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CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 13, 2020, 11:00 a.m.



Detail, St. John the Baptist; Saint Francis Receiving the Stigmata
Gerard David, c. 1485

In the third week of Advent, God's promises of new life and healing echo through the scriptures. In Isaiah, a new age is dawning—an age where the brokenhearted are comforted, the captives are freed, and where places of destruction and ruin are transformed into places of life through the power of God. In the Gospel of John, John the Baptist identifies himself as the voice in Isaiah who cries in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord,” with the promise that God is doing something new in the midst of his people.

Gathering

Carillon

Opening Voluntary

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Greeting and Call to Worship

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

The Advent of Our God

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*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.

*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

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

*All rise as able

Psalmsody | The refrain is introduced by the cantor, then sung by all.

Psalm 126

setting by William Bradley Roberts



Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. *Refrain*

Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”
The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.
Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb. *Refrain*

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. *Refrain*

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

*Gradual Hymn | Stanzas 1–2. See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

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*Gospel Lesson

John 1:6–8, 19–28

*Gradual Hymn | Stanzas 3–4. See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

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Sermon

Fragments of Our Future

Response

Solo

My Lord, What a Morning

spiritual, arr. Hall Johnson & Mark Hayes

My Lord, what a morning. My Lord, what a morning.
Oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations underground.
Looking to my God's right hand when the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the sinners moan to see the righteous marching home.
Looking to my God's right hand when the stars begin to fall.

My Lord, what a morning. My Lord, what a morning.
Oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall,
when the stars begin to fall.

*Affirmation of Faith

We trust the voice that cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

—Adapted from Isaiah 40:3–5

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 (Virtual)

Offertory

O Rex Gentium

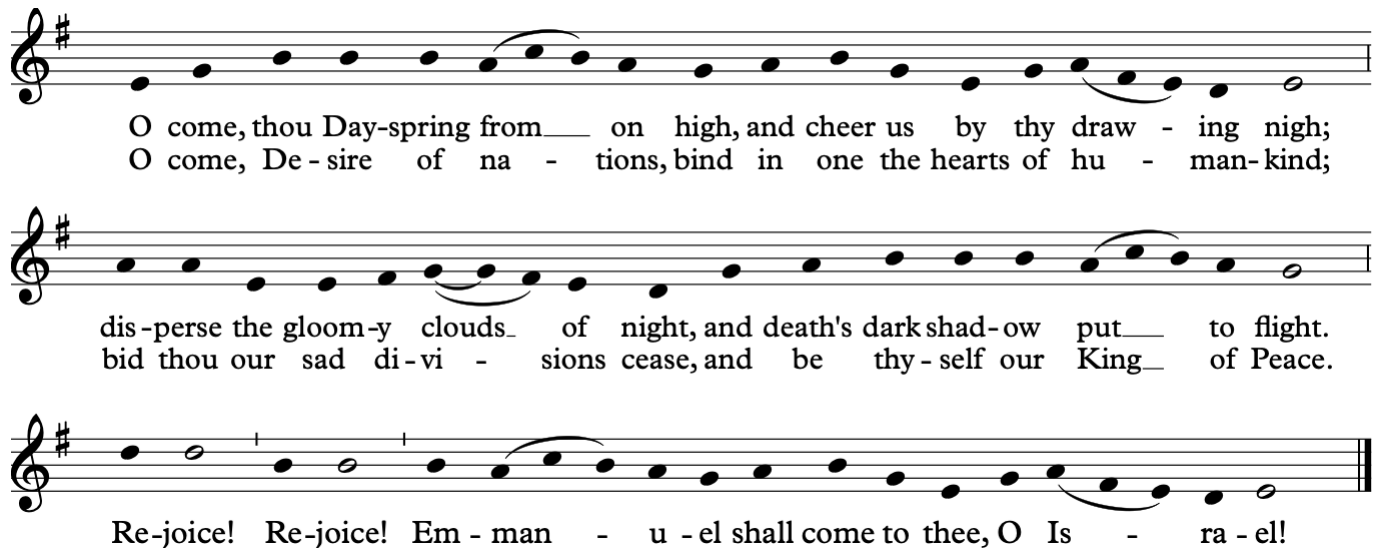
plainsong; organ setting by Nico Muhly

O Rex Gentium, et desideratus earum,
lapisque angularis, qui facis utraque unum:
veni, et salva hominem, quem de limo formasti.

