In the third week of Advent, God’s promises of new life and healing echo through the scriptures. In Isaiah, a new age is dawning—an age where the brokenhearted are comforted, the captives are freed, and where places of destruction and ruin are transformed into places of life through the power of God. In the gospel of John, John the Baptist identifies himself as the voice in Isaiah who cries in the wilderness, “make straight the way of the Lord” with the promise that God was doing a new thing in the midst of his people.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CHORAL PRELUDE

Snow

Edward Elgar
(1857-1934)

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

arr. Edmund Hughes

Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon
(1886-1943)

Personent Hodie

arr. John Rutter
(b. 1945)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 188

Christ Is the World’s Light

CHRISTE SANCROUM

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (in unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*PEACE

(All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: prepare us now as we hear your word; give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON—Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

(OT page 650 in the pew Bible)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.
*GRADUAL HYMN 207 (repeat as necessary)  
Prepare the Way of the Lord  
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—John 1:6-8, 19-28 (NT page 86)  
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 207 (repeat as necessary)  
Prepare the Way of the Lord  
PREPARE THE WAY

RESPONSE

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: “Hear our prayer.”)

OFFERTORY  
Star Carol  
Rutter

Sing this night, for a boy is born in Bethlehem, Christ our Lord in a  
lowly manger lies; bring your gifts, come and worship at his cradle,  
hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

See his star shining bright, in the sky this Christmas Night!  
Follow me joyfully; Hurry to Bethlehem to see the son of Mary.

See, he lies in his mother’s tender keeping; Jesus Christ in her loving  
arms asleep. Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore him, offer  
their humble gifts before the son of Mary.

Let us all pay your homage at the manger, sing his praise on this joyful  
Christmas Night; Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation; hurry  
to Bethlehem to see the son of Mary.

*DOXOLOGY  
VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
Thanksgiving and Communion

This morning we give thanks for the Department of Classical Studies. We celebrate its exploration of the ancient worlds of Greece and Rome and the way these cultures continue to influence the world today. The ushers bring a copy of Aristotle’s Nicomachean Ethics to the altar.

In Durham we lift up those seeking to live a new life after being released from prison, and the people who are walking with them. Ushers bring forward a key.

*The Great Thanksgiving
(Musical setting A, found on page 17 in the hymnal.)

*The Lord’s Prayer (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)

Sharing of the Bread and Wine

All those who have become members of Christ’s body through baptism and seek to be united with God and at peace with their neighbor are invited to receive communion. Wine is used for communion. If you would prefer to receive grape juice, it is available upon request at the communion station near the main entrance of the Chapel, on the pulpit side. If you have a gluten allergy, those serving communion nearest to the Memorial Chapel will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine on request. You may also come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you would like to receive individual anointing with oil and prayers for healing, ministers will be in the Memorial Chapel during communion.

Music During Distribution

**Hymn 184 (sung by all)**
Of the Father’s Love Begotten

**Divinum mysterium**

**Communion Anthem**
El Noi de la Mare (The Son of the Mother)  
Rutter

(sung in Catalan)

Qué li darem a n’el Noi de la Mare? Qué li darem qui li sàpiga bo?  
Li darem panses en unes balances, li darem figues en un paneró.

Qué li darem al Fillet de Maria, qué li darem a l’hermós Infantó?  
Panses i figues i nous i olives, panses i figues i mel i mató.

Tampatantam, que les figues són verdes, tampatantam, que ja madurarán,  
Si no madurarán el dia de Pasqua, madurarán en el dia del Ram.

What shall we give to the Son of the Virgin? What shall we give him that he will enjoy? We shall give him a tray of raisins, we shall give him sweet figs.

What shall we give to the Son of Mary? What can we give to the beautiful child? Raisins and figs and nuts and olives, raisins and figs and honey and cheese.
Tampantam, but the figs are still green, tampantam, but they will ripen. If by Easter they still have not ripened, yet will they ripen on Palm Sunday.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING FORTH**

* **Benediction**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 202**
People, Look East

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**
Variations on **BESANÇON** (People, Look East)

**CARILLON**

*All who are able may stand.*

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**Chapel Announcements**

**Today’s Flowers**—The wreaths on both sides of the front entrance of the Chapel, the Advent Wreath, and the red poinsettias that adorn the balustrade are made possible by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Chapel Endowment, established by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Semans in loving memory of Elizabeth Gotham.

**Today’s Offering**—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. These nonprofit organizations are identified to receive funds by a panel of Congregation members, Friends of Duke Chapel, and students. The grant-making process not only benefits people in need but also seeks to introduce students to faithful stewardship and community development.

