



# MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Pastor Hammersten preaching*  
*Pastor Dixon, liturgist*



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## **The Welcome**

### **The Opening Hymn**

#### ***Crown Him with Many Crowns***

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 life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

### **The Invocation**

We gather as we live, supported by God's love, confident of  
God's grace, and emissaries of God's peace, for we are  
baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of  
the Holy Spirit.



## **The Confession and Absolution**

**Pastor:** Let us pray: 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.

St. John writes, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." And so we gather to confess our sin, not because we believe God thinks us unworthy, but because, out of love, God has promised always to receive us in mercy and grace.

**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

**Pastor:** And now hear these words of promise and consolation: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. To those who believe, he gives the power to become children of God. All this is promised in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the Day**

The pastor will close each of the prayers with the words "Lord, in your mercy," and you are invited to respond, "Hear our prayer."

## **The Hymn of the Day**

### ***All Glory Laud and Honor***

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

## **The Reading - Matthew 21:1-11**

## **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.



## **The Offertory Anthem**

### ***Entrance into Jerusalem***

Richard Proulx

**Senior Choir**

## **The Sermon**

### ***The Triumphal Entry***

**Pastor Hammersten**

## **The Closing Hymn**

### ***Lead On, O King Eternal!***

Lead on, O King eternal:

we follow, not with fears,

for gladness breaks like morning

where'er your face appears.

Your cross is lifted o'er us;

we journey in its light;

the crown awaits the conquest;

lead on, O God of might!

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy

kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not

into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the

kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

## **The Benediction**

### **The Sending Prayer**

Lord God, you have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Postlude**

***In the Cross of Christ I Glory***

David Cherwien

### **Pastors**

David J. Lose, Senior Pastor  
Kurt P. Kalland, Monica M. Hammersten,  
William B. MacLean, Charlie R. Ruud,  
Mark J. Dixon, Rebecca C. Freeman

Director of Worship and Music, Beverly Claflin  
Principal Organist, Richard Owen