

The Morning Worship

Minneapolis Campus

Liturgist
Pastor MacLean

The Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Robert Powell

The Processional Hymn - - - - - **289:1, 2, 3**
(Please stand as you are able as the pastors enter the Chancel)

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Refrain

The Invocation
Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen. *(Please sing)*

The Confession of Sins and Assurance of Forgiveness
Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Congregation: Amen. *(Please sing)*
Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus

Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.** *(Please sing)*
Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen. *(Please sing)*

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And also with you. *(Please sing)*
Pastor and Congregation:
Stir up your power, O God, and come. Come to bring peace and unity to our world, causing an end to division and strife, and leading us from the ways of death to life. In Jesus' name, **Amen.** *(Please sing)*
(Please be seated)

The Lighting of the Advent Candle
Pastor: Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace and Light of the world. As we light this candle, kindle in our hearts the desire to pray and work for peace in all the world.
Congregation: Come, Lord Jesus, and bring us peace.

The Hymn of Advent
O Come, O King of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all humankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease
And be yourself our King of Peace.

Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

The Epistle - - - - - **1 Corinthians 1:3-9** *(page 926)*
The prophet Isaiah speaks on behalf of a people who long for their deliverance. Living in a troubled and turbulent world, the prophet knows God is our only hope and so asks for God's intervention.

The Gradual Hymn - - - - - **279:1**
O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

(Before the reading, please stand as you are able and sing)
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel - - - - - **Mark 13:24-27** *(page 826)*
In the middle of a longer discussion of "the end times," Jesus invites his hearers to pay attention, be prepared, and actively anticipate God's coming to redeem the world.

(After the reading, please sing)
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Profession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living 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.
(Please be seated)

The Anthem *Of the Father's Love Begotten* - - - - - Fred Gramann
Chancel Ringers

The Welcome

The Offertory
9:00 and 10:00 *Lo, How a Rose/The Rose* - - - - - Craig Hella Johnson
Cathedral Choir
11:00 and 12:00 *E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come* - - - - - Paul Manz
Senior Choir

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

The Offertory Prayer
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit.
(Please be seated)

The Pulpit Hymn- - - - - - 490:1

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 descending
comes full homage to demand.

The Sermon Pastor Lose

“Right Before Your Eyes”

The Baptismal Service *(held during the 12noon service)*

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

The Closing Hymn - - - - - 264:1

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!
Let ev’ry hill and valley a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:

Refrain
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God’s word!

The Lord’s Prayer - - - - - Page 112

The Benediction and Threefold Amen
(The congregation is asked to pause for a moment of silent prayer)

The Postlude *Carillon* - - - - - Malcom Archer

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*Please be so kind as to leave your bulletin at the end of the pew
or place in the recycle bin as you leave. Thank you.*

Welcome Guests

We are delighted you are worshipping with us today. We warmly welcome you and are grateful for your presence and prayers. If you have any questions about the ministries of Mount Olivet Church, please come to the Information Desk in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins and hearing devices available at the Information Desk located in the Narthex.

Baptisms

Elin Margaret Hanson, daughter of Melissa and Ben; Marnie Marie Rice, daughter of Kristina and Jonathan; and Benjamin Taylor Huntley, son of Marnie and Christopher; will be received into the fellowship of Christ and His Church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism today.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar in the main sanctuary are in loving memory of Ivan Anderson, given by his wife, Phyllis, and family.

The flowers by the pulpit are given in loving memory of Ron Tollefson, given by his wife, JoAnne, and Steve, Sue, John, and Genevieve.

The flowers by the lectern are in loving memory of Alice Parson on the anniversary of her birthday, given by Launa and Gary.

The flowers by the communion rail on the pulpit side are given by the Senior Pastor Call Committee in gratitude for the ministry of Pastor Lose.

The flowers by the communion rail on the lectern side are in loving memory of Murray Perry on the anniversary of his birthday, given by his wife, Jeanette.

If you would like to donate Sunday morning altar flowers in loving memory or in honor of someone you know, please contact Mary Lindberg, 612-767-2200/maryl@mtolivet.org. Orders are appreciated two weeks in advance of your desired date. The cost is \$50.00.

Next Sunday, December 10

The Second Sunday of Advent ~ Peace in our Community

Sunday morning worship services will be at 9, 10, 11am and 12noon. Pastor Cornils will be preaching on “Don’t Overlook the Obvious.” Holy Communion will be observed at 8:30am and following the 12noon service. At 9, 10, and 11am, there will be Sunday Church School and The Way, and nursery will be available for children ages six-weeks through two-years.

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Peace in Our World
December 3, 2017