



Duke
UNIVERSITY
CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 20, 2020, 11:00 a.m.



Annunciation

Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1898

The season of Advent is a time of waiting for the promises of God. The God who has drawn near to Israel will soon draw nearer still in the form of a baby. As we draw closer to Christmas Day, the scripture lessons emphasize the promises that are to be fulfilled. In 2 Samuel, God tells the Israelites that their wandering is over, and that they will be gathered to a place of safety and flourishing. Luke recounts the visit of the angel Gabriel to Mary and the surprising news of her holy pregnancy. Mary learns of her imminent participation in the promises of God in a way she never anticipated or imagined. In response to the angel's message, Mary sings her song of praise to God for God's faithfulness to her and to all of God's people.

Gathering

Carillon

Opening Voluntary

Carillon

Leo Sowerby
(1895–1968)

Choral Introit (Virtual)

O Clavis David

James Healy Willan
(1880–1968)

O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel,
who openest doors and none can shut them,
who closest portals and none can open them:
Come, and from his cell lead forth the captive
who sits in darkness and the shadow of death

Greeting and Call to Worship

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

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

***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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***All rise as able**

Psalmody

Luke 1:46b–55

Canticle of Mary

setting by John Weaver

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations shall call me blessed:
You, the Almighty have done great things for me, and holy is your name.
You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation.
You have shown strength with your arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.
You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Old Testament Lesson

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

***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

Luke 1:26–38

***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

How Can This Be?

Response

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

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness, Lord

FOREST GREEN

*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.

Offertory

O Clavis David

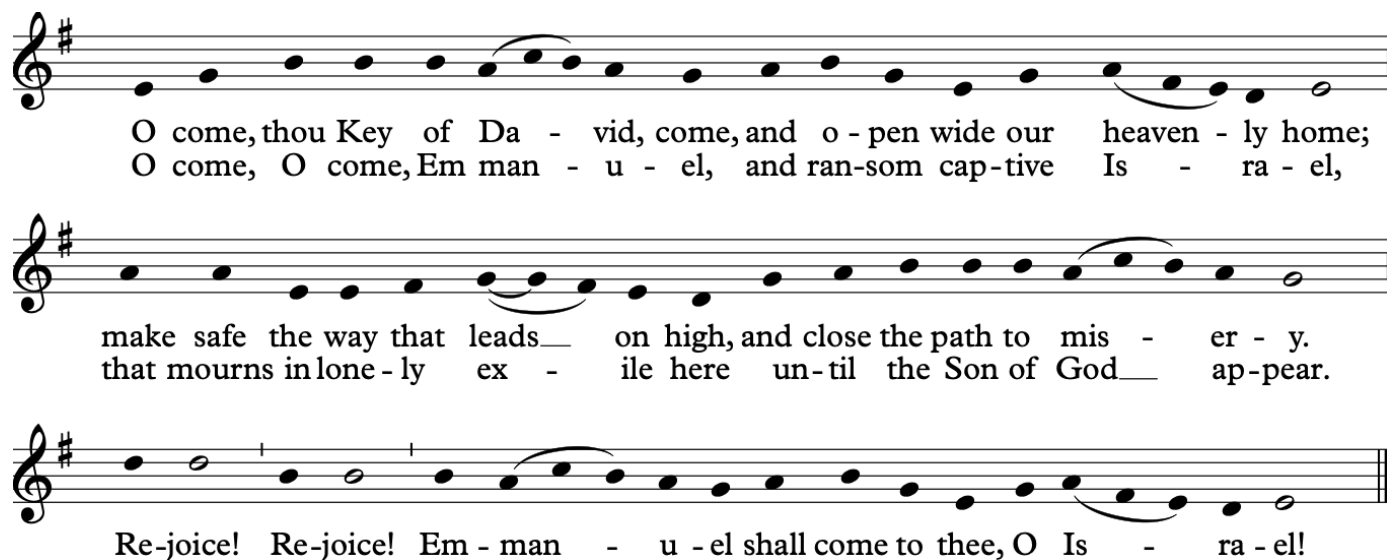
plainsong; organ setting by Nico Muhly

O clavis David, et sceptrum domus Israel:
qui aperis, et nemo claudit; claudis, et nemo aperit:
veni, et educ vinctum de domo carceris, sedentem in tenebris.

