A Festival Choral Evensong
In Celebration of the 135th Anniversary of the
Consecration of the Memorial Chapel of the Good Shepherd

Tuesday, October 24, 2023
5:30 P.M.
The President, Deans, Faculty, Staff, Board of Trustees, Students, Alumni, and Friends of The General Theological Seminary extend a warm welcome to you on this joyous occasion: the 135th anniversary of the consecration of the Memorial Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Upon its consecration on October 23, 1888, Presiding Bishop John Williams of Connecticut placed this Chapel under the "spiritual jurisdiction" of all the Bishops of The Episcopal Church, intending it to serve as a center for worship, prayer, and formation for the whole Church.

The Chapel was designed by renowned New York City architect Charles C. Haight, the son of The Rev. Benjamin Haight (class of 1831 and organizing Rector of St. Peter's Chelsea). Haight considered the Chapel of the Good Shepherd to be the crowning achievement of his career. With its 166-foot tall tower modeled after the Chapel of Magdalen College, Oxford, and its soaring wooden ceiling inspired by Chapel of Keble College, Oxford, it was a faithful interpretation of an old-world collegiate chapel, designed and built for a Seminary of New York's Gilded Age.

Located in the spiritual and geographical heart of the Close, few places in the United States more powerfully evoke the mystery of Ordination than the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Along the central aisle, and dividing the altar from the nave, are three sets of virtues - classical, Christian, and theological - all of which are cultivated in candidates for Holy Orders through regular prayer and worship. Inscribed on the chapel walls is the ordination prayer from John Durel's 1670 Latin Translation of the 1662 Prayer Book (translated by Durel into Latin for use in collegiate chapels): "Receive the Holy Ghost for the office and work of a Priest in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the imposition of our hands…” These words are as a perpetual reminder to worshippers of the sacred ministry to which they have been called.

An initial $125,000 gift for the construction of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd was generously donated by Dean Eugene August Hoffman's mother, Mrs. Glorvina Rossell Hoffman, in memory of her recently deceased husband Samuel Verplanck Hoffman. As we mark the 135th anniversary of this Chapel's dedication, we pause to reflect on the generous spirit that made this sacred space possible. Then, as now, the Seminary relies on the support of its alumni and friends. In celebration of this significant milestone, we humbly ask for your continued generosity to uphold this treasure of The Episcopal Church, so that another century of Christian leaders might be nurtured under the loving gaze of the Good Shepherd.

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To mark the celebration of the 135th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Memorial Chapel of the Good Shepherd, a special choral setting of our evening canticles has been commissioned from composer Buck McDaniel, Artist in Residence at The General Theological Seminary. The alumni gathering throughout the week will feature additional choral offerings composed by Ray Francis Brown, Professor of Music 1935-1963, and David Hurd, Professor of Music 1976-2015.
Evensong

Organ Voluntary
_A Cloud of Witnesses_  
Buck McDaniel (b. 1994)
_Artist in Residence_

_All standing upon the entrance of the faculty_

Preces

_Officiant_

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O God, make speed to save us.
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_People_

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O Lord, make haste to help us.
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_Officiant and People_

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
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_as it was in the beginning is now,

Except in Lent, add:

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and will be for ever. A-men. Alleluia.
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Invitatory

Christ, Mighty Savior

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Director of Chapel Music (1976-1984)

Professor of Church Music (1984-2015)

Alternative tunes: Christe, Lux mundi, 33; Innisfree Farm, 34.

Words: Mozarabic, 10th cent.; tr. Alan G. McDougall; (1895-1964) rev. Anne K. LeCroy (b. 1930)

Music: Mighty Savior, David Hurd (b. 1950)
The Psalter

*Remain standing for the singing of the Psalm*

The psalm is sung antiphonally. All begin together and sing the entire first two verses. Starting with the third verse, we alternate sides by whole verse beginning with the Dean’s side.

Psalm 36, *Dixit injustus*  
Ray Francis Brown (1897-1965)  
Director of Chapel Music (1935-1963)

1. There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; *there is no fear of God before his eyes.*

2. He flatters himself in his own eyes *that his hateful sin will not be found out.*

3. The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; *he has left off acting wisely and doing good.*

4. He thinks up wickedness upon his bed and has set himself in no good way; *he does not abhor that which is evil.*

*Tune change*
5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,*
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.

7 How priceless is your love, O God!* 
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life,*
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,*
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me,*
nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

12 See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness!* 
they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.
Psalm 39 Dixi, Custodiam

David Hurd (b. 1950)
Director of Chapel Music (1976-1984)
Professor of Church Music (1984-2015)

1 I said, ‘I will keep watch up’on my'ways,*
   so that I do'not of'fend with my'tongue.

2 I will put a'muzzle on my'mouth* 
   while the'wicked are'in my'presence:’

3 So I held my tongue and'said'nothing;* 
   I refrained from rash words;
   but my'pain be'came un'bearable.

4 My heart was hot within me;
   while I pondered, the fire'burst into'flame;*
   I'spoke out'with my'tongue:

5 LORD, let me know my end and the'number of my'days,* 
   so that I may'know how'short my'life is.

6 You have given me a mere handful of days, 
   and my lifetime is as'nothing in your'sight;* 
   truly, even those who stand erect are'but a'puff of'wind.

