



# Duke UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 10, 2023, 11:00 a.m.



John August Swanson, *Psalm 85*, 2003.

This week, our lessons are awash with images of God's enduring love and constancy. In Isaiah, we are told to prepare the way of the Lord, a way which includes the Lord's recompense for us. The prophet offers an eternal promise that God will be seen by all, coming in glory to gather his lambs in his arms and hold them close. In the Gospel, we read of the followers of John the Baptist embracing God's forgiveness through the waters of baptism, as John foretells the coming Messiah, Jesus, who will baptize not only with water but also with the Holy Spirit.

## Gathering

\*All rise as able

### Carillon

### Prelude

Where the Light Begins

Susan LaBarr

Hodie

arr. Jacob Narverud

Carol of the Bells

Peter J. Wilhousky  
(1902–1978)

### Greeting and Call to Worship

#### \*Gathering Hymn | UMH 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

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

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom; we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.**

The minister speaks words of assurance.

#### \*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:

**Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Anthem

### Candlelight Carol

John Rutter

How do you capture the wind on the water?  
How do you count all the stars in the sky?  
How can you measure the love of a mother?  
Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?

#### *Refrain*

Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow  
shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.  
Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him,  
seraphim round him their vigil will keep.  
Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Savior,  
but Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep. *Refrain*

Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger,  
Christ, our Redeemer, asleep in the hay.  
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation,  
a child with his mother that first Christmas day. *Refrain*

—John Rutter

Old Testament Lesson | OT pages 627–628 in pew Bibles. The lesson will be proclaimed in Spanish.

Isaiah 40:1–11

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem | The lyrics can be found in the pew hymnals #245.

The First Noel

arr. Ken Berg

\*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 32–33 in pew Bibles.

Mark 1:1–8

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Unbreakable

Response

\*Response Hymn | The hymn is printed at the end of the worship guide.

When a Prophet Sings of Justice

GENEVAN 42

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 | Please sign and pass the attendance pads located in the pew at the center aisle.

Personent Hodie

arr. John Rutter

Personent hodie  
voces puerulae,  
laudantes jucunde  
qui nobis est natus,  
summo Deo datus,  
et de virgineo ventre procreatus.

*Let resound today  
the voices of children,  
joyfully praising  
Him who is born to us,  
given by most high God,  
and conceived in a virginal womb.*

Omnes clericuli,  
pariter pueri,  
cantent ut angeli:  
advenisti mundo,  
laudes tibi fundo.  
Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo.

*Let all the junior clerics  
and also the children  
sing like angels:  
"You have come to the world,  
I pour out praises to you.  
Therefore, glory to God in the  
highest!"*

In mundo nascitur,  
pannis involvitur  
praesepe ponitur  
stabulo brutorum,  
rector supernorum.  
Perdidit spolia princeps  
infernorum.

*He was born into the world,  
wrapped in swaddling clothes,  
and laid in a manger  
in a stable for animals,  
the master of the heavens.  
The prince of Hell has lost his spoils.*

Magi tres venerunt,  
parvulum inquirunt,  
Bethlehem adeunt,  
stellulam sequendo,  
ipsum adorando,  
aurum, thus, et myrrham ei  
offerendo.

*Three Magi came,  
they were bearing gifts,  
and sought the little one,  
following a star,  
to worship him,  
and offer him gold, frankincense,  
and myrrh.*

—Medieval carol

\*Doxology

Praise to God the Father Sing

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND



Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, praise to God the Son, our King,



praise to God the Spir-it be ev - er and e - ter - nal-ly.

# Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

## \*The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Minister: ...And so, we praise you with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord most ho - ly, God of pow'r and



God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Hail, hos-an-na, Lord of light! Bless-ed be the com - ing



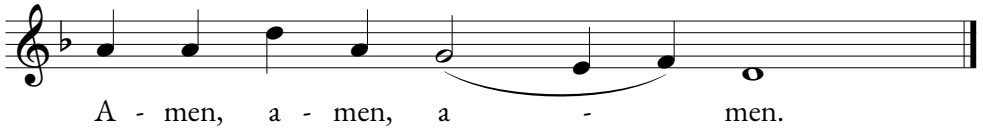
Sav - ior. Hail, hos-an-na, Lord of light!

Minister: ...great is the mystery of faith.



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a-gain!

Minister: ...All honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.



**\*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. After a server places bread in your hands, you may receive wine by dipping your bread into the chalice. If you desire gluten-free bread or grape juice, or to drink from a common cup, these are available from servers at the front near Memorial Chapel and near the back opposite the attendant's desk. 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 Hymn** | UMH 188

Christ Is the World's Light

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

**Sending Forth**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Hymn** | UMH 202

People, Look East

BESANÇON

**Postlude**

Noël Suisse

Louis-Claude Daquin  
(1694–1772)

**Carillon**

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

### Presiding Ministers

Yolanda Santiago Correa . . . . . *Coordinator, Hispanic House of Studies, Duke Divinity*

Luke A. Powery . . . . . *Dean, Duke University Chapel*

### Preacher

Jared Alcántara . . . . . *Chair in Preaching, Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University*

### Lectors

Yaz Mendez-Nuñez . . . . . *Divinity '26*

Nicole Ma . . . . . *Divinity '26*

### Musicians

Raleigh Youth Choir . . . . . *Choir*

Jeremy Tucker, Emily Turner, Amy Davis, Aaron Brown . . . *Directors, Raleigh Youth Choir*

Elena Lazaro Evans . . . . . *Flute, Raleigh Youth Choir*

Chad Fothergill . . . . . *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*

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 student engagement programming. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. You are invited to give online at [chapel.duke.edu/offering](http://chapel.duke.edu/offering).

