What does God desire for us? Today’s passage from Micah describes God confronting the people of Israel and the prophet’s response. What we learn in the exchange is that, in the context of God’s saving actions, burnt offerings are insufficient; what is truly required is to “to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.” In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount, where conventional wisdom is turned upside down. Here Jesus proclaims that God’s blessings are bestowed upon those who mourn, who are meek, who are poor in spirit, and who are persecuted.
Gathering
Carillon

Opening Voluntary

Organ Sonata No. 6 in E Minor, Op. 137, mov. II
Gustav Merkel
(1827–1885)

Introit

The Path of the Just
Randall Thompson
(1899–1984)

The path of the just is as the shining light
that shineth more and more with the perfect day.

—Proverbs 4:18

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn | UMH 708

Rejoice in God’s Saints

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | The minister offers words of confession in three biddings to which the congregation responds:

Minister: Lord, have mercy.
People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Christ, have mercy.
People: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: Lord, have mercy.
People: Lord, have mercy.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*Peace | All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Heavenly Father, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us and to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 816 in pew Bibles.

Micah 6:1–8

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

Psalmody

Psalm 15 Setting: Chad Fothergill

Adonai, who may sojourn in Your tent?
Who may dwell on Your holy mountain?
Those who walk with integrity and work righteousness
and speak truth in their heart,
who have not slandered with their tongue
nor done evil to their neighbor
and have not brought disgrace upon their kin.
Anyone vile in their eyes is shunned,
but they honor those who fear Adonai.
They swear to their detriment and do not change.
Money they do not give at interest, nor take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things will never be dislodged.

—trans. Ellen F. Davis

New Testament Lesson | NT page 156 in pew Bibles.

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Matthew 5:1–12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the makers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people revile you.
Blessed are you when people persecute you.
Blessed are you when people utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

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

Sermon

Blessed?

Response

Response Hymn | See printed hymn at the end of worship guide.

When the Poor Ones (Cuando el Pobre)
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.

Prayers of the People | The congregation responds to each petition:

People: Hear our prayer.

Offertory Anthem | Please sign and pass the attendance pads located in the pew at the center aisle.

Offertory

John Ness Beck
(1930–1987)

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, shall I come before him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O mortal,  
he has shown you what is good.  
And what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

—Micah 6:6–8

*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, Alleluia.

Thanksgiving  
*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord’s Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

Sending Forth  
*Choral Benediction

We Will Go with God  
arr. David Dargie

Ho, ho, ho! Sizohamba naye! Ngomla, ho!  
Ngomhla wenjabula, sizohamba naye.

Oh, oh, oh! We will go with God! This day, oh!  
On this day of great joy, we will go with God.

—Swaziland traditional
*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn | UMH 584

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT’S LEIGH

Closing Voluntary

Toccata VI (per l’organo sopra i pedali, e senza) Girolamo Frescobaldi

(1583–1643)

Carillon

Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following today’s worship service, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel. Following communion, the pastor will be available to offer prayers and anointing.
University Prayer of Thanksgiving | Each week, we focus on a different campus unit, school, or department for whom to give thanks to God for their service and contributions to the wider university community and beyond. Today, we give thanks for the Duke University Management Company.

Tour After the Service | Learn about the history, architecture, and life of Duke Chapel on a tour immediately following the service. The tour is free and lasts about forty-five minutes. Meet the docent outside in front of the Chapel.

Restrooms in Divinity School | Public restrooms are available in the Divinity School. To access them, exit the Chapel through the main front doors, turn to the left, and enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the hallway in the Divinity School.

Attendance Pad | This morning, worshipers are invited to indicate their presence using the attendance pad located on the pews at the center aisle. The purpose of this is to help the Chapel and Congregation better understand who worships with us on Sunday mornings. In addition, this registration will allow those who share a pew to greet each other by name.
Organ Recital This Afternoon | Bálint Karosi, director of music at Saint Peter’s Church in New York City, will give the next performance in our Organ Recital Series today, January 29, at 5:00 p.m. Karosi has been recognized as a leading interpreter of the music of J. S. Bach since winning the International Bach Competition in Leipzig (2008). His recital will be performed on the Chapel’s Brombaugh and Flentrop organs. Admission is free.

Art Exhibition | In partnership with Duke Initiatives in Theology and the Arts (DITA), the Chapel is presenting an exhibition of prints of works by the distinguished modernist artist Marc Chagall. Curated by the art collector Sandra Bowden, the exhibition, *Marc Chagall and the Bible*, features etchings and lithographs with biblical themes. It is on display in the Chapel until March 30. The exhibition is free and open to the public whenever the Chapel is open. Daily building hours are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., except when closed for private events. See the full schedule at chapel.duke.edu/events.

‘Theology Underground’ Discussion Series for Students | Theology Underground is a series of guided conversations about how culture, identity, and race impact the way we live out our faith and beliefs. Each month, the program engages with a different cultural community and learns about their unique and creative ways of imagining God and living out their faith. Meetings are held Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity on the top level of the Bryan Center. The next meeting is this Tuesday, January 31, with the topic “Theology of a KING.” Visit chapel.duke.edu/theologyunderground to see the schedule of topics.

Candlemas Service This Thursday | In a service this Thursday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m., the Chapel will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple at Jerusalem—also called Candlemas or the Purification of the Virgin Mary. The service has its origins in the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke, which includes a description of when Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple according to Jewish law. There, the old prophet Simeon recognized the child as “a light for revelation to all nations.” Thus, the image of light is emphasized in the Candlemas liturgy, which begins in the entryway of the Chapel (the narthex) with the blessing of candles.
New Series of Talks to Provide Historical, Musical Context for Evensong Services | A series of talks before each Choral Evensong service this semester will provide historical and musical context for the service, which dates back to the sixteenth century. Each service will have a historical narrative of both the liturgy and its music, intended to present a range of music from a particular time period. The next Evensong service on Sunday, February 12, will have music from the sixteenth-century reigns of Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth I, including compositions by Robert White, Thomas Tallis, and William Byrd. The talk will be held in the chancel area of the Chapel at 3:30 p.m. with the service following at 4:00 p.m.

‘Becoming Human’ Book Seminar | Chapel Dean Luke Powery will discuss his book *Becoming Human: The Holy Spirit and the Rhetoric of Race* on Saturday, February 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity Ave. Presbyterian Church in Durham. This seminar is sponsored by the Congregation at Duke Chapel’s Education Committee. The cost is $10 per person, which offsets the cost of the catered lunch. Please contact congregation@duke.edu to sign up.

Sunday Morning Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages. These classes are offered from 9:45–10:45 a.m., with coffee and refreshments provided at 9:30 a.m. Classes meet in the lowest level of the Westbrook building.

**Wee Praise:** Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook

**Godly Play:** Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade in 0050 Langford

**Youth Bible Study:** Youth in 6th–12th grades will discuss New Testament letters in 0015 Westbrook

**Bible Study:** Exploration of the Gospel of Matthew in 0013 Westbrook and over Zoom

**Adult Forum:** February 5, Dr. Ian N. Mills will discuss “Mary, Blessed among Women: Jesus’ Mother in Early Christian Reflection” in 0012 Westbrook and over Zoom
Soloist  
Cuan-do.el po-bre
Cuando el Pobre
na-da tie-ne
nada tiene
y, a-ún re-par-te,
y aún repar-te,

Choir 1. When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;
When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;

All 2. When com-pas-sion gives the suf-fering con-so-la-tion;
When compassion gives the suffering consolation;

All 3. When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;
When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;

All 4. When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;
When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;

Refrain
Va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar;
We see God, here by our side, walking our way;

va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar.
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.
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