*O Key of David, and scepter of the house of Israel:
you open, and no one shuts; you shut, and no one opens:
come, and bring forth the captive who sits in the shadow of death.*

*Doxology

VENI EMMANUEL



O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our heaven - ly home;
O come, O come, Em man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el,
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un-til the Son of God ap-pear.
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.

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Closing Voluntary

Sonate de Primo Tono

José Lidón
(1748–1827)

Carillon

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS

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

PREACHER

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

LECTOR

Dr. P. Kelly Marcom.....*Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

MUSICIANS

Virtual Choir.....*Duke Chapel Staff Singers*
Dr. Zebulon Highben.....*Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*
Ms. Rossie Clark-Cotton.....*Chapel Choir Member; Medical '21*
Mr. Robert Brewer.....*Guest Organist*
Mr. Tom Gurin.....*Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

ONLINE MINISTER

The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg.....*Pastor, Congregation at Duke 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.

TODAY'S OFFERING | Today's offerings will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. 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 | *Magnificat (Canticle of Mary)* by John Weaver, from The Psalter: Psalms and Canticles for Singing, ©1993. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-725399.

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WATCH A RECORDING OF THIS YEAR'S 'MESSIAH' | 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 so you can sing along from home. A recording of the concert is now available online through the Christmas season at chapel.duke.edu/messiah.

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.

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.](#)

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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.

STUDENT PREACHER APPLICATIONS | Students are invited to submit draft sermons to be considered for selection as this year's Student Preacher. Submissions are due February 1, 2021. [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](#).

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.

CARILLON LIVESTREAM | You are invited to participate virtually in an ongoing campus tradition. Listen live online to the playing of the Duke Chapel carillon bells weekdays at 5:00 p.m. on the Duke Chapel Facebook page at facebook.com/dukechapel.


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE | There will be no Sunday mornings classes on December 27. Classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 3. Classes meet virtually from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings. For more information, contact congregation@duke.edu.

HYMNS FOR DECEMBER 20, 2020

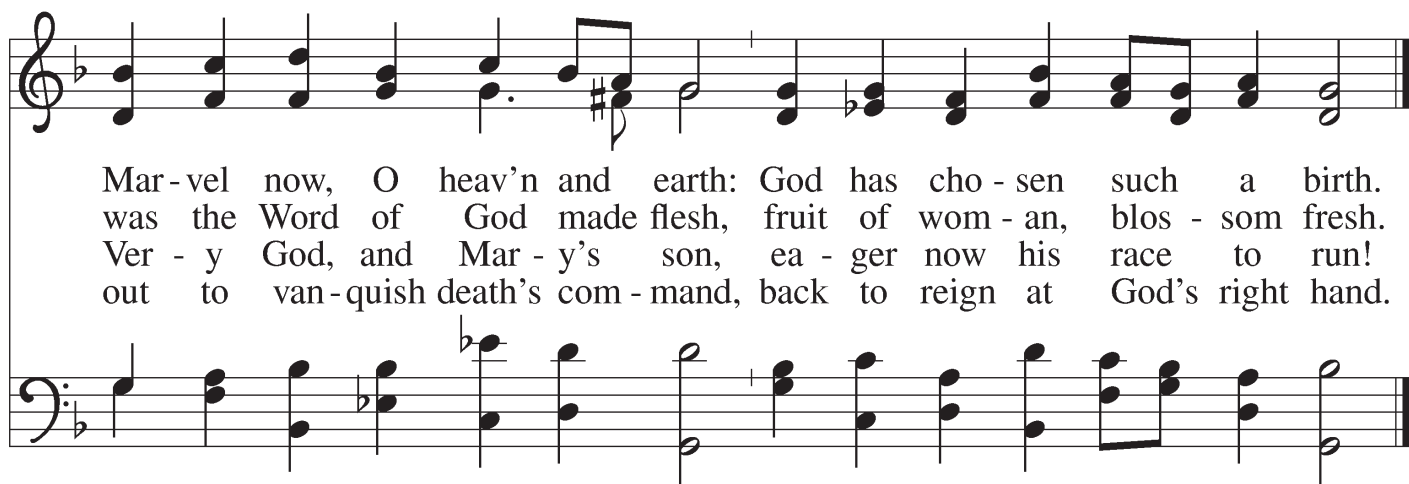
Opening Hymn

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child— from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,
hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally!

