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Goodson Chapel, Duke Divinity School  
SERVICE OF PRAYERS AND MUSIC ON THE OCCASION OF  
THE BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF AN ICON  
Thursday, November 20, 2008, 11:25 in the morning

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*"The icon invites the viewer to be still and enter a timeless, eternal moment of encounter with the Holy. It is a moment of being hosted by the compassionate, loving, truth-bearing gaze of one whose very person lives in the presence of God's transforming, all-seeing love. To pray before such an image is to be welcomed into the profound moment of communion that is timeless and without measure of the potential for the viewer to be purified, healed, confirmed, and welcomed home."*

*--Episcopal Church Visual Arts. [www.evca.org](http://www.evca.org)*

PRELUDE Choral Prelude on Wacht auf! ruft uns die Stimme J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**\*GREETING**

Leader: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God. "who is, and was, and who is to come, the Almighty"

**People: Blessing and honor and glory and might be unto the Lamb!**

Leader: Worth is Christ who has ransomed us by his blood from every tribe and tongue and nation, and made his people a kingdom, and the priests to our God.

**People: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.**

**\*OPENING ANTHEM** Rejoice the Lord is King John Rutter (b. 1945)  
*(The Congregation is invited to sing on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> stanzas included below)*

**Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!**

**Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore:**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and Judge shall come  
and take his servants up to their eternal home:**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need. Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Hebrews 1 1-4

**ANTHEM** The King of Love My Shepherd Is Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

**SCRIPTURE READING** Exodus 35: 30-35

**PRAYER FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS \***

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven. Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 18:33-37

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## THE ORDER FOR THE BLESSING AND SANCTIFICATION OF ICONS OF CHRIST+

Priest: Fr Edward Rommen, Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, Raleigh  
(*The Priest begins by censing the icon as the choir sings.*)

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee. O Heavenly King, the Comforter the Spirit of Truth; Who art everywhere present and fillest all things: Treasure of blessings and Giver of Life; come and abide in us and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Reader: Holy God! Holy Mighty! Holy Immortal! Have mercy upon us. (3x)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, not and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O most-holy Trinity: have mercy upon us. O Lord: cleanse us from sins. O Master: pardon our transgressions. O Holy One: visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy (3x)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

## PRAYER

Reader: Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. They 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 the evil one.

Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory: now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Lord have mercy (12x) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship God, our King!

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God!

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself our King and our God!

PSALM 89 (*chanted by the reader*)

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee O God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee O God,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee O God.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Reader: Lord have mercy

Priest: O Lord God Almighty, in the fullness of time Thou didst send forth Thine Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be born of a woman. He took the form of a servant, and appeared in the likeness of human kind, the likeness of His own most-pure Image. And we, O Gracious and Almighty Master, with honor have set before Thee this Icon of Thy Beloved Son, in remembrance of the saving incarnation, and all His most-glorious miracles and bounties which He showed to the human race, when He appeared on earth. We earnestly pray: Do Thou look down with mercy upon us and upon this Icon, and for the sake of the Incarnation and appearance of Thine Only-Begotten Son, in whose memory we have fashioned this Icon, send down upon it Thy heavenly blessing and the grace of the Most-holy Spirit, and bless and sanctify, fill it

with strength and blessing, that it may act for the confirmation of the faith. For Thou art our sanctification, and unto thee do we send up glory, together with Thine Only-begotten Son, and Thy Most-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen

Priest: Peace be unto all

Reader: And to your spirit

Priest: Bow your heads to the Lord

Reader: To Thee, O Lord.

#### PRAYER

Priest: Hearken, O Lord my God, from Thy holy dwelling-place and from the throne of glory of Thy kingdom, and mercifully send down Thy holy blessing upon this Icon, and by the sprinkling of this Holy Water, bless and sanctify it. Hear the prayers of all who in faith will have turned to it, who will bow down in worship unto Thee through it; may they be every heard and well-pleasing unto Thee.

Reader: Amen.

Priest: This icon is sanctified by the grace of the Most holy Spirit, through the sprinkling of this Holy Water, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (3x)

*(The priest censes the icon)*

#### HYMN

Reader: We venerate Thy most-pure Image, O Good One, entreating forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thine Own will Thou was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and deliver thy creatures from bondage to the enemy; Therefore with thankfulness, we cry aloud to Thee: Thou has filled all things with joy, O our Savior, for Thou didst come to save the world.

