

The Morning Worship

Liturgists

9:00am – *Kate Knutson, seminarian*

10:00 & 11:00am – *Pastor MacLean*

12noon – *Pastor Kalland*

The Prelude

9:00 and 10:00 —

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - - - - arr. Frances L. Callahan
Joy Bells

11:00 and 12:00 — *I Need Thee Every Hour* - - arr. Clay Christiansen
Richard Owen, organ

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: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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 - - - - - Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (page 2)

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

The Gradual Hymn - - - - - 666:1

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel - - - - - Matthew 4:1-4 (page 785)

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

(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 Robert Petker
Cathedral Choir

11:00 and 12:00 — *Mercy* - - - - - Craig Courtney
Senior Choir

The Welcome

The Offertory

9:00 and 10:00 — *My Song in the Night* - - - - - arr. Mack Wilberg
Cathedral Choir

11:00 and 12:00 — *Abide With Me* - - - - - David Rasbach
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- - - - - 325:1, 2

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

The Sermon Pastor Johnson

“Sin, What Sin?”

The First Commandment: You shall have no other Gods.

What does this mean for us?

We are to fear, love, and trust God above anything else.

You are encouraged to read Luther’s explanation of the first three commandments at home this week from the materials mailed to you.

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

The Closing Hymn - - - - - 504:3

Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat’ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.
Let this world’s tyrant rage; in battle we’ll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God’s judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

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 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name - - Gordon Young

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*
Director of Handbells, *Kate Graber*

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 Bob Canton, given by his wife Elaine; children, Sue, Laurie, Steve, Barb, and their families.

The flowers by the pulpit are in loving memory of Steven Bundul on the anniversary of his birthday, given by his family.

The flowers by the lectern are in loving memory of Una Koland on the anniversary of her birthday, given by her husband, Roger, and family.

The flowers by the communion rail on the pulpit side are in loving memory of Arnie Skaar on the anniversary of his birthday, given by his wife, Carol, and family.

The flowers by the communion rail on the lectern side are in honor of our mother and grandmother, Barbara Daly.

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 Hammersten will be preaching on *“Light in the Darkness.”* 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 First Sunday in Lent March 5, 2017

PASTORS

David J. Lose, Senior Pastor-Elect
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