



Duke  
UNIVERSITY  
CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, December 27, 2020, 11:00 a.m.



*Detail, Presentation in the Temple*  
Fra Angelico, 1450

With the birth of the infant Jesus, we are invited to place our hope in a future that is claimed and redeemed by God. Isaiah speaks of being clothed in garments of salvation, echoing the image of a wedding garment, which brings to mind great celebration. The book of Galatians emphasizes the adoption we experience through Christ, in which we no longer experience being slaves of the law, but instead we know the joy of being beloved children of God. In Luke's gospel, Simeon and Anna are both prophets who sense the promise and hope of the infant Jesus for the redemption of Israel.

## Gathering

### Opening Voluntary

In dulci jubilo

Marcel Dupré  
(1886–1971)

### Greeting and Call to Worship

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

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

\*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | In unison.

Almighty God, we confess that we have not followed the light of your word. We have not searched for signs of your love in the world, or trusted good news to be good. We have failed to praise your Son's birth, and refused his peace on earth. We have expected little, and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires, so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. 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

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: as your word is read and proclaimed, gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 61:10–62:3

\*All rise as able

Maria durch ein Dornwald ging

Maria durch ein Dornwald ging,  
Kyrie eleison.  
Maria durch ein Dornwald ging,  
der hat in sieben Jahrn kein Laub getragen.  
Jesus und Maria.

Was trug Maria unter ihrem Herzen?  
Kyrie eleison.  
Ein kleines Kindlein ohne Schmerzen,  
das trug Maria unter ihrem Herzen.  
Jesus und Maria.

Da haben die Dornen Rosen getragen,  
Kyrie eleison.  
Als das Kindlein durch den Wald getragen,  
da haben die Dornen Rosen getragen.  
Jesus und Maria.

*Mary wandered through a wood of thorns,  
Lord, have mercy.  
Mary wandered through a wood of thorns,  
Which was leafless for seven years.  
Jesus and Mary.*

*Who did Mary bear beneath her bosom?  
Lord, have mercy.  
A little babe without pain,  
Whom Mary bore beneath her bosom.  
Jesus and Mary.*

*The thorns bore roses then,  
Lord, have mercy.  
As the babe was carried through the woods,  
There were thorn trees bearing roses.  
Jesus and Mary.*

## New Testament Lesson

Galatians 4:4–7

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

In His Temple Now Behold Him

REGENT SQUARE

\*Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:22–40

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

In His Temple Now Behold Him

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Sermon

Do You See What They See?

Response

Anthem (Virtual)

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

arr. by Charles Wood

Ding dong! Merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing:  
Ding dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing.  
*Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,  
And io, io, io, by priest and people sungen.  
*Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;  
May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.  
*Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us pray.

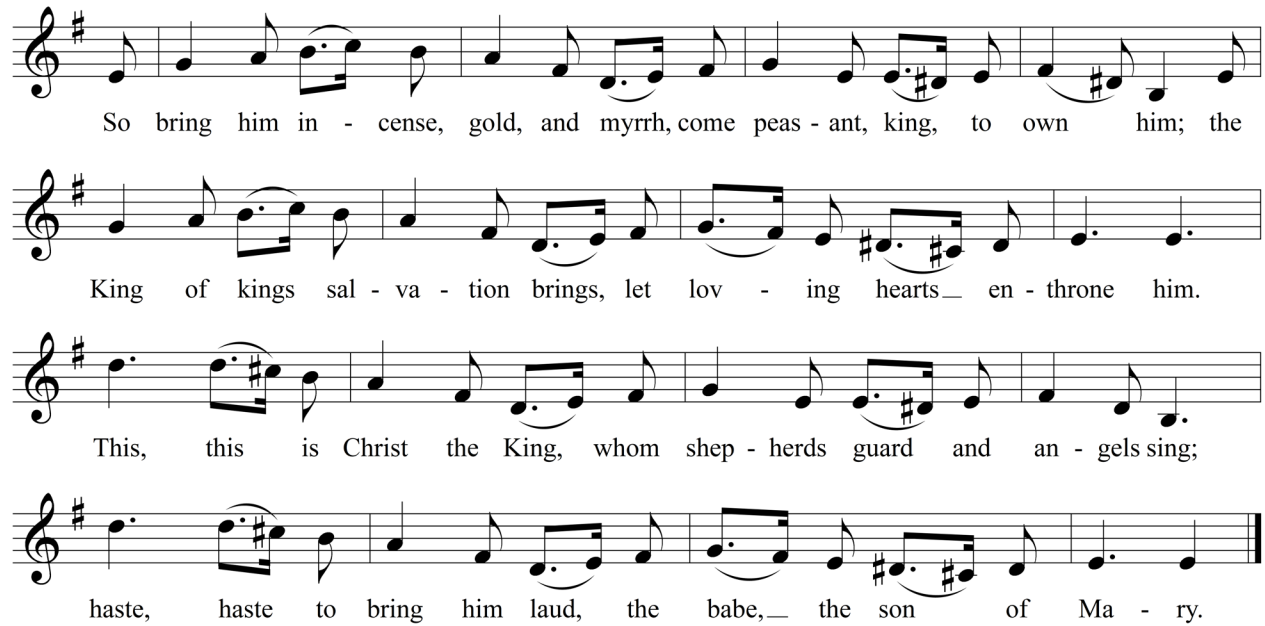
Prayers of the People | The congregation responds to each petition:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Offertory

## \*Doxology

GREENSLEEVES



So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come peas - ant, king, to own him; the  
King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts\_ en - throne him.  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, \_ the son of Ma - ry.

