

The Morning Worship

Liturgists
9:00am - *Pastor Helgen*
10:00am - *Pastor Kalland*
11:00am - *Pastor Hammersten*
12noon - *Pastor Helgen*

The Prelude *It Is Well with My Soul* - - - - - Craig Phillips

The Processional Hymn - - - - - 338

(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 138

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy. *(Please sing)*

Pastor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy. *(Please sing)*

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy. *(Please sing)*

Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy. *(Please sing)*

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Congregation: Amen. *(Please sing)*

The Hymn of Lent - - - - - 327:4

Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers;
onward, with the cross our aid.

Bear its shame, and fight its battle
till we rest beneath its shade.

Soon shall come the great awak'ning;
soon the rending of the tomb!

Then the scatt'ring of all shadows,
and the end of toil and gloom.

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, grant us the courage that comes from knowing that you are greater than any of the challenges that may lie before us and that you will be with us through all things. In Jesus' name, **Amen.** *(Please sing)*

(Please be seated)

The Lesson - - - - - Exodus 14:10-14 *(page 53)*

As they prepare to cross the Red Sea, the Israelite's are terrified of Egypt's army. Moses responds by telling them, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today."

The Gradual Hymn - - - - - 863:1, 5

My God, how wonderful thou art,
thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat
in depths of burning light!

My God, how wonderful thou art,
thou everlasting friend!
On thee I stay my trusting heart
till faith in vision end.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel - - - - - Matthew 14:22-35 *(page 796)*

The disciples are terrified when they see someone walking across a storm-tossed lake toward them. When they realize it is Jesus, Peter asks to join him amid the waves, but loses his confidence and falters, only to have Jesus seize hold of him.

(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 *Fear Not, I Am with You* - - - - - Lloyd Larson
Cathedral Choir

11:00 and 12:00 *Psalm 103* - - - - - Jason Mulholland
Senior Choir Men

The Welcome

The Offertory *Abide with Me* - - - - - Paul Basler
Kristin Haug, French horn

(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- - - - - 803:1

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.

The Sermon Pastor Lose

“Crossing the Sea”

The Installation of Pastor Anna Helgen (12noon service)

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

The Closing Hymn - - - - - 807:1

Come, thou Fount of ev’ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.

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 *Toccata Giocosa* - - - - - Gilbert Martin

*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*
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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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar in the main sanctuary are in loving memory of Jonathan Andrew on the anniversary of his birth and in honor and celebration of Johnna Louise Johnson on her 18th birthday, given by their moms and big sister, Jordan.

The flowers by the pulpit are in loving memory of students killed in school shootings, given by Beverly Anderson.

The flowers on the altar in the Serley Chapel are in loving memory of Paul Allen, given by Clyde and Lois Allen.

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Easter Flowers - Final Day to Order

Order at mtolivet.org, complete an Easter Flower envelope found at the information desk or church office, or by contacting Nancy Nelson, 612-767-2264 or nnelson@mtolivet.org. Donors and those being honored or memorialized will be listed in the 4/1 Easter bulletin. Pick up flowers after service until 1:30pm on Sunday, 4/1, or 9am-1pm on Tuesday, 4/3.

Next Sunday - Palm Sunday

Sunday morning worship services will be at 9, 10, 11am and 12noon. Pastor Lose will be preaching on *“From Riches to Rags.”* Special music by all Mount Olivet Choirs with two palm processions. Holy Communion will be observed at 8:30am and following the 12noon service. There will be no Sunday Church School or The Way, please worship as a family. Nursery will be available for children ages six-weeks through two-years at 9, 10 and 11am.

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