SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols
Tuesday, December 24, 2019, 11:00 p.m.

Nativity, mid-12th century
Cappella Palatina di Palermo, Italy
Gathering
Instrumental Voluntaries

Noël Polonais  Alexandre Guilmant
(1837–1911)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (HYFRYDOL) arr. Anita Burroughs-Price

Noël: Tous les Bourgeois de Châtres  Claude Balbastre
(1724–1799)

What Child Is This? (GREENSLEEVES)  trad. English ballad

Variations sur un vieux Noël, Op. 20  Marcel Dupré
(1886–1971)

Variations pastorales sur un vieux Noël  Marcel-Samuel Rousseau
(1882–1955)

Es ist ein Ros’ entsprungen, Op. 122, No. 8  Johannes Brahms
(1833–1897)

Noël sur les Flûtes  Louis-Claude d’Aquau
(1694–1772)

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Opening Procession Carol  |  Please rise, as able. A soloist sings stanza 1.

Once in Royal David’s City  IRBY
arr. David Willcocks

Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary, was that 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 and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood he would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms he lay,
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

For he 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.
First Lesson | OT page 3 in the pew Bibles.

At the close of each lesson, the lector will say, “This is the word of the Lord.” The Congregation responds, “Thanks be to God.”

Genesis 3:8-19  
Read by Dr. Zoila Airall  
*Associate Vice President for Campus Life in Student Affairs,  
Duke Chapel National Advisory Board Member*

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

Choir Anthem

Christmas Eve  
*traditional English*

The Lord at first did Adam made out of the dust and clay, and in his nostrils breathed life, e’en as the scriptures say. And then in Eden’s paradise he placed him to dwell, That he within it should remain, to dress and keep it well:

Now let good Christians all begin an holy life to live,  
And to rejoice and merry be, for this is Christmas Eve.

Now mark the goodness of the Lord which he to mankind bore; his mercy soon he did extend, lost man for to restore: and then, for to redeem our souls from death and hellish thrall, he said his own dear Son should be the Savior of us all:

Now let good Christians all begin…

And now the tide is nigh at hand in which our Savior came; let us rejoice and merry be in keeping of the same: Let’s feed the poor and hungry souls, and such as do it crave; then when we die, in heaven we our sure reward shall have:

Now let good Christians all begin…

— anonymous ms. (*Some Ancient Christmas Carols*, 1822)

Second Lesson | OT page 17 in the pew Bibles.

Genesis 22:15-18  
Read by Ms. Emma Friesen  
*Chapel Scholar, Presbyterian Campus Ministry, Trinity ’22*

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.
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

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, good will 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 you, 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 prophets 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 give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Third Lesson | OT page 600 in the pew Bibles.

Isaiah 9:2-7

Read by Mr. Michael Larbi
Congregation at Duke Chapel Intern, Divinity ’20

Jesus’ coming reign of justice and peace is prophesied centuries before his birth.
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descending comes full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood, he will give to all the faithful his own self for heav’ny food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way; as the Light of light, descending from the realms of endless day, comes, the pow’rs of hell to vanquish, as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry: “Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

Fourth Lesson | OT page 602 in the pew Bibles.

Isaiah 11:1-9

Read by Mr. Adam Clark
World Relief Durham Office Director

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

Choir Anthem

O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines

O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes. May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release, till by God’s grace our warring world shall see Christ’s promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small; as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all. Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord; the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

– Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)
Fifth Lesson | NT page 53 in the pew Bibles.

Luke 1:26-35, 38  
Read by Ms. Kate DeAlmeida

Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel, Trinity ’01

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

Congregational Carol | Please rise, as able.

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness, Lord  
FOREST GREEN

My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord; I sing my Savior’s praise! You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace. Now ev’ry land and ev’ry age this blessing shall proclaim: Great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.

To all who live in holy fear your mercy every flows. With mighty arm you dash the proud, their scheming hearts expose. The ruthless you have cast aside, the lowly throned instead; the hungry filled with all good things, the rich sent off unfed.

To Israel, your servant blest, your help is ever sure; the promise to our parents made their children will secure. Sing glory to the Holy One, give honor to the Word, and praise the Pow’r of the Most High, one God, by all adored.

