Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols
December 24, 2015, Page Auditorium
Eleven o’clock at night

Bridging Faith and Learning

“The Nativity,” stained glass window by Heguiabehere Vitralistas, Argentina.
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The congregation is asked to remain silent
during the instrumental voluntaries as a time of prayer and meditation.
Please do not take flash photos or record videos during the service.

**INSTRUMENTAL VOLUNTARIES**

- **Guitar: The Holly and the Ivy**
- **Guitar: God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen**
- **Harp: Interlude from *A Ceremony of Carols***
  - Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)
- **Guitar: Mary Had a Baby**
- **Harp: What Child Is This?**
- **Guitar: I Saw Three Ships**
- **Harp: Variations Pastorales sur un Vieux Noël**
  - Marcel Samuel-Rousseau (1882–1955)

*Opening Prayer*

*Opening Procession Carol (congregation standing)*

*Once in Royal David’s City*

- Henry J. Gauntlett

(Soloist only, stanza 1. All remain standing to sing stanzas 2–6.)

Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary, loving mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

**He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,**
**And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.**
**With the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**

Jesus is our childhood’s pattern; day by day, like us he grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven, set at God’s right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

—Cecil Frances Alexander
Choir Anthem (congregation seated)
Welcome All Wonders  
Richard Dirksen  
(1921–2003)

Welcome all wonders in one sight!
Eternity shut in a span;
Summer in winter; day in night;
Heaven in earth, and God in man.

Each of us his lamb will bring,
Each his pair of silver doves,
Till burnt at last in fire of thy fair eyes,
Ourselves become our own best sacrifice.

—Richard Crashaw

First Lesson—Genesis 3:8–19
(At the close of each lesson, the lector will say, “This is the word of the Lord.” The Congregation responds, “Thanks be to God.”)

Adam and Eve lose life in paradise through their sin, as their relationship with God and each other is broken.

Read by Dr. Valerie Ashby  
Dean of Trinity School of Arts and Science, Duke University

*Congregational Carol
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear  
Richard Storrs Willis

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,
From heaven’s all-gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O’er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains,
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o’er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life’s crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing!
For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

—Edmund H. Sears

**SECOND LESSON—Genesis 22:15–18**

*God promises to faithful Abraham that because he was obedient, his offspring shall be the Lord’s people, numerous as the stars in the sky.*

Read by Mr. James Ho

Campus Minister for Duke Asian InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

**CHOIR ANTHEM (congregation seated)**

Deo Gracias from *A Ceremony of Carols*  
Benjamin Britten  
(1913–1976)

*Deo gracias! [Thanks be to God!]*

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;  
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.  
And all was for an appil [apple], an appil that he tok [took],  
As clerkes vinden [clergy find] written in their book.  
Ne [If not] had the appil take ben, the appil take ben,  
Ne hadde [then had] never our lady a ben hevene queen [been the queen of heaven].  
Blessed be the time that appil take was.  
Therefore we moun singen [must sing].

*Deo gracias!*

**THIRD LESSON—Isaiah 9:2–7**

*Jesus’ coming reign of justice and peace is prophesied centuries before his birth.*

Read by Dr. Ellen Davis

Interim Dean of Duke Divinity School

*Congregational Carol*

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing  
Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809–1847)

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;

With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

*Refrain:* Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”
Christ by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th’incarnate Deity.
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Refrain

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Refrain

—Charles Wesley

FOURTH LESSON—Isaiah 11:1–9

Jesus will sit upon the Throne of David, and usher in the coming Kingdom of God.

Read by Mr. Ben Wirzba
Member of the Congregation at Duke University Chapel

CHOIR ANTHEM (congregation seated)
There Is No Rose of Such Virtue

Stephen Sametz (b. 1954)

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu; Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space; Res miranda [Marvelous thing].

By that rose we may well see
That he is God in persons three, Pares forma [Of equal form].

The angels sang and the shepherds too:
“Gloria in excelsis Deo!” [“Glory to God in the highest!”]
Gaudeamus [Let us rejoice].

So leave we all this worldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth: Transeamus [Let us cross over].

Gaudeamus,
Res miranda,
Alleluia!


