



Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus First Sunday of Advent - November 27, 2022

Liturgists: 9am Pastor Hammersten, 10 and 11am Pastor Cieslik

The Prelude

Listen for His Coming

Corl/Miller/Owens

(Please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

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: 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” (1 John 1:8-9). And so we gather to confess our sin, not because we fear God thinks us unworthy, but because we trust God’s promise to receive us always in mercy and grace. Let us therefore pray together with confidence...

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: Almighty God, in mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, God gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. All this is promised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of 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: Dear God, grant us courage to trust your incredible promises. In Jesus’ name, **Amen.** *(please sing)*

(please be seated)

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Pastor: From heaven on high, the angels came to proclaim the good news:

Congregation: Christ Jesus, the light of the world, was born to bring us hope.

The Hymn of the Season

Savior of the Nations, Come

263:1

Savior of the nations, come;
virgin's son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth:
God has chosen such a birth.

The Scripture Reading

Luke 1:5-20

Glory to you, O Lord. *(please stand as you are able and sing)*

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was descended from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God during his section's turn of duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified, and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I know that this will happen? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur."

Praise to you, O Christ. *(please sing)*

The Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 Welcome

Pastor Ruud

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

Gloria Fanfare

Jerry Estes

Cathedral Choir - 9 and 10am

The First Nowell

Mack Wilberg

Senior Choir - 11am

The Offertory Prayer *(please stand as you are able and sing)*

What Child is This

296:3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

(Please be seated)

The Pulpit Hymn

People, Look East

248:1, 4

People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

The Sermon

Pastor Ruud

Gabriel Visits Zachariah

The Baptismal Service *(held during the 11am service)*

The following will be named a child of God and receive the
promise of forgiveness, life, and salvation in Christ through the
sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Mylo Boyd Hector, son of Casandra and Xander

(please stand as you are able)

The Closing Hymn

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

244:4

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

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 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 Benediction and Threefold Amen

(please pause for a moment of silent prayer)

The Postlude

God Rest Ye Merry, Emmanuel

Cross/Helman

Pastors

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Thank you for worshipping with us!

If you have questions about the ministries of Mount Olivet Church, we would love to speak with you at the Information Desk in the narthex. Holy Communion is offered at 8:30am and following the 11am service each Sunday.

November Altar Flower Dedications

In memory of Pastor Tim Fuzzey on the anniversary of his birthday,
by Pam Fuzzey and family

In memory of Helene Hyatt and Ben Blat, by Amy Hyatt

In memory of and thanksgiving for parents and grandparents

Bertil and Vera Johnson, by Dee and Courtney Henderson

In memory of John and Marion Johnson's 72nd wedding anniversary,
by their loving family

In memory of Rick Moore, by Jan Unstad

In loving memory of my parents Stanley and Helen Nerhaugen,
by Mary Kaphings

In memory of our little boy Issaiah Carl on what would be
your 20th birthday, by Carl and Deena Radde and family

In memory of Bruce Tate, by Hannah Tate and family

In memory of David Vagneur, by Sheila McIlonie

In honor of Tom and Judy's wedding anniversary, by children
Elizabeth, Adam and Jenny, and grandchildren Isabelle and Everett

In honor of Veterans Day

In honor of the 247th birthday of the United States Marine Corps

In thanksgiving for our wonderful pastors and staff,
and for this place we call home, by Carol Skaar

In celebration of Dawn on her birthday

In celebration of Genevieve on her birthday

In celebration of granddaughter Anya's baptism, by her grandparents

If you would like to donate to the Flower Fund please contact
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