, at 4:00 p.m. With a theme of “Vespers for Versailles,” the music will be from French composers, including Marc-Antoine Charpentier, Henri Dumont, Jean-Philippe Rameau, and Jean Titelouze. Choral Evensong at Duke Chapel follows the liturgy of the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* with prayers and scripture readings. It also features choral and organ music from the English cathedral tradition, led by the Chapel’s Evensong Singers.



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**Advent Book Group** | Beginning on Wednesday, November 29, readers will discuss *Becoming Amish: A Family's Search for Faith, Community and Purpose* written by Jeff Smith. Themes of community, living simply, and incarnation will be part of the conversation. Book groups meet over Zoom at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Please contact [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) for additional information.

**Saturday Service Project** | Volunteers are needed on Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., to assist at Meals on Wheels of Durham, located at 2522 Ross Road, Durham. Volunteers will wrap holiday presents for the clients and prepare bags of food for the clients' pets. For additional information or to indicate plans to attend, please contact [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu).

**Guest Preacher Beth Moore** | Our guest preacher Sunday morning, December 3, at 11:00 a.m., will be Beth Moore, an author, speaker, and teacher whose conferences take her across the globe. She lives in Houston, Texas, where she leads Living Proof Ministries. She has written numerous bestselling books and Bible studies and recently celebrated twenty-five years of Living Proof Live conferences. She can be seen teaching Bible studies on the television program *Living Proof with Beth Moore*, aired on the Trinity Broadcasting Network.

**Christmas Open House** | See the Chapel fully decorated for Christmas with garlands, wreathes, poinsettias, and candles, and listen to festive music for the occasion. The Duke Chapel by Candlelight Christmas Open House will be Wednesday, December 13, from 12-noon to 2:00 p.m. Drop-in visitors are welcome and there is no cost to attend.

**Advent Lessons and Carols** | Based on the formula made famous by the Christmas Lessons and Carols from King's College, Cambridge, the Chapel's Advent Lessons and Carols service follows a similar pattern of readings, choral anthems, and congregational hymns. It will be held on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. and lasts about one hour.

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**Alternative Spring Break Trip** | Students, both undergraduate and graduate, are invited on an alternative Spring Break trip March 11–13 called “Ghosts of the Holy City: An Immersion into Race, Faith, and Place in Charleston, South Carolina.” Join the Chapel’s Minister for Intercultural Engagement, Rev. Racquel Gill, in an immersive experience of the legacy of race and faith in Charleston, nicknamed “The Holy City.” Plans include visits to the International African American Museum, the historic Mother Emanuel A.M.E. Church, and the Avery Research Center for African American Culture at the College of Charleston. The trip will also include sampling some of the city’s amazing cuisine and participating in a ghost tour excursion! To learn more, contact Rev. Racquel at [racquel.gill@duke.edu](mailto:racquel.gill@duke.edu).

**Chapel Flowers** | If you would like to honor a loved one and the worshipping community of the Duke Chapel with a gift of flowers to decorate the chancel for Sunday worship, please contact Angela Flynn, coordinator of worship and ministry, at [angela.flynn@duke.edu](mailto:angela.flynn@duke.edu).

**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. Please contact [congregation@duke.edu](mailto: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 through 5th grade in 0050 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

**Advent Study:** Beginning November 26, all are welcome to explore *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation* in 0012 Westbrook and over Zoom

# SENDING HYMN | For the Fruit of All Creation



1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks  
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's  
3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks



be to God. For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion,  
will is done. In the help we give our neigh - bor,  
be to God. For the good we all in - her - it,



thanks be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing,  
God's will is done. In our world - wide task of  
thanks be to God. For the won - ders that as -



reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, fu - ture  
car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, in the  
tound us, for the truths that still con-found us, most of



needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: Welsh traditional

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