

The Morning Worship

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

The Prelude *Flourishes* - - - - - Carlyle Sharpe

The Processional Hymn - - - - - **344:1, 3, 5**

(Please remain seated as the pastors enter the Chancel)

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. *Refrain*

Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

The Anthem

9:00 and 10:00 — *Open the Gates* - - - - - Stan Pethel
Hosanna Choir
11:00 — *Let All the Gates Be Open Wide* - - - - arr. Hal H. Hopson
Chapel Choir
12:00 — *Hosanna! Hosanna!*- - - - - Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir

(Please stand as you are able)

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 Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

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

Pastor and Congregation: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen. *(Please sing)*

(Please be seated)

The Epistle - - - - - **Philippians 2:5-11** *(page 954)*

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ Lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

The Gradual Processional Hymn - - - - - 855:1, 5

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel - - - - - **Matthew 21:1-11** *(page 802)*

Matthew records the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem at Passover time. What the crowd does not know is that before the week is over, Jesus himself will be the Paschal lamb to be sacrificed for the sake of the people. Those who hailed him as a king will see his cross as his throne as he offers himself for the sake of all the people.

(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 — *Hosanna to the Son of David!* - - - Michael Bedford
Alleluia Choir
11:00 and 12:00 — *Lift Up Your Head, O Ye Gates* - Robert W. Parker
Senior Choir

The Welcome

The Offertory

9:00 and 10:00 — *Sing Hosanna* - - - - - John Leavitt
Cathedral Choir
11:00 and 12:00 — *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. Patti Drennan
Senior Choir

(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- - - - - 660:1

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

The Sermon

Pastor Johnson

“Nailing It”

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

The Closing Hymn - - - - - 351:3

What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever,
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.

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 *Grand Choer* - - - - - Theodore Dubois

*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 Senior & Cathedral Choirs, *Beverly Clafin*
- Directors of Chancel Choir, *Erik Akervik & Amanda Jenkins*
- Cathedral Choir Pianist, *Erik Akervik*
- Director of Chapel & Hosanna Choirs, *Elaine Sergeant*
- Director of Alleluia Choir, *Leah Reddy*
- Children’s Choir Pianist, *Miriam Jensen*

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 honor and celebration of Tom Goetz on his birthday, given by his wife, Bonnie.

The flowers by the lectern are in in memory of my dear friend Bruce Telander, given by Darcy Winter.

The flowers on the altar in the Serley Chapel are in loving memory of Althea Ryden, given by her nieces, Jean Blat and Anne Wiberg.

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 - Easter Sunday

Easter worship services will be held on the hour from 7am-12noon, with Pastor Lose preaching on “Where You Look Makes All the Difference.” Special music will be provided by Mount Olivet choirs and orchestra. Invite your family and friends to join us for this festive worship service. *Alleluia!*

Children are encouraged to attend a worship service. Nursery available for children ages six-weeks through two-years at 9, 10, and 11am. Sunday Church School/The Way will resume April 23.

Palm Sunday April 9, 2017

PASTORS

- David J. Lose, Senior Pastor-Elect
- Dennis J. Johnson, Interim Senior Pastor
- Kurt P. Kalland
- Monica M. Hammersten
- William B. MacLean
- Stephen J. Cornils
- Andrew M. Bakken
- Gretchen E. Enoch