Today we mark the feast of Christ the King. It is a day for expressing our faith that, even though Christ was rejected and crucified, he rose and ascended, and forever reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit in glory. Jesus’s reign means that no mighty power, no tragic suffering, no evil force will have the last word; the last word is Jesus. It also means we may look to Jesus’s life—his humility, his sacrifice, his compassion for outcasts—for a model of true kingship. Our loyalty to this Christ goes before our loyalty to any other claim on our lives. Today is the last Sunday of the Church year: next week a new year begins with the first Sunday in Advent.
Gathering
Carillon
Organ Prelude

Canzone (from the Symphonic Chorale *Jesu, meine Freude*)    Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(1877-1933)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 715

Rejoice, the Lord Is King    DARWALL’S 148TH

*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.

*Peace | All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, for he reigns forever with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 681 in the pew Bible

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Lector:  This is the word of the Lord.
People:  Thanks be to God.

* All rise as able
Anthem

At Last, The King

To the serpent low, Said the king upon his throne
You’ve deceived and lied, My child has gone into exile
But I will go, I will make a way home
And I will bleed, Like the enemy

In the dark, In the shadows
Light has come, In the quiet
In the dead of night, Glory, glory sang the angels in the highest
At last, the king has arrived

Out upon the sand, Said the devil take my hand
At your bended knee, You will hold everything you see
But the king said no, I have come to be the spotless lamb undone
And I will fall, But not to you
In the dark, In the shadows
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Is born to us to overcome exile, Born to us a virgin’s son, this child
Born to give his life for us, Good news, good news so glorious

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New Testament Lesson | NT pages 188-189 in the pew Bible

Colossians 1:11-20

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 83-84 in the pew Bible


Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Sermon

A Reign Like None Other

Response

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day
he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the
life everlasting. Amen.

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

Even When it Hurts x King of Heaven

Take this fainted heart, take these tainted hands
Wash me in your love, come like grace again

Even when my strength is lost, I’ll praise you
Even when I have no song, I’ll praise you
Even when it’s hard to find the words
Louder then I’ll sing your praise

I will only sing your praise
Take this mountain weight, take these ocean tears
Hold me through the trial, come like hope again

Even when the fight seems lost, I’ll praise you
Even when it hurts like hell, I’ll praise you
Even when it makes no sense to sing
Louder then I’ll sing your praise

I will only sing your praise
In our silence, heaven whispered out
In our darkness, glory pierced the night

We were broken, but now we’re lifted up
King of heaven, God is here with us

Hallelujah, angels crying aloud
Singing holy, all the praise resound

King of Heaven, on the Earth be found
King of Heaven, on the Earth be found

*Doxology*

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

Installation of Director of Religious Life

Commitment by the Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon

Commitment by the Congregation

Minister: People of God at Duke Chapel, will you receive Kathryn into
this ministry as one sent to serve Christ in this place?

People: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Minister: Will you pray for her, help and uphold her in all her work, and
in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of
Christ?

People: We will, and we ask God to help us.

*The Lord's Prayer* | All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language
of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.

Sending Forth

*Choral Benediction*

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
Amen.
TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS
The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery ........................................... Dean of Duke Chapel
The Rev. Breana van Velzen................................. Community Minister of Duke Chapel

PREACHER
The Rev. Bruce Puckett ........................................... Assistant Dean of Duke Chapel

LECTORS
Ms. Gretchen Wright .................. Duke Wesley Fellowship, Chapel Scholar, Trinity '20
Mr. Joseph Kovas ................................................ Congregation Intern, Divinity '21

MUSICIANS
Something Borrowed Something Blue ........................................... Choir
Mr. Jonathan Avendano .......... General Manager, Something Borrowed Something Blue
Dr. Robert Parkins ................................................ University Organist
Mr. Christopher Jacobson ................................................ Chapel Organist

MEMORIAL CHAPEL COMMUNION
The Rev. Daniel Corpening ........ Director of Field Education, Duke Divinity School

HEAD USHERS
Dr. James Ferguson ....................... Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel
Ms. Acelynn Barefoot ........ Chapel Scholar, Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel

TODAY’S FLOWERS | Today’s flowers are made possible by the generosity of the Nan & Taylor Cole Chapel Endowment.

