In today’s scripture lessons, God’s messenger Malachi denounces the priests of Jerusalem for failing to give God due respect and honor. Through Malachi, the Lord accuses the priests of bringing second-rate offerings to the Lord, when what God deserves is their very best. Malachi makes it clear that God would choose no worship at all rather than receiving these inadequate offerings: “Oh, that someone among you would shut the temple doors.”

The lesson from 1 Peter expands the vocation of priesthood to all believers who are called to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus. The Gospel lesson demonstrates how gifts that are a person’s very best may in fact be small and yet are nevertheless gifts acceptable to God. Mark tells the story of Jesus praising the widow who gave but a penny yet contributed more than any other.
**Gathering**

**Opening Voluntary**

Organ Concerto in F, Op. 4  
I. Larghetto / Allegro  
II. Siciliana  
III. Presto  

*Opening Hymn | See hymns at the back of the worship guide.*

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation  

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | In unison:*

Holy and righteous God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Violence has been in our hearts and on our lips. We have cheated you by not giving you our best, and our worship has not always been true. We turn away from our unfaithfulness and turn back to you. 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.*

**Minister:** The peace of Christ be with you.  
**People:** And also with you.

**Proclamation**

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace by the illumination of your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* All rise as able
First Scripture Lesson
Malachi 1:6–12

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

Second Scripture Lesson
1 Peter 2:4–10

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

Gradual Music
Panis Angelicus

Panis angelicus
Fit panis hominum;
dat panis coelicus
Figuris terminum
O res mirabilis!
manducat Dominum
Pauper, pauper,
Servus et humilis,

Heavenly bread
That becomes the bread of all mankind;
Bread from the angelic host
That is the end of all imaginings.
Oh, miraculous thing!
This body of God will nourish
Even the poorest,
The most humble of servants.

Text: “Sacris Solenmiis” by Thomas Aquinas

*Gospel Lesson
Mark 12:38–44

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

Sermon

Bring Our Best
Response

*Response Hymn | See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

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 Music

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

Handel

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

And though worms destroy this body,
yet in my flesh shall I see God.

For now is Christ risen from the dead,
the first-fruits of them that sleep.
Thus saith our God.

Text: Job 19: 25–26; 1 Corinthians 15:20

*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, Alleluia.
Thanksgiving

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord’s Prayer

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

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn | See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  LOBE DEN HERREN

Closing Voluntary

Grand Choeur  William Faulkes

(1863–1933)
TODAY'S FLOWERS | Today's flowers are provided by the generosity of the Nancy Hanks Fund.

TODAY'S OFFERING | All of today's checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

SUMMER SCRIPTURE LESSONS | As Christians who worship in a liturgical tradition, we follow the Revised Common Lectionary for our scripture texts throughout the year. This three-year cycle of scriptures follows the Christian calendar, and passages are selected to match the season of the church year and the themes present therein. This summer during Ordinary Time, we will follow a different selection of texts. Together, we will read several books of the Minor Prophets as our primary scripture lessons in our Sunday services, and our preachers will be preaching from them throughout the summer. Reading and listening together will allow our community to learn from scripture passages that we do not regularly encounter through the lectionary in our worship services and will open us to receive from a broader range of the scriptural canon; this approach is called *lectio continua*. We hope you will join us through the summer as we read, study, and learn from these books. For August 8, we invite you to read Malachi 3 and 4.
GATHERING UNDER THE ARCADES | Worshipers who would like to greet the pastors or visit with each other are invited to gather in the shade of the arcades after worship concludes.

MASKS REQUIRED INDOORS AT DUKE | Face masks are required inside all Duke-owned and leased buildings, including Duke Chapel. This requirement applies to all students, faculty, staff and visitors regardless of vaccination status. The Chapel will continue to maintain specific weekday visiting hours with required registration and to limit attendance at services to 200 people with preregistration. Because COVID vaccines are a matter of public health, we encourage all eligible people to receive one. Read more on the Duke Today website at today.duke.edu.