## 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.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

### Closing Voluntary

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685–1750)

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

### PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon.....*Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel*  
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg.....*Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

### PREACHER

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

### LECTOR

Ms. Lisa Moore.....*Accounting Specialist and Office Coordinator, Duke University Chapel*

### MUSICIANS

Virtual Choir.....*Choristers of the Royal School of Church Music in America*  
Dr. Philip Cave.....*Associate Conductor for Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*  
Mr. Christopher Jacobson.....*Chapel Organist, 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.

**TODAY'S OFFERING** | Today's offerings will be used to support the Chapel's PathWays program. You are invited to give online at [gifts.duke.edu/chapel](https://gifts.duke.edu/chapel). Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

## ENGAGE

**'THE MARVEL OF THIS NIGHT' AVAILABLE ONLINE** | *The Marvel of This Night: Christmas at Duke University Chapel* is an hour-long special, produced in 2019 by the Chapel and campus partners, that features beloved Christmas carols accompanied by three of the Chapel's organs as well as traditional scripture readings. In it, all of the Chapel's choirs and a sixteen-piece orchestra perform music from around the world. It is available for viewing online this Christmas season through January 6. You are invited to watch this service online and participate from home by joining in the prayers and singing along to beloved hymns, carols, and spirituals, such as "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," and "Go Tell It on the Mountain." [Watch it here.](#)

**WATCH A RECORDING OF THIS YEAR'S 'MESSIAH'** | This year's online presentation of G.F. Handel's masterpiece *Messiah* 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 Epiphany, January 6, at [chapel.duke.edu/messiah](https://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](https://chapel.duke.edu/christmas).

**PATHWAYS FELLOWSHIP FOR GRADUATING SENIORS** | Graduating Duke seniors, and recent graduates, are invited to apply to become a PathWays Fellow. The fellowship gives participants the tools they need to discern their vocational and spiritual direction as well as opportunities for exploration, leadership, mentorship, service, and formation deeply rooted in the local community and their Christian traditions. Learn more at [chapel.duke.edu/pathways](https://chapel.duke.edu/pathways).

**STUDENT PREACHER APPLICATIONS** | On Sunday, March 21, 2021, we will continue the Chapel tradition of having a student preach for our 11:00 a.m. worship service. Maybe you are a student,



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or know a student, who has never thought about preaching at the Chapel, but you feel strangely compelled to give voice to what the Spirit of God is stirring in you? Perhaps you have considered what it would be like to preach in the pulpit at Duke Chapel? Or maybe you are just curious what it feels like to write a sermon? Regardless of what motivates you to consider this opportunity, we hope you will consider applying to be the student preacher for this year. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

**ONLINE EPIPHANY SERVICE** | You are invited to participate online in an Epiphany worship service, which will be posted on the Chapel website on January 6 at 8:00 p.m. This prerecorded service will include prayers and scripture readings for the day as well as anthems and hymns from past services. Find it at [chapel.duke.edu](http://chapel.duke.edu).

**ONLINE RESOURCE CURATES DUKE CHAPEL PREACHING TRADITION** | The Living Tradition 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. 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](http://chapel.duke.edu/livingtradition).

**SACRED ON SATURDAY RECORDINGS** | This semester the Chapel's Dr. Philip Cave, associate conductor for Chapel Music, gave a series on three online presentations on notable pieces of sacred music by theme. Each session included musical examples with commentary. [Watch recordings of Sacred on Saturday here.](#)

**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](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) for more information.

**GRADUATE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS** | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual Bible study on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. The next gatherings will be January 11 and 25 at 6:30 p.m. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact [matthew.r.wright@duke.edu](mailto:matthew.r.wright@duke.edu) for the Zoom link and additional information.

**SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO MOURN** | Growing thru Grief, a free, open, confidential program sponsored by a coalition of area religious and civic organizations, including the Congregation, offers year-round support to people who have lost a loved one. Participants are meeting on zoom each week on Tuesdays from 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with a presentation followed by small group discussion. Please send a request by 8:00 a.m. on Monday to [admin@growingthrugrief.org](mailto:admin@growingthrugrief.org) for the Zoom link. For more information, see the [Growing thru Grief website](#).

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE** | The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning Christian education from 9:45–10:45 a.m. for all ages. Classes, which are held virtually, are open to the public and new participants are welcome at any time.

**Wee Praise:** Music and movement for children ages 03– with parents or caregivers

**Godly Play:** Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade

**Youth Confirmation Class:** An exploration of Christian faith for students in 6th-12th grades.

**Adult Forum:** On Sunday, January 3, Michael Larbi, Pastoral Assistant for the Congregation, will lead a discussion on Life Together groups.

