

The Morning Worship Minneapolis Campus

Liturgists
9:00am - *Pastor MacLean*
10:00am - *Pastor Hammersten*

The Harp Prelude

The Processional Hymn - - - - - 283:1, 3, 4

(Please stand as you are able as the pastors enter the Chancel)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the king of angels:

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *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 into our hearts. Grant us an absence of worry, courage to face our fears, and love to embrace those around us, for in loving others we come to know you and experience your peace. In Jesus' name we pray, **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 your peace, the peace that passes all understanding, a gift to treasure and share.

Pastor and Congregation: Come, Lord Jesus, and bring us peace.

The Hymn of Advent

O Come, O Day Spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by your advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain

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

The Epistle - - - - - Romans 16:25-27 (page 926)

Paul closes his letter to the Romans by praising God because in the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, God has revealed the promised, divine plan of salvation for all humanity. Paul proclaims this gospel of Christ in order to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations.

The Gradual Hymn - - - - - 296:1

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

(Before the reading, please stand as you are able and sing)

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel - - - - - Luke 1:26-38 (page 812)

In this annunciation, Luke makes clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people (Mary) from little known places (Nazareth). This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to common folk in a stall. Here Luke highlights the role of the Spirit, a special emphasis in his gospel.

(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 Hymn - - - - - 300:1, 2

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

The Welcome

The Offertory *O Holy Night*- - - - - Louise Pratt
Emily Gerard, harp

(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- - - - - 281:1, 3

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

The Sermon **Pastor Kalland**
"Favored One"

The Baptismal Service *(held during the 10am service)*

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

The Closing Hymn - - - - - 289:1

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.

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 *From Heaven Above* - - - - - Johann Pachelbel

PASTORS

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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 worshiping 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.

Baptism

Noah Sonn, son of Sarah and Michael, will be received into the fellowship
of Christ and His Church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism today.

Christmas Eve Services Tonight

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11pm

Pastor Lose preaching, *Songs of Rebellion, Hope, and Peace*

Music by Mount Olivet Choirs and Orchestra

Nursery at 2, 3 & 4pm

The 11pm service will culminate with the choir and congregation
singing *Silent Night* to candlelight.

Next Sunday, December 31: *The First Sunday of Christmas*

Sunday morning worship services will be at 9 and 10am as we welcome
Anna Helgen, Pastoral Associate, who will be preaching on *"The Word
Made Known."* Holy Communion will be observed at 8:30am. No Sunday
Church School and The Way--please worship as a family. Nursery will be
available for children ages six-weeks through two-years.

The Fourth Sunday
of Advent

Peace in Our Hearts

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