



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 19, 2023

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

Liturgists: 9am Pastor Hammersten, 10am Pastor MacLean,
11am Pastor Ruud

The Prelude

In Prayer

Neil Harmon

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

338:1, 2, 3

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: 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 Kyrie *(please sing)*

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.

The Hymn of Lent

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

319:1, 4

O Lord, throughout these forty days
you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,
and free us from our past.

Be with us through this season, Lord,
and all our earthly days,
that when the final Easter dawns,
we join in heaven's praise.

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, when we feel lost, confused, or alone,
remind us that you are always with us, guiding us, holding onto us, and
bringing us through all things. In Jesus' name, **Amen.** *(please sing)*

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

Our Father, We Have Wandered

606:1

Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,
as, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.

The Scripture Reading

John 11:17-27

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

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

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 Lose

The Hymn (9 and 10am only)

Children of the Heavenly Father

781:1, 2

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

The Anthem (9 and 10am only)

This is My Father's World

Vicki Hancock Wright

Chapel Choir

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

My Hiding Place

Tom Fettke

Cathedral Choir - 9 and 10am

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin

Senior Choir - 11am

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

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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

How Firm a Foundation

796:2

“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

The Sermon

Pastor Lose

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

The Closing Hymn *(please stand as you are able)*

How Firm a Foundation

796:3

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

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

I Want Jesus To Walk With Me

Robert A. Hobby

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.

March Altar Flower Dedications

In loving memory of Gerald Bowers, by the Bowers and Illies Families

In memory of Steven Bundul, by his loving Family

In loving memory of Joan L. Eckberg on the anniversary of her birthday, by her husband Paul Johnson

In celebration of Elaine Johnson's birthday, by Everett and Nicole

If you would like to donate to the Flower Fund please contact Jody Barbee at jbarbee@mtolivet.org or 952.767.1501.

Today - Annual Meeting

The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held today at 12noon in the Minneapolis Campus sanctuary.

Ways to give to Mount Olivet

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