In this morning's gospel lesson from Mark, Jesus tells his followers to take up their crosses and to follow him. In this act of obedience, they will be freed to live in Christ. This lesson in Genesis recounts God’s promise to Abram and Sarai that they will be ancestors of a great nation, despite their advanced age and Sarai’s barrenness. God plants seeds of new life and ripe promise in otherwise dessicated places. Our obedience opens us to losing the life we make for ourselves, and finding ourselves instead in the story of God.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation. The Chapel welcomes families with children. If at any time during the service your child needs a place for active play, please know there is a nursery in the Chapel basement.

GATHERING

CARILLON

PRELUDE

An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653  
(By the Waters of Babylon)  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

CHORAL INTROIT

Oculi omnium  
Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)

Oculi omnium in te sperant, Domine, et tu das escam illorum in tempore opportuno. Apperis tu manum tuam et imples omne animal benedictione.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, Lord, and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and fillest every living thing with thy blessing.  

—Psalm 145:15–16

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING PROCESSION: HYMN 116

The God of Abraham Praise

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

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*PEACE

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

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Almighty God, in the hearing of your word and by the prayer and discipline of Lent, may we enter into the mystery of Christ’s sufferings and, by following in his way, come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16  
(OT pages 12–13 in the pew Bible)  
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 399 (stanzas 1)  
Take My Life, and Let It Be  
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Mark 8:31–38 (NT page 41)  
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 399 (stanzas 2–3)  
Take My Life, and Let It Be

SERMON—Choose the Cross

RESPONSE

COMMISSIONING OF SPRING BREAK MISSION TEAMS

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 ANTHEM  
Magnificat (Collegium Regale)  
Herbert Howells  
(1892–1983)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaid. 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 shown 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 be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  

*DOXOLOGY  
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.
A child and youth member of the Congregation at Duke University Chapel bring forward offerings collected in the children and youth Sunday School classes.

**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

*The Great Thanksgiving*
(Musical Setting D, found on page 23 in the hymnal)

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

Sharing of the Bread and Wine

All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and 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, there is a server near the Memorial Chapel who will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine. If you will not receive communion, you are welcome to 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 517 (sung by all)**
By Gracious Powers

**INTERCESSOR**

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**
Agnus Dei
Thomas Morley
(1557–1602)

*Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nostri.*
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

**HYMN 612 (choir only)**
Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

**SCHMÜCKE DICH**

*Prayer After Communion*

**SENDING FORTH**

*Benediction*

*CLOSING PROCESSION: HYMN 415*
Take Up Thy Cross

**GERMANY**

*Choral Blessing*
God Be in My Head
John Rutter
(b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding, God be in mine eyes and in my looking, God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking, God be at my end and in my departing.
**POSTLUDE**

Fugue in D Major, Op. 59, No. 6

Max Reger

(1873–1916)

**CARILLON**

*All who are able may stand.*

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**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK**

*This morning we give thanks for the Department of Sociology. We celebrate its goals to increase understanding of social change and social differences, to foster tolerance, and to allow for individual and collective responses that support equity and human development.*

*In Durham, we give thanks for those with mental disabilities and those with physical disabilities, and all who accompany them along their way.*

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**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

- **Presiding Ministers**
  - The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery
  - Dr. Adam Hollowell
- **Preacher**
  - Ms. Maryann Verghese
  - *Trinity ’15; PathWays Chapel Scholar; Presbyterian Campus Ministry*
- **Lectors**
  - Mr. Graeme Peterson
  - *Trinity ’17; PathWays Chapel Scholar, Presbyterian Campus Ministry*
  - Ms. Rachael Clark
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- **Choir Director**
  - Dr. Rodney Wynkoop
- **Organists**
  - Dr. Robert Parkins
  - Mr. Christopher Jacobson
- **Ministers of Anointing**
  - The Rev. Meghan Benson
  - Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp
  - Dr. Adam Hollowell
- **Head Ushers**
  - Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong
- **Carillonneur**
  - Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

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**THIS WEEK AT DUKE CHAPEL**

**COMMUNION AND HEALING** - Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel

**MID-WEEK PRAYER** - Wednesday at noon in the Memorial Chapel

**CHORAL VESPERS** - Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the Chancel
**About Today’s Student Preacher**

Duke Chapel is pleased to welcome Maryann Verghese as its student preacher for 2015. Maryann is a senior from Rancho Santa Margarita, CA, majoring in Psychology with a Certificate in Political Science, Philosophy, and Economics. Maryann is a Pathways Chapel Scholar, who is active in the Presbyterian Campus Ministry, and regularly participates in worship at the Chapel. She also is a member of Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity, and plays on the Duke women’s club water polo team. Currently, Maryann is discerning her call to ministry and the law. She is exceedingly thankful for the support of her friends and family.