Sixth Lesson | NT page 54 in the pew Bibles.

Luke 2:1-7  
Read by Ms. Moriah Powery

Member of the Worshiping Community at Duke Chapel


Congregational Carol

Silent Night  
STILLE NACHT

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.
Seventh Lesson | NT pages 54-55 in the pew Bibles.

Luke 2:8-17

Read by Mr. Scott Hawkins
Durham Area Campus Director with International Students, Inc.

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

Choir Anthem

African Noel

arr. André Thomas

Sing noel, sing noel, noel, noel.
Sing we all noel, sing we all noel.
O come, ye people, gather here
to hear the news of good cheer.
The Kings of kings, the Lamb of God
is born today in Bethlehem. Sing noel.

— traditional

Congregational Carol | Please rise, as able.

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA
arr. Vaclav Nelhybel

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing,
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Eighth Lesson | NT pages 1-2 in the pew Bibles.

Matthew 2:1-12

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

Choir Anthem

When the Song of the Angels Is Stilled

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

– Howard Thurman (1899-1981)

Gradual Anthem | Please rise and face the Gospel Procession.

The Glory of the Father

The word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.

In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God.
In him was life and the life was the light of all.
He came to his own and his own received him not.

— adapt. from John 1
Ninth Lesson | NT page 87 in the pew Bibles. Please remain standing.

John 1:1-14

Read by Mr. Hananiel Setiawan
Duke Chapel National Advisory Board Member,
Medicine and Graduate ’22

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

Gradual Anthem

The Glory of the Father

Egil Hovland

The word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
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Closing Prayer | All remain standing, as able, through the closing carol.

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the
brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may
walk in the light of Jesus’ presence, and in the last day wake to
the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benediction

As you leave tonight, please consider donating to Family Health Ministries and
World Relief Durham as they serve communities in Haiti and Durham, respectively.
Ushers will have offering plates at all exits.
Closing Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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.

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created;

Refrain

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

Refrain

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
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 glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Closing Voluntary

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685-1750)
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. 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 Christmas season by Dr. and Mrs. James G. Ferguson, Jr.

TODAY’S OFFERING | This year’s offerings will go to support families in need both at home and abroad. As part of the Chapel’s ongoing commitment to partnership with the people of Haiti, half of this year’s Christmas Eve offerings will go to Family Health Ministries (FHM). FHM is a nonprofit agency, founded by Dr. David and Mrs. Kathy Walmer, which provides medical care and support to the people of Haiti. Since 2004, the Chapel’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. The other half of the offering will go to World Relief Durham to work with immigrants, churches and the community to help vulnerable immigrants thrive in the Triangle. World Relief resettles refugees, provides immigration legal services, and partners with schools to fill gaps for vulnerable immigrant youth. To learn more about either of these organizations visit: familyhm.org or worldreliefdurham.org.

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the front desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the rear sound desk. A sign language interpreter is located at the front of the Chapel on the pulpit side.

MUSIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

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DUKE CHAPEL WORSHIP | Worship is offered at Duke Chapel on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. throughout the year. Every Sunday worshipers from campus and the community gather to praise God, who is known to us in Jesus Christ. During the academic year, other worship services include Evensong on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. and Vespers on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

CHAPEL NEWSLETTER | The Chapel publishes a weekly newsletter with information about worship, concerts, and special events. Sign up for these email updates at chapel.duke.edu/email.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES | The Congregation at Duke University Chapel is the interdenominational church home for people who consider Duke Chapel to be their primary place of worship. Recognizing that the Christian life is more than a Sunday morning experience, members of the Congregation long to deepen their relationships with God, with each other, and with their neighbors. Through education, mission, and fellowship the Congregation helps participants to strengthen these precious relationships. The Congregation welcomes singles, couples and families, students, faculty, staff, and community members to join the church to grow together in Christ. To sign up for the Congregation’s weekly newsletter, please email congregation@duke.edu.

MARVEL OF THIS NIGHT BROADCAST | The Marvel of This Night: Christmas at Duke University Chapel, a service of music and readings, is being broadcast nationally on the CBS Television Network tonight during this service, but you will still be able to watch it! The program will be available on the Chapel’s website and YouTube channel from December 26 to January 6.

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

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