In this morning’s Gospel reading, Jesus teaches the parable of the talents. A master entrusts three of his servants with different amounts of money before going on a journey. Upon his return, the servants give account for how they have managed what was entrusted to them. Those who invested wisely are rewarded, but the servant who hid his talent out of fear and dislike of the master is punished. Jesus invites us to use wisely and for the Kingdom what has been entrusted to us, while ensuring we have a true understanding of God’s goodness and character.
The congregation is invited to reflect silently during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

**GATHERING**

**CARILLON**

**CHORAL PRELUDE**

*Et Exultavit* from *Magnificat*  
Antonio Vivaldi  
(1678–1741)

Et exultavit spiritus meus: in Deo salutari meo.  
Quia respetit humilitatem ancillae sua:  
ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.  
Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: et sanctum nomen eius.

And my spirit hath rejoiced: in God my Saviour.  
Because He regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden:  
for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
Because He that is mighty hath done great things to me:  
and holy is His name.

*Will There Really Be a Morning?*  
Craig Hella Johnson  
(b. 1962)

Will there really be a morning? Is there such a thing as “Day”?  
Could I see it from the mountains If I were as tall as they?  
Morning Has it feet like Water lilies? Has it feathers like a Bird?  
Is it brought from famous countries Of which I have never heard?  
Oh some Scholar! Oh some Sailor! Oh some Wise Men from the skies!  
Please to tell a little Pilgrim Where the place called “Morning” lies!

—Emily Dickinson

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*  
John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

—Numbers 6:24–26

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
*ProcesSionAl hYMN 441 (found in the hymnals located in the pew racks)
  What Does the Lord Require  
  SharpThorne

*Prayer of confession and words of assurance (In unison)
  Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. 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 peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: send your Spirit now to illuminate your holy word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

New Testament Lesson—1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 (NT page 193)
  Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
  People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual hYMN 582 (Stanzas 1–2)
  Whom Shall I Send?  
  (All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*Gospel Lesson—Matthew 25:14–30 (NT page 27)
  Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
  People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual hYMN 582 (Stanzas 3–4)
  Whom Shall I Send?  
  (All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

Sermon—Lightsgiving

Response

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**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

David Ashley White  
(b. 1944)

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone;  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Zion’s help forever,  
And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,  
Dearly loved of God on high,  
In exultant jubilation  
Pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring  
In glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today!  
With thy wonted lovingkindness  
Hear thy servants as they pray,  
And thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls alway.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
What they ask of thee to gain;  
What they gain from thee forever  
With the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in thy glory  
Evermore with thee to reign.

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**Doxology**

*Lasst uns erfreuen*  

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  

**Thanksgiving and Holy Communion**

*The Great Thanksgiving*

(Musical setting A, found on page 17 in the hymnal)

*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.)

**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.

**Music During Distribution**

**Hymn 399 (sung by all)**

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Messiah
COMMUNION ANTHEM
Keep Your Lamps
Traditional Spiritual
arr. André Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children, don’t get weary ‘til your work is done. Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

SENDING FORTH

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN 433
All Who Love and Serve Your City

*CHORAL BLESSING
God Be in My Head

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.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
Final, from Symphony 6, Op. 59

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**CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY’S FLOWERS**—Flowers for today’s worship service are given to the glory of God by the Nancy Hanks Fund.

**TODAY’S OFFERING**—All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be given to the Chapel’s Development Fund for Mission and Ministry.

**TODAY’S GUEST CHOIR**—Raleigh Boychoir is a nonprofit organization that educates and trains boys in the art of singing. Their participants learn and perform some of the world’s most diverse choral music. The choristers, conductors, and musicians of Raleigh Boychoir celebrate their 50th Anniversary Season this year. They will present *Carols of Christmas* in Raleigh on December 22. For more information on attending one of their concerts, joining Raleigh Boychoir, or contributing to Raleigh Boychoir, visit them at www.raleighboychoir.org.

