

The Morning Worship

Liturgist

9:00am - Anna Helgen, Pastoral Associate

10:00am - Pastor Hammersten

11:00am - Anna Helgen, Pastoral Associate

12noon - Pastor MacLean

The Prelude *I Need Thee Every Hour* - - - - - Clay Christiansen

The Processional Hymn - - - - - 338:1, 2, 3

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

Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

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)*

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you. *(Please sing)*

The Kyrie - - - - - Page 203

Have mercy on us, Lord,
and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word;
it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ,
and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole
that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us Lord;
make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r;
create in us new hearts!

The Hymn of Lent - - - - - 624:1, 3

Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
and, although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless;
guide us by your hand to the promised land.

When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring
make us patient and enduring;
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you. *(Please sing)*

Pastor and Congregation:

Dear God, anchor us in your love so that we may face whatever challenges lie ahead with courage and confidence, trusting that you are guiding us. In Jesus' name, **Amen.** *(Please sing)*

(Please be seated)

The Epistle - - - - - 1 John 4:16b-21 *(page 991)*

It's easy to hear the words "Do not be afraid," as a command and therefore imagine that courage is an act of the will. In this letter, John reminds us that courage is a gift that comes from knowing and trusting God's profound love for us.

The Gradual Hymn - - - - - 629:1

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel - - - - - Luke 1:1-13, 30, 2:10 *(page 831)*

In the opening verses of St. Luke's Gospel, angels address the old priest Zechariah, a young maiden named Mary, and shepherds tending their flocks by night. While some of the instructions they offer vary, their message is the same: "Be not afraid," for God has invited you into a marvelous adventure of love and redemption.

(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

9:00 and 10:00 *Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love* - - - Allan Petker
Cathedral Choir

11:00 and 12:00 *With All I Am* - - - - - Taylor Davis
Chancel Choir

The Welcome

The Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* - - - - - Wayne Oquin
Richard Owen, piano

(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- - - - - 764:1, 3

Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen
to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you,
uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above!

The Sermon Pastor Kalland

“Love Abides”

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

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

The Closing Hymn - - - - - 785:4

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well
with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

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 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less - - - Wayne Wold*

*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.*

Director of Worship & Music, *Beverly Clafin*
Principal Organist, *Richard Owen*
Director Cathedral Choir, *Beverly Clafin*
Directors of Chancel Choir, *Amanda Jenkins & Peter Burlison*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Baptisms

Kade Charles-Elliott Vangrinsven, son of Molly and Adam; Maxwell Ray Russell, son of Sarah and Kevin; and Amelia Louise Balogh, daughter of Sarah and Kenneth; 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 Max Fairman on the anniversary of his birth, given by his family.

The flowers by the pulpit are in loving memory of Joan Nugent, given by her husband, John.

The flowers by the lectern are in loving memory of Russell Olson on the anniversary of his birth, given by his family.

The flowers on the altar in the Serley Chapel are in loving memory of James R. Thompson, given by his wife, Lois Thompson, and family.

The flowers on the altar in the Youngdahl Chapel are in loving memory of Nancy Ludwig given by her husband, Art.

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 - The Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday morning worship services will be at 9, 10, 11am and 12noon. Pastor Lose will be preaching on *“Called for Good.”* 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.

On Sunday, February 25, the Congregation Annual Meeting will take place following the 12noon service at the Minneapolis Campus.

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The First Sunday in Lent

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