**About Today’s Guest Musicians**—Cantabile Singers is the advanced choir of the Capital City Girls Choir, a vocal and music training program for girls from Raleigh and the surrounding communities. CCGC is associated with the community outreach program of the School of Music at Meredith College. The choir has performed extensively in the United States, Europe, and Canada.

**Choral Society of Durham Christmas Concerts**—Today at 4:00 p.m. the Choral Society will sing German carols and the second half of Bach’s *Christmas Oratorio*, with orchestra and soloists. Tickets available at the University Box Office and at the door.

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**Sam Wells to become Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields in London**

The Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells, who has served as the dean of Duke Chapel since 2005, announced Thursday, December 8, 2011 that he will leave Duke early next summer to become the vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields in London. Sam will return to England to lead a prominent church that enjoys a close relationship with national leaders. Located in Trafalgar Square beside the National Gallery, the church is renowned for its high profile in the arts and engagement with poverty, often appearing in public broadcasts tied to issues of social justice. “I’ve loved being a part of Duke as we have explored together what faith means to head, heart, and hand in a diverse culture at a challenging time,” Sam said. “It has been an amazing privilege and joy to lead the ministry of the Chapel and share in the vibrant Duke and Durham communities. I shall miss it more than I can say.” Duke President, Richard Brodhead, expects to establish a search committee in January to help identify a successor to Sam. Jo Wells will continue in priestly ministry and seek a new post in London. Sam and Jo and their two children, Laurence (9) and Stephanie (8) will move to London sometime in May 2012 and live in St. Martin’s Vicarage. Sam has mentioned on more than one occasion that the decision to return to England so soon was not an easy one. Duke Chapel asks that you join in giving thanks for God’s faithfulness and guidance that brought Sam Wells to us and now brings him to St. Martin’s. As a community, we will continue to trust God for these next steps together. The official press release can be accessed online at [www.chapel.duke.edu/news.html](http://www.chapel.duke.edu/news.html).
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Adult Forum**—On Sunday December 18, Dr. Barry Jones, Associate Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Campbell University Divinity School, will lead the group in a program titled “Christmas in Bethlehem, 2011.” The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building of the Divinity School at 9:45 a.m.

**Honduras Gift Market**—Congregation youth are raising money to benefit the Cocal Gracias Project, a ministry based in Puerto Cortes, Honduras. Youth with their parents will be traveling to Honduras in July to work with this ministry in mission. The youth group will sponsor a Honduras Gift Market to raise money to help build a home for a Puerto Cortes pastor and his family. Look for the youth near the front steps of the Chapel following the Sunday services today through December 18.

**Gift Cards for IHN**—The Local Missions Committee is asking for donations of meals in the form of gift cards for the families supported by the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Consider donations of meals in the form of gift cards from Visa or MasterCard in small amounts to be used for any of the grocery stores and restaurants in the Durham area. The gift cards will be collected in the narthex following worship through December 18. Please include the value of the card donation.

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**Christmas Eve/Day Services at Duke Chapel**

**Christmas Eve 3:00 p.m.**
Christmas Eve Service for Children
*Join the children of the Congregation for this participatory worship service including drama and music in which children and storytellers announce the birth of Christ.*

**Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m.**
Service of Carols and Holy Communion
*This evening service includes Christmas carols and Holy Communion, the Durham Children’s Choir, and a sermon from Dean Sam Wells.*

**Christmas Eve 11:00 p.m.**
Service of Lessons and Carols
*Traditional Lessons and Carols service with a large community choir, scripture, and song.*
Prelude begins at 10:30.

**Christmas Day 11:00am**
Sunday morning worship service with a sermon from Bruce Puckett, pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel.

A maximum of 1650 persons will be admitted to all services, so please plan to arrive early.
Duke University Chapel

Duke Chapel is a grand building, suitable for hosting major events in the life of the University and its members; it acts as a moderator for the diversity of religious identity and expression on campus; and it is a Christian church of an unusually interdenominational character, with a tradition of stirring music, preaching, and liturgy. We welcome you to our life of worship, learning, dialogue, and service.

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For Worshipers & Visitors

† Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.
† For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.
† Hearing assist units and a Braille hymnal are available at the attendant’s desk at the entry way of the Chapel. See the Chapel attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print Bibles or hymnals for the worship service this morning.

For Families & Children

† Children 4 and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel basement, beginning at 10:50 a.m. each week. Pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship. Parents needing a place to feed, quiet, or change infants are also welcome.
† Activity Bags (for children 5 and under) and Liturgy Boxes (ages 5-8) are available at the rear of the Chapel to help children engage in worship. Please return after the service.

We invite you to consider joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel. The Congregation is an interdenominational church with a variety of vibrant ministries, including discipleship and spiritual formation (for children, youth, and adults), mission and outreach, and pastoral care. If you are interested in making Duke Chapel your home church, please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu