Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2016
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 invited to reflect silently during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation. Please do not take flash photos or record videos during the service.

**CARILLON MUSIC**

**INSTRUMENTAL VOLUNTARIES**

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**GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER**

*Opening Procession Carol* (congregation standing)

**Once in Royal David’s City**

_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.

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.

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)

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam
(1803–1856)
arr. John Rutter

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior’s birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand.
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from the Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend.

He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger,
Behold your King, before him lowly bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another,
His law is love, and his gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise his holy name.

Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we,
His power and glory evermore proclaim.

First Lesson—Genesis 3:8–19 (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.”)

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

Read by the Rev. Louis Threatt
Director of Project Turn
Pastor of Messiah Community Christian Church in Winston-Salem
Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow, far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

—Isaac Watts

SECOND LESSON—Genesis 22:15–18 (OT page 17)

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 the Rev. Dave Allen
Campus Minister for Duke Wesley Fellowship

CHOIR ANTHEM (congregation seated)

Adam Lay Ybounden

Frank Ferko
(b. 1950)

Adam lay ybounden [bound] in a bond;
four thousand winter thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple that he took,
as clerkes finden written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been,
ne had never our lady a been hevené [heavenly] queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was,
therefore we moun [must] singen, Deo gracias [Thanks be to God].

THIRD LESSON—Isaiah 9:2, 6–7 (OT page 600)

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

Read by Dr. Rachael Murphey-Brown
Academic Dean for Trinity College of Arts and Sciences
O Little Town of Bethlehem

Lewis H. Redner
(1831–1908)

vv. 2 & 3 arr. Stephen Paulus

(Congregation: stanzas 1 and 4; choir: stanzas 2 and 3.)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

—Phillips Brooks

FOURTH LESSON—Isaiah 11:1–9 (OT page 602)

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

Read by Dr. Arlie Petters
Trinity College Dean of Academic Affairs

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

Michael Praetorius
(1571–1621)
arr. Richard Nance

Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming,
From tender stem has sprung!
Of Jesse’s lineage coming
As seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah ’twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it,
The Virgin Mother kind.
To show God’s love a-right,
She bore to us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.
O Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispel with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere;
True one, yet very God,
From sin and death now save us
And share our every load.

—vv. 1-2 German 15c, tr. Theodore Baker
vv. 3 Friedrich Layritz, tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth


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

Read by Mr. Neal Triplett
*President & CEO of DUMAC*

CHOIR ANTHEM (congregation seated)
Ave Maria (from *All-Night Vigil*) Sergei Rachmaninoff
(1873–1943)

Hail, O Virgin Mother, Bearer of God, holy Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb; for thou hast brought forth the Savior, who redeemed our souls.

SIXTH LESSON—Luke 2:1–7 (NT page 54)

*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

Read by the Rev. Dr. Elaine Heath
*Dean of Duke Divinity School*

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (congregation seated)
Silent Night

STILLE NACHT
Franz Gruber
(1787–1863)

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 (NT pages 54–55)

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

Read by Dr. Robert Califf
FDA Commissioner of Food and Drugs
Duke University Professor of Medicine

CHOIR ANTHEM (congregation seated)
A Cradle Song

Craig Carnahan
(b. 1951)

Sweet dreams, form a shade,
O’er my lovely infants head.
Sweet dreams of pleasant streams
By happy, silent, moony beams

Sweet sleep, with soft down.
Weave thy brows an infant crown.
Sweet sleep, Angel mild,
Hover o’er my happy child.

Sweet smiles; in the night,
Hover over my delight.
Sweet smiles, mother’s smiles,
All the livelong night beguiles.

Sweet moans, dovelike sighs,
Chase not slumber from thy eyes,
Sweet moans, sweeter smiles,
All the dovelike moans beguiles.

Sleep, sleep, happy child,
All creation slept and smil’d.
Sleep, sleep, happy sleep,
While o’er thee thy mother weep

Sweet babe, in thy face,
Holy image I can trace.
Sweet babe once like thee,
Thy maker lay and wept for me,

Wept for me, for thee, for all,
When he was an infant small.
Thou his image ever see,
Heavenly face that smiles on thee,

Smiles on thee, on me, on all,
Who became an infant small,
Infant smiles are His own smiles;
Heaven and earth to peace beguiles.

—William Blake
**Eighth Lesson**—Matthew 2:1–12 (NT page 1–2)

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

Read by Mr. Timothy Kowalczyk, Trinity ’19  
_Duke Chapel Scholar, Duke Catholic Center_

*Congregational Carol* (congregation standing)

*Greensleeves*

*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 (NT page 87)

_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 Ms. Carlynn Winters  
_Member of the Congregation at Duke University Chapel_

*Choir Anthem* (congregation standing)

*Handel*

_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.*
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

*All who are able may stand.
Ministry of Worship

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The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

Christmas Eve Choir
Volunteer singers from the University and Triangle communities

Choir Director
Dr. Rodney Wynkoop

Soloists
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Ms. Patricia D. Philipps, soprano

Organists
Dr. Robert Parkins
Mr. Christopher Jacobson

Guitar
Mr. Rick Keena

Harp
Ms. Anita Burroughs-Price

Brass
Amalgam Brass Ensemble

Ushers
S. Clay Adams, Patricia Bachman, Li-Chen Chin,
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Congregation 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. The Sunday morning service at 11:00 a.m. draws worshipers from all areas of campus as well as from many of our neighboring communities. 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.

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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.
ABOUT THE SERVICE—In 1969, Christmas Eve at Duke University Chapel was celebrated for the first time with music and candlelight. For this forty-eighth service, the decorations and music for the Chapel are given to the glory of God in memory of Dr. James T. Cleland and Mr. J. Benjamin Smith, the founders of this service, by Dr. and Mrs. James G. Ferguson, Jr.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING—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 fourteenth consecutive year, to Family Health Ministries (FHM). FHM is a nonprofit agency, founded by Dr. David and 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. 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. To donate online, go to www.familyhm.org.

CHRISTMAS DAY—There will be a service of worship in Duke Chapel tomorrow morning at 11 a.m., which will focus on the retelling of the Christmas story and the singing of favorite Christmas carols.

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11 a.m. Christmas Day Worship at Duke Chapel

Preacher—Our preacher will be the Rev. Bruce Puckett, Director of Worship and Community Ministry