**Today's Flowers** | The Advent Wreath is made possible by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Endowment, established by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Semans in loving memory of Elizabeth Gotham.

**Liturgical Acknowledgments** | Advent Confession: from the *Book of Common Worship*, published by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). **When a Prophet Sings of Justice.** Text: John Core, © 1998 Selah Publishing Company. Music, GENEVAN 42 (FREU DICH SEHR): Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510–c. 1561). Printed with permission under OneLicense.net #A-725399. **Praise to God the Father Sing.** Text: traditional Doxology. Music, NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND: attr. Johann Walter (1496–1570), *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524. **The Great Thanksgiving.** Text: Traditional Sanctus and acclamations, adapt. Music, PICARDY: French folk tune, 17th cent.



**Today's Guest Preacher** | Rev. Dr. Jared E. Alcántara is the Paul W. Powell Endowed Chair in Preaching at Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University. His recent publications include *Let the Legends Preach* and *The Practices of Christian Preaching*. A professor of preaching and an ordained Baptist minister, he is a member of the Academy of Homiletics, the Evangelical Homiletics Society, and the Hispanic Theological Initiative.

**Guest Ensemble** | Raleigh Youth Choir (RYC)—including the Mosaic, Capitals, Page, and Sibley Singers, performing today—educates youth in the art and joy of singing through quality instruction and performances. RYC has six choirs that serve all singers and experience levels from kindergarten through twelfth grade through weekly rehearsals in downtown Raleigh. At RYC, each young person is offered a unique experience. Instructors meet every singer exactly where they are and provide specialized instruction, mentorship, and encouragement. Every young person has a voice, and those voices are valued. RYC goes beyond learning vocal techniques and participating in public performances, instilling a love for music in the youth served while building a caring and compassionate community in which all can thrive. Singers of all ages learn invaluable life skills that set them up for success in their future endeavors—confidence, accountability, openness, and self-discipline.

## 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 Departments of Linguistics, International Languages, Culture, and Comparative Studies.

**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.

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

**Attendance Register** | This morning, worshipers are invited to indicate their presence using the attendance register located on the pews at the center aisle. This helps the Chapel and Congregation better understand who worships with us on Sunday mornings and allows those who share a pew to greet each other by name.

## ENGAGE

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**Fellowship Event Today** | All are welcome to stay after worship today for conversation and Christmas cookies in the Chapel lounge, located in the lower level of the Chapel. In addition to enjoying refreshments and meeting new friends, participants will also be invited to assemble seven “Welcome Home” boxes for citizens returning to Durham from incarceration.

**Alternative Gift Giving** | Help empower orphaned youth through Zoe Empowers, which equips orphaned children and youth-led families with solutions to overcome extreme poverty and achieve self-sufficiency. A Zoe Empowers gift market provides an opportunity to honor a loved one with a gift to support vulnerable children in Zimbabwe. The gift market will be held after worship in the narthex today and next Sunday, December 17.

**Choral Evensong Today** | In our Choral Evensong service today at 4:00 p.m., the music will include canticle settings by Herbert Howells and the anthem “O Thou, the Central Orb” by Charles Wood. Choral Evensong at Duke Chapel follows the liturgy of the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* with prayers and scripture readings.

**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 this 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 this Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. and lasts about one hour. See the full Advent and Christmas schedule at [chapel.duke.edu/christmas](http://chapel.duke.edu/christmas).

**Bach Cantata on Fourth Sunday of Advent** | In our Sunday morning service on December 24, at 11:00 a.m., the Duke Chapel Schola Cantorum and Mallarmé Music will perform J. S. Bach’s cantata *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* (“Savior of the Nations, Come”), BWV 61. Dr. Richard Lischer, James T. and Alice Mead Cleland Professor Emeritus of Preaching at Duke Divinity School, will offer a homily on the cantata text and the scripture lessons for the day.

## RESPONSE HYMN | When a Prophet Sings of Justice



1. When a proph - et sings of jus - tice like broad
2. When a gos - pel speaks of hun - ger for the
3. When an old song can re - mind us of how
4. As you grant us bet - ter in - sight with the



riv - ers flow - ing free, let me clear - ly see the  
Word and for the bread, let me hear how with each  
sim - ple gifts can be, God, you let us come to -  
vi - sion your grace gives, help us make the wis - er



vi - sion of an earth that might yet be:  
feed - ing of the hun - gry, Christ is fed;  
geth - er, from our self - ish selves set free,  
choic - es, sim - plest of al - ter - na - tives;



God's in - ten - tion, hu - man dreams, righ - teous -  
how, as we at - tend their cry, loaves and  
freed from pomp and cir - cum - stance, free to  
stripped of emp - ty act and talk we may



ness like might - y streams, wa - ters teem - ing with sal -  
fish - es mul - ti - ply in a Eu - char - ist of  
join in Christ's own dance, turned 'round right, and in the  
take a hum - bler walk, jus - tice, kind - ness no ab -



va - tion to wash clean the whole cre - a - tion.  
shar - ing, in a sa - cred meal of car - ing.  
turn - ing, your own will for us dis - cern - ing.  
strac - tions, but made real in words and ac - tions.

## ACCESSIBILITY

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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](mailto:dukechapel@duke.edu).

## LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

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We would like to get to know you. What are your questions? What is your story? Take a moment to fill out a brief form, and a Chapel minister or other staff member will contact you soon. Scan the QR code or visit [chapel.duke.edu/connect](https://chapel.duke.edu/connect).



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