*O King of the nations, and their desire,
the cornerstone that makes both one:
Come and save the human race, which you formed out of clay.*

*Doxology

VENI EMMANUEL



O come, thou Day-spring from _____ on high, and cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh;
O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the hearts of hu - man-kind;
dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and death's dark shad - ow put _____ to flight.
bid thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, and be thy - self our King _____ of Peace.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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.

People, Look East

BESANÇON

Closing Voluntary

Ricercare on “Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland”

George Baker
(b. 1951)

Carillon

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS

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

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

PREACHER

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

LECTOR

Ms. Gretchen Ziegenhals*Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

MUSICIANS

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

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

Mr. Tom Gurin.....*Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

ONLINE MINISTER

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

TODAY'S FLOWERS | The interior decorations and the wreaths on either side of the front entrance of the Chapel are given to the glory of God in celebration of the Advent and Christmas seasons by Dr. and Mrs. James G. Ferguson, Jr.

MISSION OF THE MONTH | December's Mission of the Month Offering is for El Futuro. El Futuro's mission is to nurture families to live out their dreams. They do this by providing mental health services for low-resource Latino families. Typically 85% of their patients are un- or underinsured and have few places to turn for bilingual support. Last year El Futuro provided almost 13,500 treatment sessions and has seen increasing demand this year as a result of the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 on Latino families. Between August and October alone, the number of people reaching out for help almost doubled. You are invited to give online at gifts.duke.edu/chapel. Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. Add Mission of the Month in the memo line or comments section.

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WATCH A RECORDING OF THIS YEAR'S 'MESSIAH' | More than 2,300 people tuned in to the livestream of last Sunday's *Messiah* concert. This year's online presentation of G.F. Handel's masterpiece was a creative blend of live solos and instrumental parts with recordings of last year's choruses that include musical scores to encourage participation from home. A recording of the concert is now available online through the Christmas season at chapel.duke.edu/messiah.

ONLINE ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE THIS THURSDAY | An online Advent Lessons and Carols worship service this Thursday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. will include prerecorded prayers, scripture readings, carols, and anthems. The anthems will include musical settings of the ancient "O-Antiphons" texts, which are salutations using names given to the Messiah. Participate online in the service via the Chapel website at chapel.duke.edu.

ONLINE AND BROADCAST CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS | The Chapel is celebrating Christmas this year with a series of online services, as well as television broadcasts. See a listing of online events at chapel.duke.edu/christmas.

CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP | The Fellowship Committee of the Congregation is hosting a virtual Christmas pageant today at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for Zoom link and more information.

GRADUATE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual discussion of the prophets on December 14 and 28 at 6:30 p.m. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact matthew.r.wright@duke.edu for the Zoom link and additional information.

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP TO STRENGTHEN CHURCH MUSIC EDUCATION AT DUKE AND BEYOND | A new relationship between Duke Chapel and the Royal School of Church Music in America provides a foundation for nurturing church music, particularly choral singing, at Duke University and around the country. The Chapel is the new administrative home for RSCM America, which will share office space and support staff with the Chapel's music program. The arrangement gives RSCM America a base of operations at a major research university with a vibrant sacred music program, and connects Duke Chapel more closely to RSCM America's national training programs and network of church musicians. [Read more.](#)

NEW ONLINE RESOURCE CURATES DUKE CHAPEL PREACHING TRADITION | A new online resource presents insights into the rich and deep tradition of preaching at Duke University Chapel through the expertise of Duke Divinity School faculty, research by Duke students, and the reflections of renowned preachers. Launched this week, the Living Tradition webpages serve as an introduction to, and a pedagogical tool for, the Duke Chapel Recordings digital archive, hosted on the Duke Libraries website, which contains more than 3,000 videos, audio recordings, and manuscripts of sermons given at Duke Chapel from 1946 to 2002. Visit Living Tradition at chapel.duke.edu/livingtradition.