**Organ Recital Today**

Today at 5:00 p.m., organist Marie Rubis Bauer will present a recital on the Brombaugh and Flentrop organs in Duke Chapel. Her program will feature works by Sweelinck, Frescobaldi, Böhm, Distler, Pärt, and others. The recital is free and all are welcome.

**Chapel Announcements**

**Today’s Greenery**—Throughout the season of Lent, the Chapel greenery is provided by contributors to the Nancy Hanks Fund.

**Today’s Offering**—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support the Chapel’s PathWays program, which offers students opportunities to discern God’s call for their lives through study, counsel, service, and community.

**Student Preacher Coffee Hour**—Following the worship service today, university students are invited to join the student preacher for a moment of celebration with an array of bagels and pastries. Please join fellow students in the Chapel basement lounge for this time of fellowship.

**Sermons Available**—Copies of today’s sermon are available in the communication stands at either side of the narthex, just inside the front doors of the Chapel. A downloadable PDF, podcast, and webcast of sermons each week are available on the Chapel’s website, www.chapel.duke.edu.

**Duke Chapel Event Email List**—If you would like to receive emails about upcoming events sponsored by Duke Chapel, such as concerts, dialogues, special worship services, and more, please visit www.chapel.duke.edu/contact and sign up via the link in the left-hand box.

**Broadcasts**—Thanks to the Friends of Duke Chapel, the Sunday service is broadcast live every week over AM 620 WDNC and is rebroadcast a week later on AM 680 WPTF 10:00 a.m. The service is also available on the web via streaming video at www.chapel.duke.edu. The service is broadcast live on patient TV channel 12 in Duke Hospital.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

Christian Education—All Sunday morning classes meet in the lowest level of Duke Divinity School from 9:45–10:45 a.m. New participants are welcome at any time. Classes include:

- **Wee Praise** for infants through children age 3 with parents or caregivers in 0014 Westbrook
- **Godly Play** for 4-year olds through 5th graders in 0050 Langford
- **Youth Sunday School** for youth in 6th–12th grades in 0013 Westbrook
- **Adult Bible Study** focused on the theme of worship in 0011 Westbrook
- **Adult Forum**: Next Sunday, the Rev. George Reed, Executive Director North Carolina Council of Churches will speak on “Prophetic People of Faith and the 2015 General Assembly” in 0012 Westbrook.

Back Pew Collection—Durham Crisis Response Center, which provides emergency shelter to women and children in a supportive environment, currently needs pillows, twin sheets, bath towels, face towels, cleaning supplies, laundry soap, and dish soap. If you would like to donate new or gently used items, please bring them to the back pew on Sunday, March 8 or 15. Checks may be made out to the Congregation at Duke Chapel with DCRC in the memo line. Please contact Ed and Audrey Harlow at 919-533-6182 or ejajharlow@aol.com if you have questions.

Lenten Lunch—Please plan to stay after worship Sunday, March 15, for a simple Lenten lunch of soup, bread, cheese and fruit. All are welcome to a time of fellowship. If you are willing to provide a pot of soup, please reply to congregation@duke.edu or call 919-684-3917.

Saturday Service Project—On Saturday, March 21, volunteers are needed to paint and refresh a room at Durham Crisis Response Center shelter from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon. We also need volunteers to donate paint, brushes, and rollers and to lend paint trays and roller handles. If you would like to volunteer and/or are able to provide supplies, please contact Brad Troxell at brad.troxell@duke.edu. Volunteers will meet at the Pathways House, 713 Kent St., at 9:00 a.m. to carpool to the shelter.

Playgroup—Young children and their parents/caregivers are invited for a time of fellowship on Saturday, March 7, at 10:30 a.m. at Greensboro Children’s Museum, 220 North Street in Greensboro, NC. The cost is $8 per person; children under 1 year are free. For the purposes of planning, please inform Anna Shea at annacollins2@hotmail.com if you will attend.

Fellowship Dinners—Young Adults will meet at Mad Hatters Bakeshop, 1802 W. Main, Durham, at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6. The Friday Dinner Fellowship, all ages, will meet at The Little Dipper, 905 West Main St., Durham, on Friday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. These fellowship events are open to all who would like to attend.
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 WORSHIPPERS & 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 assistance 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 are available at the rear of the Chapel for children 5 or younger. Please return the bags at the end of the service. Children’s bulletins are available from the ushers.

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 would like to receive the weekly eNews from the Congregation or have any questions, please email congregation@duke.edu or call 919-684-3917.

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