In today’s Gospel passage, Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking outrage from the religious authorities. The Pharisees interrogate the man who was miraculously healed, but disbelieve his testimony and drive him away. In compassion, Jesus seeks out the man again and invites him to place his faith in him. The psalmist writes of God’s loving desire to restore us fully and the apostle Paul calls us to reject darkness and walk only in the light of Christ.
The congregation is invited to reflect silently 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**

Rhapsody in D-flat major, Op. 17, No. 1

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Eternal Light

Leo Sowerby (1895–1968)

Eternal light, shine into our hearts,
Eternal goodness, deliver us from evil,
Eternal power, be our support,
Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
Eternal pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

—Alcuin (735-804)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 265 (found in the hymnals located in the pew racks)**

O Christ, the Healer

ERHALT UNS HERR

**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)**

God of our salvation, open our hearts to love you more deeply and send your Holy Spirit now to illuminate your holy word, that we may be strengthened for your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Psalm 23 (read in Arabic)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM
I Shall See Michael John Trotta (b. 1978)

Teach me your way; lead me in a straight path.
One thing I seek; I seek to dwell in your house.
Your face I seek; hide not from me.
You are my light. Whom should I fear?
In times of trouble, he shall hide me.
I will not fear. He is my strength.
I believe I shall see all of your good in the land of the living.
Wait upon him, and he will strengthen you.
Wait for him; he is your strength.
I will not fear. He is my strength.

—Psalm 27

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Ephesians 5:8–14 (NT page 183)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 451 (Stanza 1)
Be Thou My Vision
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)
*Gospel Lesson—John 9:1–16 (NT page 96–7)
  Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
  People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 451 (Stanzas 2–3)
  Be Thou My Vision

Sermon—The Cross and the Unexpected Revelation

Response

*The Apostles’ Creed

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended
into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended
into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection
of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Let us pray.

The minister begins the prayers with a time of silence.

Prayers of the People
(The congregation responds to each petition: “Hear our prayer.”)

Offertory Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
American Folk Hymn
arr. Mack Wilberg
(b. 1955)

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways,
And leads me, for his mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay.
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

—Psalm 23 (paraphrase by Isaac Watts)
*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.

SENDING FORTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE LORD’S PRAYER
(All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.)

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN 581
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

*CHORAL BLESSING
God Be in My Head

POSTLUDE
Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 545

CARILLON

*All who are able may stand.

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Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp
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The Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb
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Choral Director
Dr. Rodney Wynkoop
Organists
Dr. Robert Parkins
Mr. Christopher Jacobson
Memorial Chapel Communion
The Rev. Bruce Puckett
Head Ushers
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong
Carillonneur
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond
TODAY’S FLOWERS—The Lenten greenery for the worship service today is given to the glory of God by the Nancy Hanks Fund.

TODAY’S OFFERING—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area.

TODAY’S GUEST PREACHER—Today we are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb as a Clevus F. and Lilla Hawkins Boyles Guest Preacher. Dr. Raheb is the President of Bright Stars of Bethlehem, a non-profit organization supporting people in Palestine through initiatives spearheaded by the Diyar, a consortium of Lutheran institutions he founded in 1995. Dr. Raheb is also the President of Dar al-Kalima University College and serves as the Pastor of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, the city where he was born and raised. Dr. Raheb is the most widely published Palestinian theologian to date. He has authored 16 books including *I am a Palestinian Christian*.

DISCUSSION OF FAITH AND LEARNING—The Chapel will host a “Bridge Panel” public conversation at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, on “The Role of Faith at a Research University.” Chapel Dean Luke Powery will join two other deans and one incoming dean, to address various ways faith contributes to the life and purposes of a research university, inside and outside the classroom.

CELEBRATION OF PREACHING—The Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III is the featured preacher at the Chapel’s Celebration of Preaching day on Thursday, March 30, which begins at 12:30 p.m. The day also includes a discussion of the Duke Chapel preaching tradition with Bishop William Willimon and Divinity School Professor William Turner. See the full schedule at chapel.duke.edu/preach.

ORGAN RECITAL—Dr. Robert Parkins, the university organist and a professor of the practice of music at Duke, gives a recital at the Chapel next Sunday, April 2 at 5:00 p.m. The concert will feature “German Organ Music of Four Centuries,” including works by Buxtehude, Bach, and Brahms on the Flentrop organ, as well as transcriptions of music by Richard Strauss on the Aeolian.

GREEN AND FAIR CHAPEL DAY—The Chapel has launched a new creation-care-based committee called the Green and Fair Chapel, seeking to promote theologically-based environmental and ethical initiatives. Details of the inaugural Green and Fair Chapel Day are below, and at chapel.duke.edu/green.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Christian Education Classes**—Classes for all are offered every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. and will conclude in time for worship. All classes are held in the lowest level of the Westbrook (WB) building with refreshments and fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m. Classes are:

- **Wee Praise**: For ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB.
- **Godly Play**: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford.
- **Youth Sunday School**: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 WB.
- **Adult Forum**: On April 2, Denise Noble, the Congregation’s Divinity School intern, will present “A Faith Response to Domestic Violence and Abuse” in 0012 WB.

**Fellowship Lunch Next Sunday**—All are invited to share food and fellowship at West Union after worship service on Sunday, April 2. Tables on the main level will be marked with Congregation signs. Food may be purchased from a variety of West Union vendors. Between 40 and 50 people have been gathering for this monthly brunch fellowship time. There is room for more!

**Young Adult Dinner**—University students, young adults, and their families are invited to deepen their connections to God and neighbor at the First Friday Dinner on April 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Thai Café, 2501 University Dr., in Durham. Please contact Andrew Phillips at andrew.phillips@duke.edu for more information, or simply come and look for the Congregation sign.

**CROP Walk**—The annual CROP Walk, which starts from in front of Duke Chapel, raises money to fight hunger both locally and globally. The walk will be Sunday, April 2, with registration at 1:30 p.m. and step-off at 2:30 p.m. Please stop by the table in the narthex after worship for more information.

**Relay for Life**—All are invited to join the Congregation’s Relay for Life team which will participate in Duke’s Relay on Friday, April 7. Relay for Life raises money for the American Cancer Society and provides an opportunity to recognize cancer survivors as well as to remember those who have died from the disease. For more information, please contact the Congregation office at 919-684-3917.

**Easter Egg Hunt**—All children and their families are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday morning, April 8. Please contact the Children’s Pastor, Phyllis Snyder, at phyllis.snyder@duke.edu for detailed information.

**Second Wednesday Lunch**—The “Get to Know you Better” lunch group will meet at the Bleu Olive, located at 1821 Hillandale Rd. in Durham, on Wednesday, April 12, at 12 noon. Please contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917 by Monday, April 10, if you plan to attend. Members of the group will purchase their own lunch. Please join this fun, informal group to enjoy food and fellowship.
Next Week in Worship at Duke Chapel

Preacher—Our preacher will be Ms. Katie Becker, the Chapel’s Student Preacher 2017.

Offering—Next week’s offering will go to the Chapel’s PathWays fund.