**MESSIAH SING-ALONG TODAY**—The *Messiah* Sing-Along returns this year at 5:15 p.m. today. This community singing opportunity will feature organ accompaniment, conducting by Director of Chapel Music Dr. Rodney Wynkoop, and choral and solo highlights from Handel’s masterwork. Musical scores will be available or bring your own copy. No tickets required. All are welcome!

**MESSIAH TICKETS ON SALE**—Tickets are on sale for the 85th year of performances at Duke Chapel of Handel’s masterwork, Messiah. Performances are being held Friday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 2, at 2:00 p.m.; and Sunday, December 3, at 3:00 p.m. To purchase tickets, contact the Duke Box Office at tickets.duke.edu or 919-684-4444. Also, a special pre-concert luncheon with limited seating will be held at the Washington Duke Inn on December 3. RSVP by Tuesday by calling the Duke Box Office or registering online at events.duke.edu/messiahfriends.

**BACH CANTATA SERIES**—The next performance in the Bach Cantata Series is Sunday, November 26, at 5:15 p.m. This concert includes Bach’s rarely heard *Missa* in F major, BWV 233, and Cantata 187, with period instrument orchestra and professional soloists. No tickets required.

**FAIR TRADE**—On December 8, Duke Chapel will be designated a Fair Trade Congregation, the first in the state of North Carolina, by the national trade justice organization Fair Trade Campaigns. As part of the effort, the public coffee bar in the Chapel lounge now serves Fair Trade coffee and sugar. Fair Trade is an alternative trade approach that is based on a partnership between producers and consumers. It guarantees a living wage to workers (often in third world countries) who farm/produce raw goods such as coffee and sugar, while supporting community and environmental projects in their communities. This is part of the Chapel’s “Green and Fair Chapel” creation care vision.

**CHAPEL TOURS**—For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Christian Education Classes**—Classes for all ages are offered every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Westbrook building. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Classes are:

- **Wee Praise**: For children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook.
- **Godly Play**: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford.
- **Youth Sunday School**: For youth in 6–12th grade in 0013 WB.
- **Adult Forum**: On November 26, Wenjuan Zhao, visiting scholar from Hong Kong, will present “Character and the Christian Life” in 0012 Westbrook.

**Angel Tree**—Project Share, organized through the Duke Community Service Center, invites individuals to help make the holidays special for economically disadvantaged Durham residents by purchasing Christmas gifts. Names, wish lists, and instructions may be picked up from the “Angel Tree” in the narthex today or next Sunday.

**“Snack Luck”**—Please plan to stay after worship next Sunday, November 26, for a “Snack-Luck”, a simplified version of a potluck meal. All are invited to gather in the Chapel lounge, located in the lower level. Beverages will be provided. Please bring finger-foods to share such as nuts, grapes, cheese and crackers, or cookies and enjoy visiting with other worshipers. Snacks may be dropped off in the Chapel kitchen prior to worship.

**Travel to Haiti**—For many years, Duke Chapel and the Congregation have supported Family Health Ministries in Haiti. Chip Chesson, a member of the Congregation and of the board of Family Health Ministries will be leading an educational trip to Haiti January 22–25, 2018. This four-day trip promises to be an eye and heart opening experience as participants learn of the valuable work of Family Health Ministries. If you would like to participate in this trip or desire more information, please contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu or 684-3917. The deadline for joining this trip is Friday, December 1.

**Alternative Gift Market**—The Mission and Outreach Committee will sponsor an Alternative Gift Market on the Sundays of December 3 and 10, with proceeds supporting ZOE. Individuals may purchase gifts such as seeds, bananas, and sewing equipment for children in Africa in honor of family and friends. Stop by the table in the narthex to learn more.

**Open Invitation**—The Congregation at Duke Chapel welcomes the participation of students, families, singles, and couples in its ministry. Please sign up for the weekly eNews by emailing congregation@duke.edu to receive more information.
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NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP AT DUKE CHAPEL

PREACHER—Our preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg, Pastor to the Congregation at Duke University Chapel.

OFFERING—Next week’s offering will go to Nonprofits in the Durham community.