

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Come People of the Risen King

CHILDREN'S TALK

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our neighbour,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through negligence, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve you
In newness of life
To the glory of your name. Amen.
Common Worship, © The Archbishops' Council of
the Church of England, 2000-2006

NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

RESPONSES: Revelation 7:9-12

SONG: Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

SONG: How firm a Foundation

READING: Malachi 1:6-2:9 (p. 801)

SERMON

PRAYERS

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen

SONG: May the People Praise You

BLESSING

NOTICES

Connect with us

If you're new at Grace Church or
have been coming for a while, we'd
love to connect. Sign up to our
Newsletter or WhatsApp Group by
scanning the QR code or emailing
info@greenwich.church.



Summer Fellowship

This starts on Wednesday 5th August at the Hub
for 8pm. 14 Feathers Place, SE10 9NE.

Dates for your Diary

Our next **Welcome Course** will start on
September 27th after the service.

Our next **Weekend Away** will be from October
15th to 17th.

Sign up: www.greenwich.church/weekendaway

Giving

Grace Church is fully funded by the donations of
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set up a bank transfer (40-52-40/00027789) or
to give tax efficiently contact [treasurer@](mailto:treasurer@greenwich.church)
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Next Sunday: Malachi 2:10-16



Welcome!

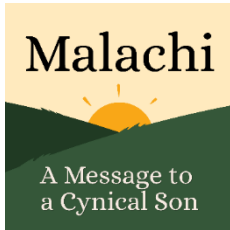
Sunday 2nd August 2026

*“From the rising of the sun to its setting my
name will be great among the nations,
and in every place incense will be offered
to my name, and a pure offering.
For my name will be great among the nations,
says the LORD of hosts.”*

Malachi 1:11 (ESV)



Malachi 1:6-2:9



⁶ “A son honours his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honour? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, **O priests, who despise my name. But you say, ‘How have we despised your name?’** ⁷ By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, ‘How have we polluted you?’ By saying that the LORD'S table may be despised. ⁸ When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not

evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favour? says the LORD of hosts. ⁹ And now entreat the favour of God, that he may be gracious to us. With such a gift from your hand, will he show favour to any of you? Says the LORD of hosts.

¹⁰ Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. ¹¹ For from the rising of the sun to its setting my **name** will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my **name**, and a pure offering. For my **name** will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts. ¹² But you profane it when you say that the LORD'S table is polluted, and its fruit, that is, its food may be despised. ¹³ But you say, ‘What a weariness this is’, and you snort at it, says the LORD of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the LORD. ¹⁴ Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the LORD what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the LORD of hosts, and my **name** will be feared among the nations.

² “And now, O priests, this command is for you. ² If you will not listen, if you will not take it to heart to give honour to my **name**, says the LORD of hosts, then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings. Indeed, I have already cursed them, because you do not lay it to heart. ³ Behold, I will rebuke your offspring, and spread dung on your faces, the dung of your offerings, and you shall be taken away with it. ⁴ So shall you know that I have sent this command to you, that my covenant with Levi may stand, says the LORD of hosts. ⁵ My covenant with him was one of life and peace, and I gave them to him. It was a covenant of fear, and he feared me. He stood in awe of my **name**. ⁶ True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. ⁷ For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. ⁸ But you have turned aside from the way. You have caused many to stumble by your instruction. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts, ⁹ **and so I make you despised** and abased before all the people, inasmuch as you do not keep my ways but show partiality in your instruction.”

When leaders lower their standards, does it make a difference?

God says, “YES.”

Leaders with low standards...

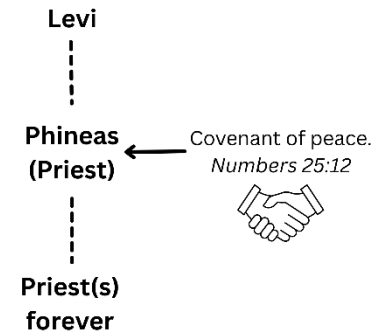
1. ...despise God's name.

1:6-14

- *But one day, God's name will be honoured everywhere.*

2. ...will be despised.

2:1-9



- *But one day, God's priests will give true instruction.*