ENGAGE

STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR AN ARTS AND THEOLOGY FELLOWSHIP | Duke students may apply for the Chapel's C. Eric Lincoln Theology & Arts Fellowship. The fellowship provides funding to an undergraduate or graduate student for a sacred art project. This year, the Lincoln Fellow will be asked to produce a visual art exhibit that can be experienced digitally. The application deadline is December 16. [Learn more and apply.](#)

STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF CAN SIGN UP FOR TIME IN THE CHAPEL | With so many challenges and stresses brought on by the coronavirus pandemic, Duke students, faculty, and staff who are on campus have an opportunity to reserve time for a short visit inside Duke Chapel to meditate, reflect, be, pray, contemplate, and find sanctuary. The Chapel is decorated for Christmas with poinsettias, garlands, and lights. [Learn more and register for a time.](#)

'CHRISTIAN IMAGINATION' AUTHOR TO JOIN DISCUSSION DEC. 15 | The author of *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race*, the Rev. Dr. Willie Jennings, will participate in an online discussion about his book this Tuesday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m. This session will conclude a semester-long study of the book organized by the Chapel and community partner DurhamCares. [Learn more and register for free.](#)

PRACTICING TRUST | The Congregation is sponsoring a half-day New Year's retreat on the topic of "Practicing Trust in Time of Transition" on Saturday, January 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 12-noon. Author and teacher Dr. Marilyn McEntyre will lead the retreat. [Please register online](#) or contact congregation@duke.edu for more information.

CONNECT IN A SMALL GROUP | Life Together, the Congregation's small group discipleship ministry, has had a good start this fall. Nearly thirty people are meeting every two weeks in four groups to share their lives and prayers with one another. Space is available in each of these groups and a new group is forming. [Please sign up here](#) to join a Life Together group starting the week of January 3. All groups will meet virtually until further notice. University students and adults of all ages are welcome to participate.

ZOE EMPOWERS GIFT MARKET | The Zoe Empowers Gift Market is now open! Please consider honoring loved ones with a gift to Zoe Empowers, which will empower vulnerable children in Zimbabwe to become independent adults who support themselves and their family members. [This link](#) will take you to the sign-up for these gifts. Please pay through the Congregation PayPal account, or you may mail a check to the Congregation office.

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.](#)

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 Forum – On Sunday, December 20, Christopher Redmon, PhD Student in Religion, Duke University will speak on "Prophetic Flesh and the Christmas Story."

HYMNS FOR DECEMBER 13, 2020

Opening Hymn

The Advent of Our God

DUX DELUBRUM



1. The ad - vent of our God we greet with song and prayer.
2. The ev - er - last - ing Son in - car - nate stoops to be
3. O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise to meet your low - ly king,
4. As judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come a - gain
5. Then e - vil flees a - way, be - fore the ris - ing dawn.
6. All glo - ry to the Son, who comes to make us free,



We wait the com - ing reign of Christ, and ea - ger - ly pre - pare.
our ser - vant, in a ser - vant's form to set all peo - ple free.
nor let your faith - less heart de - spise the peace he comes to bring.
and all his scat - tered saints u - nite with him on high to reign.
The sin - ful self is cast a - side, the new self is put on.
with Fath - er, Spir - it, ev - er one through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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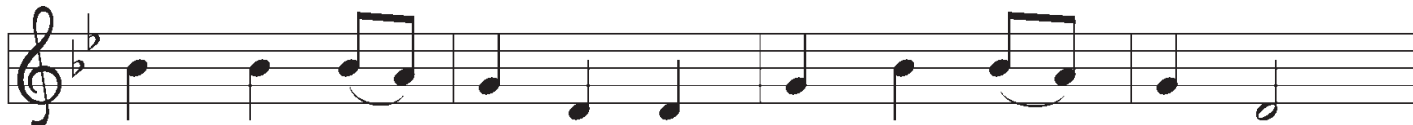
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Gradual Hymn

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

OSOSŎ



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm
1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

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Closing Hymn

People, Look East

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1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new
of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming
trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BESANÇON, French carol; arr. Barry Rose, b. 1934

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