

THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
— OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH —

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*

O God, make speed to save us.

*People*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir- it:

as it was in the be-gin - ning is now,

*Except in Lent, add:*

and will be for ev-er. A-men. Al-le-lu - ia.

# Invitatory

## *Christ, Mighty Savior*

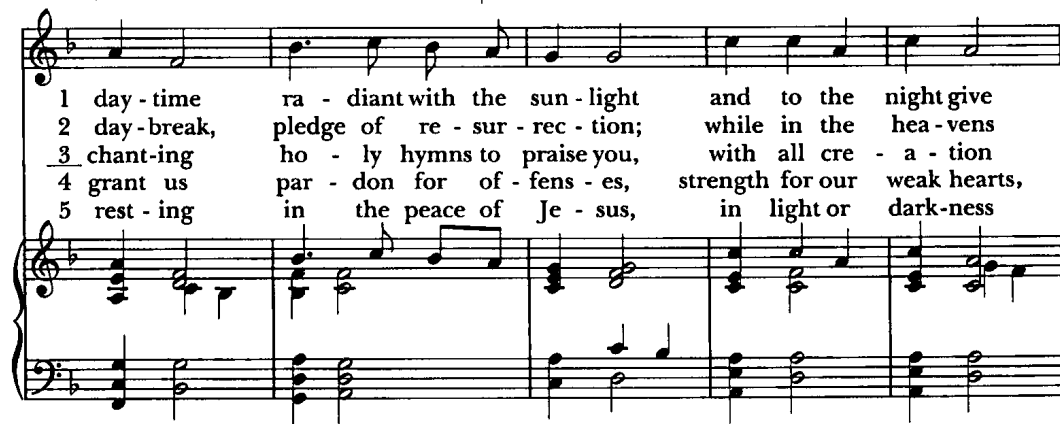
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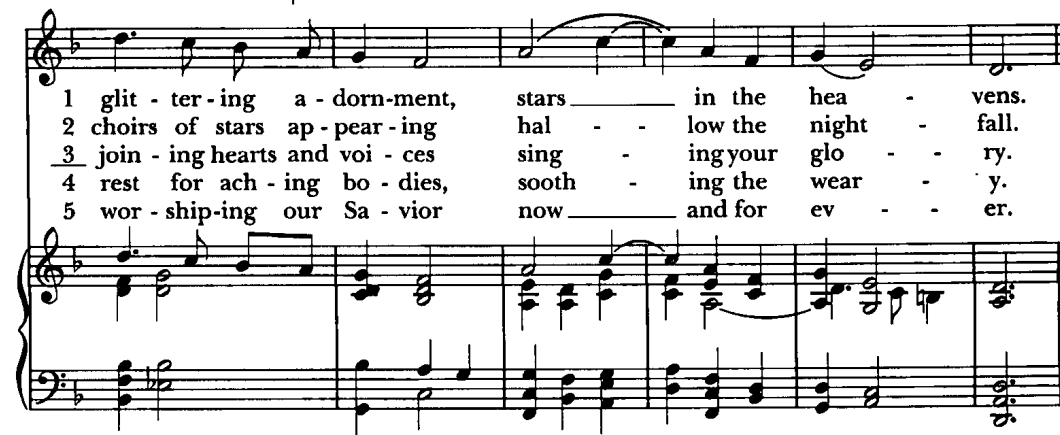
*Professor of Church Music (1984-2015)*



1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the  
2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set-ting: mir - ror of  
3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly  
4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may  
5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er



1 day - time ra - diant with the sun - light and to the night give  
2 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens  
3 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion  
4 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,  
5 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



1 glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars \_\_\_\_\_ in the hea - vens.  
2 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - - low the night - - fall.  
3 join - ing hearts and voi - ces sing - ing your glo - - ry.  
4 rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - - y.  
5 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now \_\_\_\_\_ and for ev - - er.

