An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

Duke University Chapel
Durham, North Carolina
December 4, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**GATHERING**

*Choral Introit*

Glory to Thee

James Whitbourn
(b. 1963)

Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee.
Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth
Who art everywhere present and fillest all things.
Treasury of all good and giver of life.
Come dwell within us. Cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
And of thy goodness save our souls.

—words from the Orthodox tradition

*Greeting and Opening Prayer*

*Carol*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, and ran-som cap-tive Is-ra-el,
O come, thou Wis-dom from on high, who or-derest all things might-i-ly;
O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy draw-ing nigh;
O come, De-sire of na-tions, bind in one the hearts of hu-man-kind;

that mourns in lone-ly ex-ile here un-til the Son of God ap-pear.
to us the path of know-ledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
dis-perse the gloomy clounds of night, and death's dark sha-dows put to flight.
bid thou our sad di-visions cease, and be thy-self our King of Peace.

Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el!

*Bidding Prayer (presiding minister only)*

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas,
    let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning.
Let us hear in Holy Scripture how the prophets of Israel
foretold that God would visit and redeem the waiting people.
Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns,
that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled.
Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
will bring all peoples and all things into the glory of God’s eternal kingdom.
The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.
But first, let us pray for the world that God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God.
These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words that Christ himself taught us.

*The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)*

**First Lesson**—Isaiah 40:1–8

*To God’s people in exile in a faraway land, the prophet Isaiah announces good news: God is returning and bringing the exiles home.*

**Anthem**

Es ist ein Ros (variation 1 from op. 10)  
Hugo Distler  
(1908–1942)

*Es ist ein Ros entsprungen,* 
aus einer Wurzel zart,  
als uns die Alten sungen,  
von Jesse kam die Art  
Und hat ein Blümlein bracht  
mitten im kalten Winter,  
wohl zu der halben Nacht.*

Lo, how a rose e’er blooming,  
From tender stem hath sprung.  
Of Jesse’s lineage coming,  
As men of old have sung;  
It came, a flow’ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.

**Second Lesson**—Jeremiah 23:5–6

*The prophet Jeremiah offers hope for a righteous branch, a just king who is yet to come.*

**Anthem**

Jesus Christ the Appletree  
Elizabeth Poston  
(1905–1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit, and always green,  
The trees of nature fruitless be,  
Compared with Christ the appletree.
His beauty doth all things excel,
By faith I know, but ne’er can tell,
The glory which I now can see,
In Jesus Christ the appletree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure I have dearly bought;
I missed of all but now I see
’Tis found in Christ the appletree.

I’m wearied with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile;
Under the shadow I will be
Of Jesus Christ the appletree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the appletree.

**THIRD LESSON**—Zechariah 9:9–10

*To a nation weary of war, God will establish a king
who will establish a reign of peace.*

*CAROL 196*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

**FOURTH LESSON**—Haggai 2:6–9

*The prophet Haggai promises to God’s people a temple
even more glorious than the temple of old.*

**ANTHEM**

Am Neujahrstage, (#2 of Sechs Sprüche, op. 79) by Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

*Herr, Gott, du bist unsre Zuflucht für und für.
Ehe denn die Berge worden,
und die Erde und die Welt erschaffen worden,
bist du Gott von Ewigkeit zu Ewigkeit.
Hallelujah!

Lord, God, you are our refuge for evermore.
From before the mountains were made,
And the lands and the world were created.
You are our God from age to age,
Hallelujah!

*CAROL 216*

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming
FIFTH LESSON—Isaiah 35:1–6

*The prophet Isaiah announces the renewal both of the land and of God’s people on the coming day of redemption.*

*SACRED
text

*Carol 214
Savior of the Nations, Come


*The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to a ruler whose reign shall never end.*

*ANTHEM

Magnificat

Magnificat anima mea Dominum,
Et exsultavit spiritus meus in Deo salvatore meo.
Quia resperxit humilitatem ancillae suae.
Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes,
Quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est, et sanctum nomen eius,
Et misericordia eius in progenies et progenies timentibus eum.
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo;
Dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.
Deposuit potentes de sede et exaltavit humiles.
Esurientes implevit bonis et divites dimisit inanes.
Suscepit Israel puerum suum, recordatus misericordiae,
sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini eius in saecula.

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath shown strength with his arm;
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.


SEVENTH LESSON—Mark 1:1–15

*Jesus proclaims the coming of the kingdom of God.*
**Anthem**

Es ist ein Ros (variation 7 from op. 10)

_So singen wir all Amen,_
_das heist, nun werd es wahr,_
_Was wir begehren allsamen._
_O Jesu, hilf uns dar_
_In deines Vaters Reich,_
_Drin wollen wir dich loben._
_O Gott uns das verleih!_

So, we all sing Amen,
Which means that we jointly
Long for what will now come true.
O Jesus, help us enter into
Your Father’s Kingdom,
Where we want to praise you.
O God, grant us our wish!

**Advent Prayer (in unison)**

Merciful God,
you sent your messengers the prophets
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation.
Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity,
and may await with joy
the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Benediction*

*Closing Hymn (see hymn on opposite page)*

_Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding_  
Merton  

**Organ Postlude**

*All who are able may stand.*
You are welcome to stay for the organ postlude.
Should you need to leave, please do so quietly and respectfully.
The Choral Vespers service has concluded for the fall semester.
The service will return on Thursday, January 15, 2015.

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