# HYMNS FOR DECEMBER 27, 2020

## Opening Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN



1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of right - eous - ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled."  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847



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## Gradual Hymn

### In His Temple Now Behold Him

REGENT SQUARE

1 In his tem - ple now be - hold him, see the long - ex -  
2 In the arms of her who bore him, vir - gin pure, be -  
3 Je - sus, by your pre - sen - ta - tion, when they blessed you,  
4 Prince and au - thor of sal - va - tion, be your bound - less

pect - ed Lord; an - cient proph - ets had fore - told him,  
hold him lie, while his a - ged saints a - dore him,  
weak and poor, make us see your great sal - va - tion,  
love our theme! Je - sus, praise to you be giv - en

God has sent the prom - ised Word. Now to praise him,  
ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
seal us with your prom - ise sure; and pre - sent us,  
by the world you did re - deem, with the Fa - ther

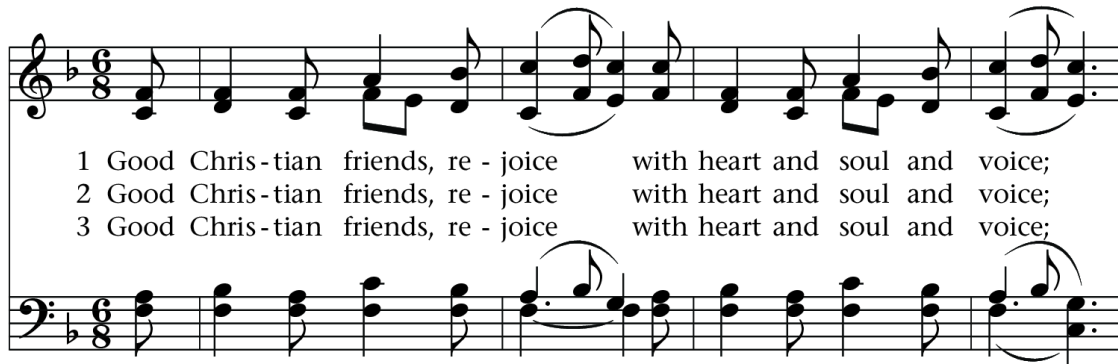
his re - deem - ed shall break forth with one ac - cord.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!  
in your glo - ry, to your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.  
and the Spir - it God of maj - es - ty su - preme!

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## Closing Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

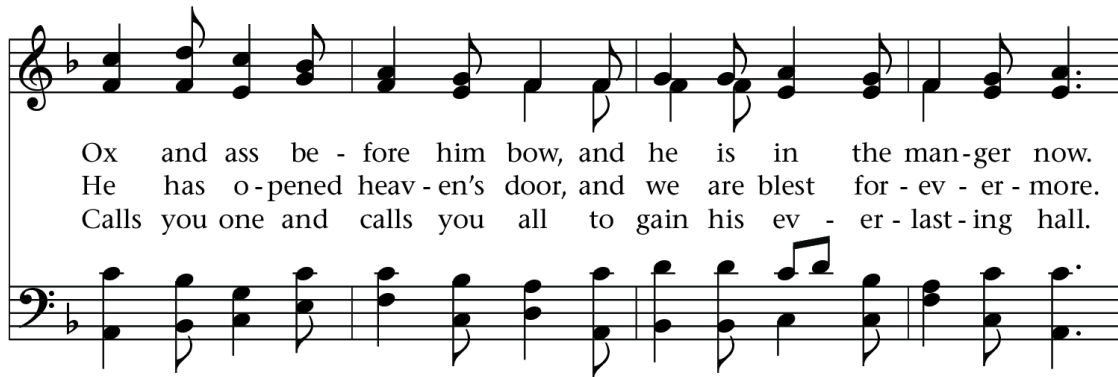
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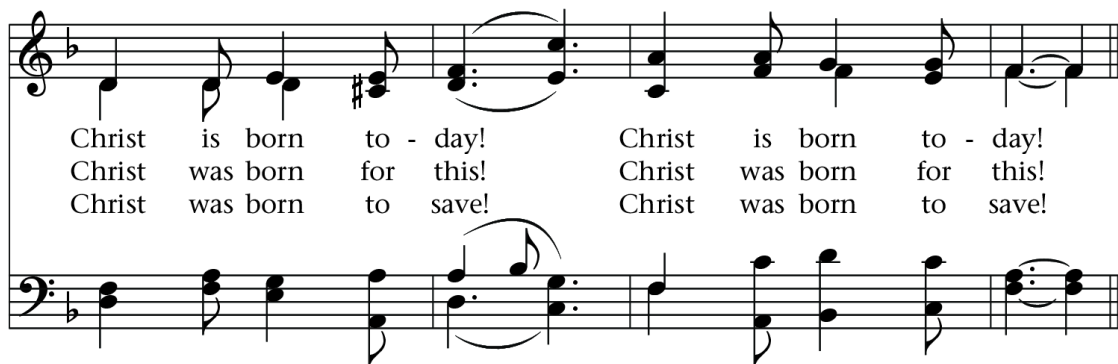
1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day.  
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



Ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.  
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!