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)

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# 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 <sup>heart</sup> of the <sup>wicked</sup>; \*  
there is no fear of <sup>God</sup> be<sup>fore</sup> his <sup>eyes</sup>.
- 2 He flatters himself in his <sup>own</sup> <sup>eyes</sup> \*  
that his hateful <sup>sin</sup> will <sup>not</sup> be found <sup>out</sup>.
- 3 The words of his mouth are <sup>wicked</sup> and <sup>de</sup> <sup>ceitful</sup>; \*  
he has left off acting <sup>wisely</sup> and <sup>doing</sup> <sup>good</sup>.
- 4 He thinks up wickedness upon his bed  
and has set himself in <sup>no</sup> <sup>good</sup> <sup>way</sup>; \*  
he does not ab<sup>hor</sup> <sup>that</sup> which is <sup>evil</sup>.

*Tune change*



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



- 5 Your love, O LORD, <sup>reaches</sup> to the <sup>heavens</sup>, \*  
and your <sup>faithfulness</sup> to the <sup>clouds</sup>.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the <sup>great</sup> <sup>deep</sup>; \*  
you save both <sup>man</sup> and <sup>beast</sup>, O LORD.
- 7 How priceless is your <sup>love</sup>, O <sup>God</sup>! \*  
your people take refuge under the <sup>shadow</sup> of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the <sup>abundance</sup> of your <sup>house</sup>; \*  
you give them drink from the <sup>river</sup> of your <sup>delights</sup>.
- 9 For with you is the <sup>well</sup> of <sup>life</sup>, \*  
and in your <sup>light</sup> we see <sup>light</sup>.
- 10 Continue your <sup>loving-kindness</sup> to <sup>those</sup> who <sup>know</sup> you, \*  
and your favor to <sup>those</sup> who are <sup>true</sup> of <sup>heart</sup>.
- 11 Let not the foot of the <sup>proud</sup> come <sup>near</sup> me, \*  
nor the hand of the <sup>wicked</sup> <sup>push</sup> me <sup>aside</sup>.
- 12 See how they are fallen, <sup>those</sup> who work <sup>wickedness</sup>! \*  
they are cast down and shall <sup>not</sup> be <sup>able</sup> to <sup>rise</sup>.



- 1 I said, "I will keep watch up<sup>1</sup>on my<sup>1</sup>ways, \*  
so that I do<sup>1</sup>not of<sup>1</sup>fend with my<sup>1</sup>tongue.
- 2 I will put a<sup>1</sup>muzzle on my<sup>1</sup>mouth \*  
while the<sup>1</sup>wicked are<sup>1</sup>in my<sup>1</sup>presence."
- 3 So I held my tongue and<sup>1</sup>säid<sup>1</sup>nothing; \*  
I refrained from rash words;  
but my<sup>1</sup>pain be<sup>1</sup>came un<sup>1</sup>bearable.
- 4 My heart was hot within me;  
while I pondered, the fire<sup>1</sup>burst into<sup>1</sup>flame; \*  
I<sup>1</sup>spoke out<sup>1</sup>with my<sup>1</sup>tongue:
- 5 LORD, let me know my end and the<sup>1</sup>number of my<sup>1</sup>days, \*  
so that I may<sup>1</sup>know how<sup>1</sup>short my<sup>1</sup>life is.
- 6 You have given me a mere handful of days,  
and my lifetime is as<sup>1</sup>nothing in your<sup>1</sup>sight; \*  
truly, even those who stand erect are<sup>1</sup>but a<sup>1</sup>puff of<sup>1</sup>wind.
- 7 We walk about like a shadow,  
and in vain we<sup>1</sup>are in<sup>1</sup>turmoil; \*  
we heap up riches and<sup>1</sup>cannot tell<sup>1</sup>who will<sup>1</sup>gather them.
- 8 And now,<sup>1</sup>what is my<sup>1</sup>hope? \*  
O Lord, my<sup>1</sup>höpe<sup>1</sup>is in<sup>1</sup>you.



