In Matthew 11, Jesus asks some pointed questions: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? What did you go out to see?” These questions pin us, the listener, to the spot. We hear them and are forced to look inward, to ask ourselves: why did you show up here? What are you expecting? The weight of expectation is threaded through Malachi 3 as well. While condemning the unrighteous and the greedy, the prophet directs us to anticipate the day of God’s coming, demanding that we reflect: who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? The prophet uses potent images of refiner’s fire and fuller’s soap, which have reverberated across the generations, echoing back to us in the words of writers and musicians. What is going to happen? What are we waiting for? None of these questions have easy answers, so we find ourselves turning back to the one who asks us these questions in the first place, Jesus.
Opening Voluntary

Largo and Allegro, from Sonata in C minor, BWV 1017

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn | See hymns in insert.

The God of Abraham Praise

*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:

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us grace now to hear from your word afresh; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
First Scripture Lesson
Malachi 3:1-18
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Lesson
Matthew 11:7-15
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
Advent in August

Response
*Response Hymn | See hymns in insert.

Take My Life

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
Allegro, from Sonata in C minor, BWV 1017
Bach

*Doxology
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.

* All rise as able
Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving | Musical Setting A, found on page 17 in the hymnal.

*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.

*Sharing of the Bread | All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and  
seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive Communion.  
No wine or grape juice will be served for communion. Please wait until you  
return to your seat to consume the bread. All bread is gluten-free. 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 Communion

   Largo, from Sonata in C minor, BWV 1017  
   Bach

Post Communion Prayer

Sending Forth

*Benediction

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

   Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
   FAITHFULNESS

Closing Voluntary

   Allegro vivace, from Sonata 2, Op. 65  
   Felix Mendelssohn  
   (1809-1847)

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ENGAGE

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.

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.
**FELLOWSHIP EVENT THIS AFTERNOON** | Summer Camp Series for all ages continues this afternoon with “Make a Bee House” led by Poppy DeAlmeida; this is an environmentally friendly craft project for the whole family. The virtual event will be this afternoon, August 8, at 4:00 p.m. Please contact the Congregation office for the zoom link or for more information.

**INTERNERSHIP FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND RELIGIOUS LIFE** | The Chapel is seeking to hire an intern who will participate in relational ministry with the Durham community and also engage in multi-faith conversations through Religious Life at Duke. Students interested in student engagement, interreligious engagement, higher education administration, relational ministry, assets-based community development, and community organizing are encouraged to apply. M.Div. and M.Div/M.S.W. candidates preferred. The work schedule is 12–15 hours per week. It is a paid position. The application deadline is tomorrow, August 9. To learn more and apply, contact the Rev. Breana van Velzen, the Chapel’s community minister, at breana.van.velzen@duke.edu.

**MORE 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.

**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 by September 3 on the Chapel website.

**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.

**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 Pastor Carol Gregg at carol.gregg@duke.edu.
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.

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 dates are tomorrow August 9 and August 23 at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Matt Wright for additional information.

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. 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.

VIRTUAL BACK PEW COLLECTION | The Virtual Back Pew Collection for August is 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.

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 15 the focus will be on Zechariah led by Matt Wright, Pastoral Assistant for Youth and Young Adults, Congregation at Duke Chapel.
Opening Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

1. The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
2. The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend.
3. The heavenly land I see, with peace and plenty blest;
4. The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing.

Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of love;
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend;
a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.
and "Holy, holy, holy!” cry, “Almighty King!

Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed;
I shall behold God’s face; I shall God’s power adore,
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:

I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest,
and sing the wonders of God’s grace forever more.
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM, we worship thee!!

WORDS: From The Yigdal of Daniel ben Judah, ca. 1400; para. by Thomas Olivers, 1766; alt.
MUSIC: Hebrew melody, Sacred Harmony, 1780; harm. from Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, alt.
HYMNS FOR AUGUST 8, 2021

Response Hymn

Take My Life

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated,
   Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days;
   let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and
   let them move at the impulse of thy love.
   Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only,
   for my King. Take my lips, and let them be
   filled with messages from thee. Take my silver
   and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
   Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no
   longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;
   it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my
   payload to pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
   Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1873 (Rom. 12:1)
MUSIC: Louis J. F. Hérodé, 1839; arr. by George Kingsley, 1839
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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
Music: William M. Runyan, 1923
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1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no
   shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they
   fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

2. Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest, sun, moon, and
   stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold
   presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for
   tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thou-sand beside.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endures, thine own dear
   faithfulness; and a morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have
   needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

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