

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Wednesday, December 5, 2001
York Chapel, Duke Divinity School

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We wait for the word of the Lord as we wait for the rains
And our God shall come down upon us like a gentle dew.
The hills and the mountains will be singing praise to God.
Every tree in the forest will be clapping its hands.
The Lord will come and rule forever. Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN #211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (v.1-4)

*OPENING PRAYER.

In the advent season, when the past has fled, unmasked away, and there is nothing left to do but wait, God, shelter us. Be our surrounding darkness; be the fertile soil out of which hope springs in due time. In uncertain times, help us to greet the dawn and labor on and love on in faith, awaiting your purpose hid in you, waiting to be born in due time. Amen.

(Ruth Duck, U.S.A., 20th c)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Titus 2:7-8 Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace.
Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love.
Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance,
 and to bow to one another in real forgiveness.
By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts
 and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us.
Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear,
And bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

(Cecil Kerr, Northern Ireland, 20th c)

All offer prayers of confession in silence

Leader: This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you,
that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.
If we walk in the light, as God is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
And the blood of Jesus the Son cleanses us from all sin.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! Amen.

*THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Musical Setting A, page 17)

Hymn during communion: #629 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

*CLOSING HYMN #213 *Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates*

*BENEDICTION

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Worship Leaders

<i>Preacher:</i>	<i>Rev. Bruce M. Stanley, Director, Field Education</i>
<i>Organist:</i>	<i>Dr David Arcus, Chapel and Divinity School Organist</i>
<i>Student Leaders:</i>	<i>Natascha Gillenberg, Bonn Exchange Student</i> <i>Grace Hackney, York Chapel Intern</i>

The elements for communion are bread and grape juice

COMING UP IN YORK CHAPEL: Don't miss the *Advent Service of Lessons and Carols* tomorrow, Thursday, December 6 in York Chapel. This will be last service of worship in York Chapel for this semester

Morning Prayer will continue during finals week in room 0024 from 8.30-8:50.