The angel Gabriel announces to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she has conceived Jesus, the Son of God.

Ms. Patricia James
Founder of the Durham Triple Play Long Ball Program
Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae, et concepit de Spiritu sancto.

“Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum, benedicta tu in mulieribus et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.”

Maria dixit, “Ecce ancilla Domini, fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.”

Et verbum caro factum est et habitavit in nobis.

Sancta Maria, mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

The angel of the Lord announced to Mary and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

“Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.”

Mary said, “Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be according to your word.”

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

SIXTH LESSON—Luke 2:1–7


Read by Ms. Lily Zerihun
Duke University Student, Trinity ‘16

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (congregation seated)

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!
Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

—Joseph Mohr

SEVENTH LESSON—Luke 2:8–17

God’s angels bring humble shepherds joyful news—
the Savior of the world has been born.

Read by Mr. Jeff Nelson
Residence Coordinator, Duke University

CHOR ANTHEM (congregation seated)
Angels’ Carol John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Have you heard the sound of the angel voices
Ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?
Have you seen the star shining out so brightly
As a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?
Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven
To the humble shepherds who have waited long?
*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*
Hear the angels sing their joyful song.

He is come in peace in the winter’s stillness,
Like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night;
He is come in joy like the sun at morning
Filling all the world with radiance and with light.
He is come in love as the child of Mary;
In a simple stable we have seen his birth:
*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*
Hear the angels singing, “Peace on earth.”

He will bring new light to a world in darkness,
Like a bright star shining in the skies above.
He will bring new hope to the waiting nations
When he comes to reign in purity and love.
Let the earth rejoice at the savior’s coming;
Let the heavens answer with the joyful morn:
*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*
Hear the angels singing “Christ is born.”

EIGHTH LESSON—Matthew 2:1–12

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus, and avoid the schemes of King Herod.

Read by Dr. Nancy Andrews
Dean of Duke University School of Medicine
*Congregational Carol* (congregation standing)

**What Child Is This**

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

*Refrain:* This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain.*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain.*

— William Chatterton Dix

*Ninth Lesson*—John 1:1–14

*St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation—Jesus is the eternal Word of God, who was, is, and is to come.*

Read by Mr. Robert Chambers
Member of the Congregation at Duke University Chapel

*Choir Anthem*

**Hallelujah (from Messiah)**

George Frederic Handel (1685–1759)

Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords. —Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16

*Benediction*

As you leave tonight, please consider donating to the Family Health Ministries and its ongoing work in Haiti. Ushers will have offering plates at all exits.
*CLOSING CAROL:*

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

John Francis Wade  
(1711–1786)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

*Refrain:*  
O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him.  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal.  
Lo, he shuns not the Virgin’s womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

*Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

*Refrain*

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

*Refrain*

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,  
We would embrace thee with love and awe.  
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

*Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

**POSTLUDE**

**Toccata on vom himmel hoch**  
Garth Edmundson  
(From Heaven Above to Earth I Come)  
(1892–1971)

*All who are able may stand.*
Ministry of Worship

Presiding Minister The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery
Christmas Eve Choir Volunteer singers from the University and Triangle communities
Choir Director Dr. Rodney Wynkoop
Soloists Ms. Emily Turkington, soprano
          Ms. Patricia D. Philipps, soprano
Organist Mr. Christopher Jacobson
Guitar Mr. Rick Keena
Harp Ms. Anita Burroughs-Price
Brass Amalgam Brass Ensemble
Timpani Mr. John Hanks
Ushers Patricia Bachman, Richard Hawkins,
          Dan Hill, Ira Mueller, Harry Rodenhizer,
          Charles Roedel, Michael Sholtz, Suzanne Wasiolek

Chapel Announcements

Today’s Flowers—The red poinsettias that adorn the stage are made possible by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Endowment, established by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Semans in loving memory of Elizabeth Gotham. The wreaths on both sides of the front entrance of the Chapel are given to the glory of God in celebration of the Christmas season by Dr. and Mrs. James G. Ferguson, Jr, in their forty-seventh year of decorating the Chapel.