TODAY’S OFFERING | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area.

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN | Children age four and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel’s lower level, beginning at 10:45 a.m. each week.

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn 154

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

CORONATION

Organ Postlude

Crown Imperial

William Walton
(1902-1983)

Carillon

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WELCOME TO DUKE CHAPEL | Students, staff, visitors, and community members are always welcome at Duke Chapel. For more information, please see the websites listed on the back page and sign-up for weekly e-newsletters.

NO TOUR TODAY | We are not having our usual guided tour after the service today. Those interested in a tour are invited to attend the next one on Sunday, December 1, at 12:15 p.m. Or, to schedule a group tour, contact us at dukechapel@duke.edu or 919-681-9488.

ANGEL TREE TODAY | Project Share, organized through the Duke Community Service Center, invites individuals to help make the holidays special for economically disadvantaged Durham residents by purchasing Christmas gifts. Names, wish lists, and instructions may be picked up from the “Angel Tree” in the narthex after worship today.

THE MARVEL OF THIS NIGHT | Christmas comes early to Duke Chapel! Today at 4:00 p.m. the Chapel holds a festive service of lessons and carols that will be recorded live for later national television broadcast on CBS. People with tickets for this special Marvel of This Night service are strongly encouraged to arrive early in order to be seated by 3:45 p.m. People without tickets may come to the Page Auditorium Box Office at 3:00 p.m. to join a waiting line for the service. People in the waiting line are not guaranteed admission; if space becomes available, they will be seated.

DINNER TOMORROW | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to gather for dinner and discussion on Mondays, November 25 and December 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Duke Chapel kitchen, located on the lower level of the Chapel. Conversation is focused on the book of Isaiah. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact Matt Wright or the Congregation Office for additional information.

MESSIAH LUNCHEON INVITATION | The Chapel’s performance of Handel’s Messiah is one of the highlights of the year. You can add to your experience of the music by attending a pre-concert luncheon on Saturday, December 7, at 11:30 a.m. at the Washington Duke Inn. The luncheon features a talk by Director of Chapel Music Zebulon Highben on “How Handel Cracked the Oratorio,” as well as transportation to and from the Chapel for the 2:00 p.m. performance of Messiah. The cost per person is $85. For more information email chapeldevelopment@duke.edu. Tickets can be purchased through the Duke Box Office at events.duke.edu/messiahfriends or 919-684-4444.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET FOR ZOE | Your Christmas gifts can make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children. On Sundays, December 8 and 15, following worship, there will be an alternative gift market for Zoe Empowers, a global mission partner which empowers vulnerable children to move out of poverty and become independent in three years. When a gift is purchased, the
giver will receive an attractive card or bookmark telling the recipient that their Gift of Help is empowering a child in Africa or India. The Congregation is currently sponsoring two groups of children in Zimbabwe. Please stop by the table in the narthex following worship on December 8 or 15.

**MISSION GRANTS** | The Congregation at Duke Chapel will soon distribute $57,000 among eleven local agencies. The agencies are Durham Literacy Center, Families Moving Forward, Meals on Wheels, Partners for Youth Opportunities, Reality Ministries, Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham, Ronald McDonald House, SEEDS, Society of Saint Andrew, Step Up Ministries, and Urban Ministries.

**NAVIGATING POLARIZING TIMES** | Join Dean Greg Jones and Rev. Susan Jones at a half-day retreat on Saturday, February 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to explore “Navigating Polarizing Times: Seeking a Center that Holds.” Contact the Congregation office for additional details or to indicate plans to attend.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES** | Classes for all ages will meet throughout the summer at 9:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Westbrook building, Duke Divinity School. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Classes are:

- **Wee Praise**: For children ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB
- **Godly Play**: For children ages 4 through 1st graders in 0054 Langford
- **Godly Play Advanced**: For children in 2nd–5th grade in 0050 Langford
- **Youth Bible Study**: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 Westbrook

For a complete listing of events, please visit chapel.duke.edu/events or sign up to receive weekly emails at chapel.duke.edu/email.