HELP RECOGNIZE A COMMUNITY LEADER | The Chapel is now accepting submissions for the 2021 Duke University Chapel Humanitarian Service Award, which recognizes a person who demonstrates a life of simplicity and service. The award is inspired by the lives of two Duke professors: Dr. George R. Parkerson, Jr. and the late Dr. C. Eric Lincoln. The recipient of the award is honored with a grant of up to $3,000 given to the nonprofit they designate. Learn more and nominate someone on the Chapel website.

STUDENT JOBS AT THE CHAPEL | Students participate in all aspects of the life of the Chapel from singing in concerts and serving in worship services to welcoming visitors and working behind the scenes. Students who are interested in opportunities to volunteer at the Chapel or to be a paid student worker are invited to review the open positions on our website and contact us at dukechapel@duke.edu.

BRYAN CENTER GARAGE PARKING PASSES | Parking passes for Sunday mornings in the Bryan Center Parking Garage are now available. Please see an usher at the end of the service to receive a reusable pass. Parking in the Bryan Center Garage is also free until 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. When you leave, insert into the pay machine the ticket you received when you entered the garage. ADA parking is available at no charge in the Bryan Center Surface Lot, which is the lot between the garage and the Chapel.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual Bible study on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The next meeting date is August 9 at 6:30 p.m. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact Matt Wright for additional information.

SATURDAY SERVICE PROJECT | The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina works to nourish people, build solutions, and empower communities so that no one goes hungry. On Saturday, August 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 12-noon, volunteers are needed to assist the Food Bank in this important work.
Volunteers of all ages are asked to register online prior to arrival; COVID safety protocols are also online. Volunteers will work in the air-conditioned comfort of the Durham branch of the Food Bank located at 2700 Angier Ave.

**DUKE CHAPEL HYMN COMPETITION** | The Chapel invites hymnwriters and poets to submit entries for its 2021 hymn competition. The winning submission will be sung in worship at the Chapel, published by MorningStar Music/ECS Publishing Group in a collection of new and recent hymns, and will be considered for inclusion in the forthcoming Duke Chapel Hymnal. The deadline is September 15, 2021. Visit chapel.duke.edu/hymn-competition to see the guidelines.

**VIRTUAL BACK PEW COLLECTION** | The Virtual Back Pew Collection for August will be for Crayons2Calculators, to assist in their annual the “Fill That Bus!” community campaign. Please considering helping by ordering supplies from C2C’s Amazon Wish List or Walmart Wish List. Financial contributions are also welcomed. Additionally, donated supplies may be dropped off at 808 Bacon St, Durham, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (enter through the entrance under the Bacon St Center sign) – or call 919-914-3847 to arrange an alternate drop-off time.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** | The Congregation’s Fall new member class will begin on Sunday, September 12 at 9:45 a.m. and meet for four weeks. Students, faculty, staff, and community members are all welcome to consider membership in the Congregation. For more information, please contact Carol Gregg.

**LIFE TOGETHER GROUPS** | Consider joining a Life Together Group this September. Life Together Groups provide special opportunities for groups of eight to ten people to grow in faith and love through sharing their lives and prayers. Participants find deeper connections with one another and with God while sharing in a confidential and comfortable environment. Groups meet every other week for approximately seventy-five minutes. University students, Congregation and community members, and friends are all welcome to participate. If you would like to participate in a Life Together Group starting in September 2021, please fill out this form. For more information, please contact the Congregation office.

**NEW HOUSE COURSE ON FAITH AND JUSTICE** | In this time of division, learning to respect one another's humanity while addressing our deep communal needs for dignity, housing, food, healthcare, and inclusion is vital. To promote that kind of learning, Chapel Scholar Lizzy Kramer will teach a half-credit house course in the Fall 2021 semester titled “A Just Faith” (HOUSECS 59.28), with support from Chapel Community Minister Rev. Breana van Velzen. This class engages with thinkers and practitioners from multiple faith traditions, such as Thich Naht Hahn, Alice Walker, Howard Thurman, Lama Rod Owens,
and Shadaab Rahemtulla, who connect their traditions’ theologies with social practice—or in many cases, selfless service and communal liberation. Students will have opportunities to explore their own traditions around justice topics and learn from the greater Durham community through local practitioners. To learn more, contact the Rev. Breana van Velzen at breana.van.velzen@duke.edu.

