

The Morning Worship

Liturgists

9:00am – *Pastor Enoch*

10:00am – *Pastor Kalland*

11:00am – *Pastor MacLean*

12noon – *Pastor Hammersten*

The Prelude *Steal Away* - - - - - arr. Hal H. Hopson
Dana Donnay, oboe

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 - - - - - 336:1

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod
and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you. (Please sing)

Pastor and Congregation: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ,
and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light
into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you
live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

Amen. (Please sing)

(Please be seated)

The Epistle - - - - - Ephsians 5:8-14 (page 951)

*Because we now live in the divine light that is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives
in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

The Gradual Hymn - - - - - 779:1, 2

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel - - - - - John 9:1-17, 34-40 (page 871)

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual
blindness to the things of God.*

(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 State of the Church Chuck Ehlers

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The Welcome

The Offertory

9:00 and 10:00 — *Ah, Holy Jesus* - - - - - arr. Hal Hopson
Cathedral Choir

11:00 and 12:00 — *Kyrie Eleison* - - - - - Louis Vierne
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 - - - - - 769:1, 4

If you but trust in God to guide you
with gentle hand through all your ways,
you'll find that God is there beside you
when crosses come, in trying days.
Trust then in God's unchanging love;
build on the rock that will not move.

Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving,
offer your service faithfully.
Trust heaven's word; though undeserving,
you'll find this promise true to be.
This is our confidence indeed:
God never fails in time of need.

The Sermon **Pastor Cornils**

"A Child of the Light"

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

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

The Closing Hymn - - - - - 815:1

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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 *Finale Jubilate* - - - - - Healey Willan

*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 Senior & Cathedral Choir, *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.

Baptisms

Lucille Iris Turner, daughter of Tracy and Peter; Maren Ruth Vlasek, daughter of Erica and Michael; and Aye Thanda Bo; 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 Frank Anton on the anniversary of his birthday, given by his wife, Bev, and children and grandchildren.

The flowers by the communion rail on the pulpit side are in loving memory of Phyllis Wekkin, given by Susan and Jodi Halvorson.

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 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday morning worship services will be at 9, 10, 11am and 12noon. Pastor Enoch will be preaching on "Restoration." 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 Fourth Sunday in Lent March 26, 2017

PASTORS

David J. Lose, Senior Pastor-Elect
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Kurt P. Kalland Stephen J. Cornils
Monica M. Hammersten Andrew M. Bakken
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