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. hymnal version
Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524
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Gradual Hymn

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

OSOSŎ



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ŭi - 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.

Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope

Music: OSOSŎ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947

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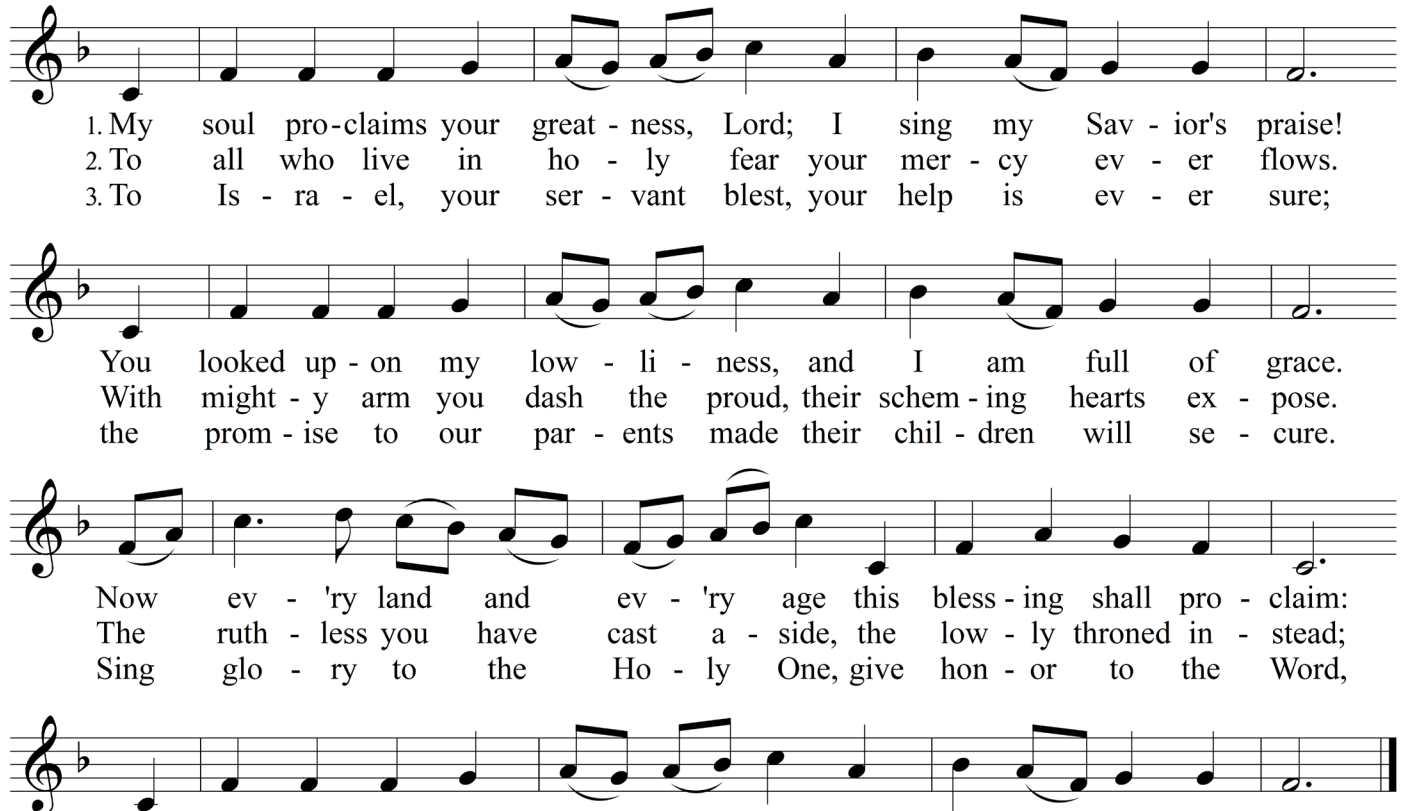
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Response Hymn

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness, Lord

FOREST GREEN



1. My soul pro-claims your great - ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
2. To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
3. To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim:
The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,

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Closing Hymn

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,