**HOUSE COURSE ON RELIGION AND LITERATURE** | A student in the Chapel’s Eruditio et Religio living-learning community, Akshaj Turebylu, is teaching a half-credit house course in Fall 2021 title “Litterae et Religio: Global Religious Literatures” (HOUSECS 59.17). Students in the class explore the many different representations of religious belief, emotion, and intellect that have populated the globe. The course was developed in consultation with Dr. Laura Lieber, a professor of religious studies at Duke, and the Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon, the Chapel’s director of Religious Life. To learn more, contact Rev. Lester-Bacon at kathryn.lester.bacon@duke.edu.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES** | The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning Christian education from 9:45–10:45 a.m. for all ages. Classes, which are held virtually, are open to the public and new participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for Zoom link.

- **Wee Praise**: Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers.
- **Godly Play**: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade.
- **Adult Bible Study**: On August 8 The focus will be on Haggaii led by The Rev. Dr. Christian Wilson, retired UMC Pastor and Congregation Member.
Opening Hymn

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1. 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.

2. To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
   hosts, today! With thy faithful loving-kindness
   hear thy people as they pray, and thy fullest
   benediction shed within its walls always.

3. Here vouch-safe to all thy servants what they ask of
   the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit,
   with the blessed to retain, and hereafter
   in thy glory for evermore with thee to reign.

4. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor
   forever, and her confidence alone.
   one in glory, while unending ages run.

WORDS: 7th cent. Latin; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1851
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

西敏寺圣诗

1. 耶稣建立了稳固的基础，耶稣是头和
   基石；被主拣选并宝贵的，
   将整个教会联合成一；圣约的
   永远的帮助，她的信心独存。

2. 到这殿，我们呼求你，主啊，来，
   同堂的，以你的忠信和爱心
   听你的人祷告，你的满全，
   听约的居所，与你同在以后。

3. 这里是你们的仆人向你求助的
   耶稣基督，荣耀和尊荣
   从圣子而来，荣耀和灵
   在你的荣耀中，与你同在。

WESMINSTER ABBEY
Response Hymn

And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

UNDÉ ET MEMORES

1 And now, O Fa- ther, mind- ful of the love that bought us, once for
all, on Cal- vary’s tree, and hav- ing with us him that pleads a- bove,
per- fect in thine eyes, the one true, pure, im- mor- tal sac- ri- fice.
sins and their re- ward we set the pas- sion of thy Son our Lord.
2 Look, Fa- ther, look on his a- noint- ed face, and on- ly look on
us as found in him; look not on our mis- us- ings of thy grace,
keep them pure and clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per- se- vere.
3 And then for those, our dear- est and our best, by this pre- vail- ing
presence we ap- peal: O fold them clos- er to thy mer- cy’s breast;
make us glad and free, and grant us nev- er- more to part with thee.
4 And so we come: O draw us to thy feet, most pa- tient Sav- iour,
who canst love us still; and by this food, so awe- some and so sweet,
we here pre- sent, we here spread forth to thee that on- ly of- fering
Our prayer so lan- guid, and our faith so dim. For lo! Be- tween our
O do thine ut- most for their souls’ true weal; from taint- ing mis- chief
deliv- er us from ev- ery touch of ill. In thine own ser- vice

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
   O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation.
   All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near:
   Join me in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth.
   Shelter thee under His wings, yea, so gently sus- taineth!
   How oft in grief hast not He brought thee safety?
   Been granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee.
   Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided thee; surely His goodness and mercy draw near:
   Lief, spreading His wings for to shade thee!

4. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy works and defend thee.
   Sure, with His goodness and mercy hath He Provided for thee.
   Do, if with His love He befriended thee.
   Gain, gladly forever adore Him!

5. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore thee.
   All that hath life and breath, come now with praises.
   Ponder anew what the Almighty can do.
   Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore thee.

WORDS: Psalm 103:1-6; Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

MUSIC: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665