7 We walk about like a shadow, 
   and in vain we'are in'turmoil;* 
   we heap up riches and'cannot tell'who will'gather them.

8 And now,'what is my'hope?* 
   O Lord, my'höpe'is in'you.
9 Deliver me from all my transgressions *
    and do not make me the taunt of the fool.

10 I fell silent and did not open my mouth, *
    for surely it was you that did it.

11 Take your affliction from me; *
    I am worn down by the blows of your hand.

12 With rebukes for sin you punish us;
    like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us; *
    truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.

13 Hear my prayer, O LORD,
    and give ear to my cry; *
    hold not your peace at my tears.

14 For I am but a sojourner with you, *
    a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, *
    before I go my way and am no more.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
    and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, *
    and will be forever. Amen.
Old Testament Lesson  
Sirach 6:5-17

5 Pleasant speech multiplies friends,  
and a gracious tongue multiplies courtesies.
6 Let those who are friendly with you be many,  
but let your advisers be one in a thousand.
7 When you gain friends, gain them through testing,  
and do not trust them hastily.
8 For there are friends who are such when it suits them,  
but they will not stand by you in time of trouble.
9 And there are friends who change into enemies,  
and tell of the quarrel to your disgrace.
10 And there are friends who sit at your table,  
but they will not stand by you in time of trouble.
11 When you are prosperous, they become your second self,  
and lord it over your servants;
12 but if you are brought low, they turn against you,  
and hide themselves from you.
13 Keep away from your enemies,  
and be on guard with your friends.
14 Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter:  
whoever finds one has found a treasure.
15 Faithful friends are beyond price;  
no amount can balance their worth.
16 Faithful friends are life-saving medicine;  
and those who fear the Lord will find them.
17 Those who fear the Lord direct their friendship aright,  
for as they are, so are their neighbors also.
Magnificat Sung by Choir

Luke 1:46-55

All stand
This setting was commissioned and composed for this service.

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 showed 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 for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * 
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 11:25-30

25 At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28 “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”
All stand

This setting was commissioned and composed for this service.

Nunc dimitis Sung by Choir

from First Service: Seminarii Theologici Generalis

Buck McDaniel (b.1994)

Artist in Residence

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
   according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
   which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
   and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
   as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

The Apostles’ Creed

Continuing to stand, all turn to the liturgical East (towards the altar) for the Creed.

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
   who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
   suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
   The third day he rose again from the dead.
   He ascended into heaven,
   and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
   From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen
The Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, 
hallowed be thy Name, 
thy kingdom come, 
thy 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 evil. 
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, 
for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

(This response is sung after each of the following petitions)

That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill, 
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses, 
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world, 
We entreat thee, O Lord.
That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of [—— and] all thy saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

Collects

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, by whose grace all people everywhere are called to prayer, we remember with gratitude the Memorial Chapel of the Good Shepherd and its place within the life of the General Theological Seminary in the City of New York and we give thanks for the one hundred thirty-five years in which countless thousands have hallowed its walls by their intercession and prayer. Let our commemoration be an act of rededication so that the Chapel may continue to shape and deepen seminary life and serve as a witness to the presence of your kingdom in our midst; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, world without end. Amen.
Office Hymn

During the Office Hymn at Evensong the President is verged to the pulpit.

Hymn 521

Chelsea Square

Ray Francis Brown (1897-1965)
Director of Chapel Music (1935-1963)
**Commemoration of Benefactors**

*The annual Commemoration of Benefactors has been observed since the Eve of All Saints 1890, with a Bidding Prayer.*

**President:**

Members and friends of this Seminary, I bid your prayers for the Church, the Body of Christ, and particularly for that household within it planted by God in this land, which we are bound to serve.

Pray for those to whom in God’s name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home and that, through obedience to God’s law, we may bring unity and co-operation among the nations of the earth.

Pray for all Christian people that they may live in true faith and fear of God, and in love one toward another.

Pray for all colleges, seminaries and schools (and especially for this Seminary) that God may bless all who teach and all who learn.

Pray for the ministers of God’s Holy Word and Sacraments, for bishops, priests and deacons (and especially for those who have gone forth from this Seminary) that by their life and doctrine they may show forth God’s glory and set forward the salvation of humankind.

Pray for those of the clergy and laity who serve this Seminary as its trustees, its teachers, its staff and administrators, and for the many whose hands are open for its support.

Let us praise God for the bold and holy lives through which God has enlarged and lightened all human life and hallowed His Church. Let us praise God for all who have departed this life in the faith of Christ; and especially for these, numbered among our founders:

- Theodore Dehon,
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- William White, bishops.
- Clement Clarke Moore,
- Jacob Sherred,
- John Pintard, devoted laymen of this city.
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Let us praise God for all who have given of their means and life and love to this Seminary and who have cared that it be worthy of its mission.

*President:* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,
*Assembly:* and let light perpetual shine upon them.

*President:* Finally, let us pray for grace to be good stewards of what others have given to us, that in time to come others may be glad that we have lived and believed.
*Assembly:* Amen

*At the conclusion of the prayers, the President is verged back to their stall.*

**Dismissal**

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord
*Assembly:* Thanks be to God

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