Christmas Eve Offering and Bulletin Insert—Each year during the Christmas season, photographs depicting the work of Family Health Ministries hang in the Chapel, or for this year, in the bulletin insert. As part of the Chapel’s decade-long commitment to building relationships with the people of Haiti, the Christmas Eve offerings will go, for the thirteenth consecutive year, to Family Health Ministries (FHM). FHM is a nonprofit agency, founded by Duke professors Dr. David and Kathy Walmer, which provides medical care and support to the people of Haiti. Since 2004, the Congregation’s work with FHM has included building the Blanchard Health Clinic, and the Nancy Ferree-Clark Guesthouse named in honor of the former Congregation pastor. These offerings provide most of the clinic’s annual operating support. Ongoing funding is crucial to continue to address the unmet needs of access to affordable healthcare, health education, and disease prevention. The ushers will have offering plates at each exit after the service, or to donate online, go to www.familyhm.org.

Sundays at Duke Chapel—Duke Chapel offers worship services every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. throughout the year. During this year of the Chapel’s restoration, Sunday morning worship is held in Page Auditorium. The Chapel welcomes members of both the university and greater Triangle communities to join in the journey of Christian discipleship throughout the year.
The Congregation at Duke University Chapel
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The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

Christian Education Classes—The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning classes from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Divinity school. There are three classes for children and youth and one class for adults. All classes are open to the public and new participants are welcome at any time. Classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 3. There will be no Sunday morning classes for children and youth on December 27.

Monthly Shelter Dinner—The Congregation serves dinner once a month at the Urban Ministries Shelter in downtown Durham. The next opportunity to serve is Sunday, January 10, at 5:45 p.m. The meal is prepared at the shelter kitchen (salad, fruit cocktail, buttered rolls, cookies, and lemonade), but the most important ingredient is the volunteer. Volunteers provide the “main course,” nourishment for the body (each server/couple brings two cooked party-size lasagnas) and for the spirit, through fellowship with the shelter residents and connection with other members and friends of the Congregation. Shelter residents do all the clean-up. First timers are welcome! Ten volunteers and twenty cooked lasagnas are needed each month. Please contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

January Service Project—The Saturday Service Project in January will benefit the Durham Crisis Response Center, which works to end domestic and sexual violence. Volunteers are needed on January 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon to organize supplies for shelter residents. To volunteer for this or other Saturday Service Projects, contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

Habitat Build—This Spring, the Congregation and Duke Chapel community will partner with the Duke Office of Durham and Regional Affairs, the Duke Durham Neighborhood Partnership, and the Duke Chapter of Habitat for Humanity to sponsor and build a Habitat home. The kickoff celebration, a time to bless the build and share a meal, will be Saturday, January 30, at 11:30 a.m. To be involved in this project, contact Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.

Book Discussion—All are invited to attend a discussion of the book Charity Detox: What Charity Would Look Like If We Cared About Results, on Wednesday, January 6 (chapters 1-5) and Wednesday, February 3 (chapters 6-9). The discussions will be held at noon at the PathWays House located at 713 Kent St., Durham. Participants are invited to bring a brown bag lunch.

Pastors Available—If you wish to speak to a pastor regarding a spiritual or personal concern, please contact congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

ENews—The Congregation at Duke Chapel publishes a weekly email announcing programs and events of the Congregation. If you would like to receive this weekly newsletter, please email congregation@duke.edu.
Duke University Chapel

Duke Chapel is a Christian church of an unusually interdenominational character, with a tradition of stirring music, preaching, and liturgy. It is also a grand building, suitable for hosting major events in the life of the University and its members; it further acts as a moderator for the diversity of religious identity and expression on campus. We welcome you to our life of worship, learning, dialogue, and service, especially during this year of the Chapel’s restoration during which we will gather to worship God in different places across Duke’s campuses.

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Worship opportunities each week at Duke Chapel

Sunday Morning Worship—Every Sunday, 11 a.m. in Page Auditorium.

Choral Evensong—Resumes Sunday, January 10 at 4 p.m. in Goodson Chapel

Online Mid-Week Prayer—Wednesday at noon via periscope.tv/dukechapel

Choral Vespers—Resumes Thursday, January 14, at 6 p.m. in Goodson Chapel