Today we celebrate the eternal Kingship of Christ and the end of the church’s liturgical year. In this morning’s Scripture readings, we see John the Baptist’s father Zechariah prophesy that God would fulfill the Lord’s promises of old by raising up a mighty Savior. His amazement at the saving intention of God, beyond all human power and imagination, is a realization that breaks the bounds of prose and bursts into song. In Psalm 46 we hear a powerful declaration of God’s sovereignty, as we are invited to make the Lord our refuge and strength.
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. On this Communion Sunday, families with children are invited to sit up front, so they can better observe The Great Thanksgiving.

The congregation is invited to reflect silently during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

**GATHERING**

**CARILLON**

**PRELUDE**

*O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen*  
(O How Blessed Are Ye Faithful)  
Johannes Brahms  
(1833–1897)

*O Gott, du frommer Gott*  
(O God, Thou Faithful God)

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*O God, My King*  
John Amner  
(1579–1641)

O God my King, I will magnify thee,  
And praise thy name forever.  
Great is the Lord, and marvelous, worthy to be praised:  
There is no end of His greatness.  
The Lord is gracious and merciful:  
Long-suffering and of great goodness.  
My mouth shall speak the praises of the Lord:  
And let all flesh give thanks unto His holy name forever and ever.  
Amen.

—Psalm 145:1,3,8,21

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

** PROCESSIONAL HYMN 325 (found in the hymnals located in the pew racks)**

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus  
IN BABILONE

**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)**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people for your service, and send the Holy Spirit to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson—Psalm 46 (OT page 489)**

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 326 (stanza 1–3)

The Head That Once Was Crowned

*(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)*

*Gospel Lesson—Luke 1:68–79 (NT page 54)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 326 (stanzas 4–6)

The Head That Once Was Crowned

**Response**

**Mission of the Month**

**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**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

**Lauda Anima**

arr. David Ashley White (b. 1944)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress; praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Tenderly he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the God of grace.

—Henry F. Lyte
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, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THANKSGIVING AND 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 565  
Father, We Thank You

COMMUNION ANTHEM  
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of Kings yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood.  
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as  
the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:  
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

—Liturgy of St. James (tr. Gerard Moultrie)
**SENDING FORTH**

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Benediction

*CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN 327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*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**

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor

Brahms

**CARILLON**

*All who are able may stand.*

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**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Presiding Ministers

The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg

The Rev. Bruce Puckett

Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Long

Bandy Professor Emeritus of Preaching, Candler School of Theology

Lectors

Mr. D.J. Chatelaine III

Duke Chapel PathWays Scholar, Trinity ’18

Ms. Sarah Beaverson

PCM, Duke Chapel PathWays Scholar, Trinity ’18

Mission of the Month

Ms. Janet Xiao

Choir

Duke University Chapel Choir

Director

Dr. Rodney Wynkoop

Organists

Dr. Robert Parkins

Mr. Christopher Jacobson

Guest Musicians

Amalgam Brass

Ministers of Anointing

The Rev. Bruce Puckett

The Rev. Andrew Phillips

Head Ushers

Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong

Carillonneur

Mr. J. Samuel Hammond
**Today’s Flowers**—Flowers for today’s worship service are given to the glory of God by the Erlenbach Family Trust.

**Today’s Offering**—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support our Mission of the Month: the Community Empowerment Fund. CEF provides relationship-based support and matched savings accounts to people experiencing, or at-risk of experiencing, homelessness in Orange and Durham Counties. The organization is powered by “Advocates,” student volunteers from UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University who walk with Members towards reaching goals, securing employment and housing, and building financial stability. In 2016, CEF’s 129 Advocates have provided this personalized, hands-on support to almost 1,000 families.

**Today’s Guest Preacher**—The Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Long is Bandy Professor Emeritus of Preaching and Director of the Early Career Pastoral Leadership Program at Candler School of Theology. Long’s primary area of research is homiletics. His introductory textbook, *The Witness of Preaching*, was named one of the 25 most influential books in preaching for the last 25 years by *Preaching* magazine in 2010. His books on the Christian funeral, *Accompany Them with Singing* and *The Good Funeral*, have generated interest both in the academy and the media. He holds degrees in Chemistry from Erskine College (1968), an M.Div. from Erskine Theological Seminary (1971), and a Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary (1980).

**Year of Celebration Music**—Upcoming events include:

- Sunday, November 27, at 5:15 p.m—*Savior of the Nations, Come: Music for Advent* is the latest in the series of Bach Cantatas.
- December 2–4—*Messiah*: Handel’s epic has been a beloved Duke Chapel tradition for 84 years. Tickets are available from the Duke Box Office.

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**Learning the Liturgy of the Chapel**

Our response to God’s grace is always the work of the Holy Spirit; sometimes it is tangible and other times intangible. For example, an affirmation of faith may work in intangible but still real ways. In our offering, our response to God becomes more tangible. Out of gratitude for God’s gracious love, we offer our time, talent, and treasure. Serving in the church or community is a gift of time. Sharing musical skills in the choir or teaching a class are offerings of our talents. Giving money to support the Chapel, the Congregation, or community ministries is a contribution of our treasure. We give freely in grateful response to God’s freely given love. Our giving is an act of praise by which we give glory to God, so we sing the doxology—a song of glorious praise—as we present our gifts to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
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.
- **Bible Study**: A discussion of Esther and Ruth in 0015 WB.
- **Adult Forum**: November 27, Deb Hackney, Congregation member and recent graduate from Duke Divinity with a Master of Arts in Christian Practice, will discuss “No, I Don’t Want to Be the Pastor: Theological Education for the Rest of Us and Why I Pursued It” in 0012 WB.

**Back Pew Collection**—Reality Ministries creates opportunities for teens and adults with and without developmental disabilities to experience belonging, kinship, and the life-changing reality of Christ’s love. Donations of new or gently used kitchen items will assist Reality Ministry in refurbishing their well-used kitchen. Donations may be placed on the back pew today.

**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. Today and next Sunday, November 27, you may pick up names, wish lists, and instructions from the “Angel Tree” in the narthex.

**Youth Ski Trip**—Youth in 6th–12th grade are welcome to participate in a winter retreat of skiing, worship, and Christian fellowship, February 10–12, 2017. Reservations for this retreat are now being accepted. Please contact Andrew Philips at andrew.philips@duke.edu or 919-684-3917 for more information.

**Support the Choir**—Worshipers are invited to show their appreciation for the Chapel Choir by providing refreshments during the Friday evening Messiah performance on December 2. Volunteers are needed to provide an assortment of goodies. Additionally, two volunteers are needed to help with setup and cleanup. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Cindy Gass at cynthia.gass@gmail.com or call the Congregation office. Note: Please watch, or volunteer now, for a similar request for the community choir on Christmas Eve.

**Sustaining Pledges**—Members and friends of the Congregation who wish to sustain the Congregation with financial support are asked to submit their pledges by November 30. For more information, please contact the Congregation office at 919-384-3917.
Next Week in Worship at Duke Chapel

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

Offering—Next week’s offering will go to the Chapel’s Mission Trip Fund.