- 9 Deliver me from <sup>1</sup>all <sup>1</sup>my <sup>1</sup>trans<sup>1</sup>gressions \*  
and do not <sup>1</sup>make me the <sup>1</sup>taunt of the <sup>1</sup>fool.
- 10 I fell silent and did not <sup>1</sup>open my <sup>1</sup>mouth, \*  
for <sup>1</sup>surely it was <sup>1</sup>you that <sup>1</sup>did it.
- 11 Take your af<sup>1</sup>liction from <sup>1</sup>me; \*  
I am worn down by the <sup>1</sup>blöws <sup>1</sup>of your <sup>1</sup>hand.
- 12 With rebukes for sin you punish us;  
like a moth you eat away <sup>1</sup>all that is <sup>1</sup>dear to us; \*  
truly, everyone is <sup>1</sup>but a <sup>1</sup>puff of <sup>1</sup>wind.
- 13 Hear my prayer, O LORD,  
and give <sup>1</sup>ear to my <sup>1</sup>cry; \*  
hold not your <sup>1</sup>peäce <sup>1</sup>at my <sup>1</sup>tears.
- 14 For I am but a <sup>1</sup>sojourner with <sup>1</sup>you, \*  
a wayfarer, as <sup>1</sup>all my <sup>1</sup>forebears <sup>1</sup>were.
- †15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be <sup>1</sup>glad a <sup>1</sup>gain, \*  
before I go my <sup>1</sup>way and <sup>1</sup>am no <sup>1</sup>more.

Glory to the Father, and <sup>1</sup>to the <sup>1</sup>Son, \*  
and <sup>1</sup>to the <sup>1</sup>Holy <sup>1</sup>Spirit:

As it was in the be<sup>1</sup>ginning, is <sup>1</sup>now, \*  
and <sup>1</sup>will be for <sup>1</sup>ever. A <sup>1</sup>men.





*All are seated when the Officiant sits for the lesson.*

## Old Testament Lesson

Sirach 6:5-17

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



*All stand*

*This setting was commissioned and composed for this service.*

**Magnificat** *Sung by Choir*

*from First Service: Seminarii Theologici Generalis*

Buck McDaniel (b. 1994)

*Artist in Residence*

*Luke 1:46-55*

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.

*All are seated when the Officiant sits for the lesson.*

**New Testament Lesson**

Matthew 11:25-30

<sup>25</sup> 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; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> 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.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”





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)*

*Descant*

4 O Judge di - vine of hu - man strife! O

1 Put forth, O God, thy Spi - rit's might and  
 2 Let works of dark - ness dis - ap - pear be -  
 3 Let what a - pos - tles learned of thee be  
 4 O Judge di - vine of hu - man strife! O

Van - quish - er of pain! To know thee is e -

bid thy Church in - crease, in breadth and length, in  
 fore thy con - quering light; let ha - tred and tor -  
 ours from age to age; their stead - fast faith our  
 Van - quish - er of pain! To know thee is e -

ter - nal life, to serve thee, to reign.

depth and height, her u - ni - ty and peace.  
 ment - ing fear pass with the pass - ing night.  
 u - ni - ty, their peace our her - it - age.  
 ter - nal life, to serve thee is to reign.

# 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,  
John Henry Hobart,  
William White,  
bishops.  
Clement Clarke Moore,  
Jacob Sherred,  
John Pintard,  
devoted laymen of this city.

Let us praise God for all who have built and maintained this Seminary that its doors might be open to us, in our time; and especially these whose names are recorded among us:

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all lay persons who believed in this Seminary and what it stands for.

Pray for:

Paul Matthews, bishop;  
William Ernest Eigenbrodt,  
Charles Lewis Gomph,  
John Scambler,  
William Copley Winslow,  
Charles Frederick Hoffman,  
James Boyd Davis,



Richard A. Norris, Jr.  
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priests;

and

Eugene Augustus Hoffman, priest and dean, our most munificent benefactor.

Let us praise God for the first professors in the Seminary:

Samuel Farmar Jarvis and Samuel Hulbeart Turner,  
the two priests who composed our beginning faculty;  
Bird Wilson, priest;

Thomas Church Brownell and Benjamin Tredwell Onderdonk, bishops;  
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Let us praise God for the long succession of professors and deans whose teaching has given  
substance to the ministry of many of our clergy even to this day:

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Reginald Rowan Belknap, Frank Strup, Allen McGowan, Harry Fuller, and Donald F. Bush,  
registrars and bursars.

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Euphemia Johnson,  
Emma Carrington Mayo,  
Mary Rhineland King,  
Samuel De Witt Styles,  
and  
Harry Boone Porter, Jr., *post mortem*, and  
The Procter Fund of the Diocese of Southern Ohio in honor of Herbert Thompson, Jr.

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*

## Organ Voluntary



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