

The Morning Worship

Liturgists
9:00am – *Pastor Enoch*
10:00am – *Pastor Kalland*
11:00am – *Pastor Hammersten*
12noon – *Pastor MacLean*

The Prelude *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* - Dietrich Buxtehude

The Processional Hymn - - - - - 301:1, 2, 3
(Please stand as you are able as the pastors enter the Chancel)

Bright and glorious is the sky, radiant are the heavens high
where the golden stars are shining. All their rays to earth inclining
beckon us to heav’n above,
beckon us to heav’n above.

On that holy Christmas night through the darkness beamed a light;
all the stars above were paling, all their luster slowly failing
as the wondrous star drew nigh,
as the wondrous star drew nigh..

Sages from the East afar, when they saw this wondrous star,
went to find the king of nations and to offer their oblations
to the child, the newborn king,
to the child, the newborn king.

And this star, as bright as day, that will never lead astray
with its message so appealing, is the word of God, revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
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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 Hymn of Praise

Pastor: Glory be to God on high!
Congregation: And on earth, peace, good will toward all.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
We glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And also with you. *(Please sing)*
Pastor and Congregation: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus
you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the
Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their
calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your
Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen. *(Please sing)*
(Please be seated)

The Lesson - - - - - Acts 10:34-43 (page 894)

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and
proclaims the good news of God’s inclusive forgiveness in Jesus’ name to Cornelius,
a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter’s preaching, Cornelius and his family become
the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

The Gradual Hymn - - - - - 800:1, 4

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.

Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav’n-descended dove,
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel - - - - - Matthew 3:13-17 (page 784)

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and
identified publicly as God’s child.*

(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 — *Follow the River* - - - - - Joseph Martin
Cathedral Choir

11:00 and 12:00 — *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* - J. S. Bach
Senior Choir

The Welcome

The Offertory — *Behold That Star* - - - - - Mark Hayes
Amanda Jenkins, soprano

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

The Offertory Prayer

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Pulpit Hymn- - - - - 705:1, 3

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

The Sermon Pastor Bakken

"Who Is Supporting You?"

(Please stand as you are able)

The Closing Hymn - - - - - 881:1

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

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 Fanfare- - - - - Michael Helman

*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 Claflin*
Principal Organist, *Richard Owen*
Director of Senior & Cathedral Choirs, *Beverly Claflin*
Cathedral Choir Pianist, *Erik Akervik*

Welcome Guests

We are delighted you are worshiping with us today. We warmly welcome you and are grateful for your presence and prayers. A pastor will be available in the lounge to greet you following the service. 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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar in the main sanctuary are in loving memory of Michael Lubratovich on the anniversary of his birthday, given by his wife, Renee; children, Craig and Marcie, and their families.

The flowers by the pulpit are in loving memory of Robert and Mary Cooper, given by Nancy, Steve, Natalie and Matthew Meshbesh.

The flowers by the lectern are in loving memory of Pat Feller on the anniversary of her birthday from Bill, Meg, Maddie and Ally.

The flowers by the communion rail on the pulpit side are in recognition of our mother's birthday, Lucille M. Johnson, given lovingly from daughters, Beverly and Nancy.

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

Sunday morning worship services will be at 9, 10, 11am and 12noon. Pastor Johnson will be preaching on "The Beloved Community." Holy Communion will be observed at 8:30am and following the 12noon service. There will be Sunday School/The Way at 9, 10, and 11am, and nursery will be available for children ages six-weeks through two-years.

The Baptism of Our Lord January 8, 2017

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