Reader: Glory be to the Father ....

#### HYMN

Let the Heavens Be Glad

Reader: (as the Priest kisses the icon)

Let the heavens be glad; let earthly things rejoice; For the Lord hath wrought might with His arm. He hath trampled down death by death; the first-born of the dead hath He become. From the belly of Hades hath He delivered us and hath granted to the world great mercy.

#### DISMISSAL

Priest: May He who is risen from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate Mother, and of all His Saints, have mercy on us and save us for He is good and the lover of all.

(THE ORTHODOX LITURGY ENDS)

#### ANTHEM

*Wachet auf! ruft aus die Stimme*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*The congregation is invited to come forward to pray before the icon during the singing of the anthem*

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Christ is the icon of the invisible God; all things were created through him and for him. The Word became flesh,

People: **And dwelt among us.**

Leader: Let us pray

People: Almighty God, whose Son our Savior manifested your glory in his flesh, and sanctified the outward and visible to be a means to perceive realities unseen: Accept, we pray this representation of Christ in Glory, written by Kathryn Carrington, and grant that as we look upon it, our hearts may be drawn to things which can be seen only by the eye of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*CLOSING ANTHEM

Crown Him

David Arcus (b. 1959)

*The congregation is invited to sing stanza 1-of Crown Him With Many Crowns as found in UMH No. 327*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccatà from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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+ *From the Great Book of Needs of the Orthodox Church*

\* *From the Book of Common Prayer p.819*

\*\* *From the Episcopal Church Book of Occasional Services (1994), p.207*

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

*Presiding Minister* Rev Sally G. Bates, Duke Divinity School Chaplain

*Priest:* Fr. Edward Rommen, Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

*Reader:* Chris Capp, Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

*Server:* Carl Schreep, Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

*Organist:* Dr. David Arcus, Chapel Organist, Associate University Organist

*Conductor:* Dr Allan Friedman, Associate Conductor and Administrative Coordinator of Chapel Music

*Divinity Choir Members.*

Cindy Briggs, John Bryant, Megan Burt, Ali Carnes, Andrea Davis, Melissa Dreshfield, Emily Dueitt, David Eagle, Betzy Elfrits Warren, Loletuth Flener, Jennifer Fletcher, Ruthan Freese, Lindsay Geist, Mark Gorman, Stuart Harrell, Miranda Harrison-Quillin, Meredith Hawley, Sarah Howell, Kevin Johnson, Lyndsie Kidd,

Christa Mercer, Melissa Mills, Ryan Parker, Joe Plemmons,

Kathy Randall, Rennie Salata, Nezer Soriano, Jessie Squires, Christina Tremill,

Avery White, Kevin Walters, Stephanie Wilhoit, Michelle Workman.

*Instrumentalists:* Don Eagle, Timothy Hudson, Steve Truckenbroad, David Wulfbeck, Steve Burke.

*The icon, "Christ in Glory," is a gift to Duke Divinity School from John Wimmer (M.Div. '82) and Jan Blaising from Indianapolis, Indiana*

**ABOUT THE ARTIST:** Kathryn Carrington (b. 1944) is a professional artist whose specialty is the painting of icons, crucifixes and gilded altarpieces for churches and private collections. Represented in hundreds of corporate and private collections in Europe, the Middle East and the United States, Carrington is a painter of international renown who has exhibited extensively in the United States and abroad. Her work has been included in exhibitions of the Royal Academy of Art, the Royal Society of Painters, Sculptors and Printmakers, and the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours in London. She received a B.A. in Fine Art as well as an M.F.A. degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Carrington undertook additional studies at Epsom College of Arts and Chelsea College, England; L'Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris; and Banff School of Fine Arts, Alberta, Canada, Washington Theological Union, Shalem Institute of Spiritual Formation, Yale Divinity School, and Virginia Theological Seminary. She is married to the sacred music composer Gregory Norbet, and they live in Vermont.

**THIS WEEKEND IN GOODSON CHAPEL**

The Divinity Gospel Choir, under the direction of Paul Atlas and Sean Palmer, is presenting a service of music and praise entitled "In the Key of Worship" on Saturday evening, November 22 at 5:00 pm. Special appearance by the undergraduate gospel ensemble, United in Praise. This event is appropriate for families and will conclude with a reception in the Mary Lou Williams Center. All are invited.