



An Advent Service
of
Lessons and Carols



DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
DECEMBER 8, 2011 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

Alleluya Verbum caro factus est

Antoine Busnoys
(1430-1492)

Alleluya. Verbum caro factum est et habitavit in nobis.

Alleluia. The Word was made flesh and lived with us.

*GREETING

*CAROL 211 (*stanzas 1, 2, 6, and 7*)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

*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

Tröstet, tröstet mein Volk

Heinrich Schütz
(1585-1672)

Tröstet, tröstet mein Volk redet mit Jerusalem freundlich, prediget ihr, dass ihre Ritterschaft ein Ende hat, denn ihre Missetat ist vergeben, denn sie hat zwiefältiges empfangen von der Hand des Herren um alle ihre Sünde. Es ist eine Stimme eines Predigers in der Wüsten: Bereitet dem Herren den Weg, machet auf dem Gefilde ebene Bahn unserm Gott. Alle Tal sollen, erhöht werden, und alle Berge und Hügel sollen erniedriget werden, und was ungleich ist, soll eben werden, und was höcker ich ist, soll schlecht werden; denn die Herrlichkeit des Herren soll offenbar werden, und alles Fleisch mit einander wird sehen, dass des Herren Mund redet.

Comfort, comfort my people, speak tenderly to Jerusalem, cry to her that her period of service is completed, that her guilt has been atoned for, that she has received double from the hand of the Lord for all her sins. A voice cries in the wilderness: "Prepare a way for the Lord, make a straight highway for our God. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be leveled, every cliff become a plateau, every rugged place a plain, then the glory of the Lord will be revealed. And all humanity together will see that the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

—Isaiah 40:1-5

SECOND LESSON—Jeremiah 23:5–6

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

*CAROL 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

THIRD LESSON—Zechariah 9:9–10

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

ANTHEM

Magnificat

Arvo Pärt
(b. 1935)

Magnificat anima mea Dominum. Et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo. Quia respexit 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 memorari 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, be-

hold, 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 the 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. —Luke 1:46-55

FOURTH 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.

*CAROL 216

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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FIFTH LESSON—Haggai 2:6–9

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

*CAROL 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELLACOMBE

SIXTH LESSON—Luke 1:26–35, 38

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

ANTHEM

Ave Maria, gratia plena

Josquin Des Pres
(ca. 1440-1521)

*Ave Maria, gratia plena
Dominus tecum, Virgo serena.
Ave cujus conceptio, solemniter plena gaudio,
Coelitia, terrestria, nova replet laetitia.
Ave cujus nativitas nostra fuit solemnitas,
Ut lucifer lux oriens, verum solem praeveniens.
Ave pia humilitas, sine viro foecunditas,
Cujus annunciatio, nostra fuit salvatio.
Ave vera virginitas, immaculata castitas,
Cujus purificatio nostra fuit purgatio.
Ave praeclara omnibus angelicis virutibus,
Cujus fuit assumptio nostra glorificatio.
O Mater Dei, memento mei. Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee, fair Virgin.
Hail Thee whose conceiving, full of solemn gladness,
Fills heaven and earth with a new joy.
Hail Thee whose birth was to us a holy day,
O thou who surpasses the shining light in the East, the very sun.
Hail thy humanity, thy conception without a man,
Thou whose annunciation was our salvation.
Hail thy true virginity, thy spotless chastity,
Thou whose purification was our expiation.
Hail thee, most excellent in all angelic goodness,
Thou whose assumption was our glorification.
O Mother of God, remember me. Amen.

SEVENTH LESSON —Mark 1:1–15

Jesus proclaims the coming of the kingdom of God.

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

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

*CHORAL DISMISSAL

Busnoys

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Improvisation on TRURO

**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 12, 2012.*

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