



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

Resurrection Stories ~ Doubting Thomas

April 21, 2024

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

The Prelude

Partita on Christ is Alive

Maureen Howell

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

389:1, 3, 5

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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 Hymn of Praise

The Day of Resurrection!

361:1

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

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, encourage us to bring to you our questions, doubts, and faith knowing that you will only bless us.

In Jesus' name, **Amen.** *(please sing)*

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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!

The Scripture Reading

John 20:19-29

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

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 Anthem (11am only)

Be Thou My Vision

Dan Forrest

Senior Choir

The Welcome

Pastor Freeman

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

*If with all your hearts from **Elijah***

Felix Mendelssohn

Matthew Valverde, tenor
Jordan Buchholtz, piano

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
O praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(please be seated)

The Pulpit Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

759:1, 2

My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

The Sermon

Pastor Freeman

Doubting Thomas

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

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

Genevieve Isla Lynch and Easton Andrew Lynch, children of Andrea and Taylor

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

How Firm a Foundation

796:1

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

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

Now the Green Blade Rises

Franklin D. Ashdown

Thank you for worshiping 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.

Nursery is provided during all worship services.
Come join us downstairs next to the Fellowship Hall!

April Altar Flower Dedications

In memory of Marian J. Danielson in her birthday month, by her loving family

In memory of Kelsey Granowski on her birthday, by her loving family

In memory of Carol Knoll, Jean Owens, and Brittany Graves,
by the Knoll and Norlin-Weaver Families

In memory of Graham Andrew Meyer on his birthday,
by Babs Martin, family, and loved ones

In memory of Hank and Agnes Ostlund, by the Ostlund and Hanson Families

In memory of Eldon C. Person on the anniversary of his birth, by his family

In loving memory of Nelson E. Schmidt Sr., by his wife and family

In memory of Mary Williams, by her husband and family

In honor of our 50th wedding anniversary, by Kay and Bill Marohn and family

In honor of our loving families, by Ted and Jeanie Waltz

In honor of our Norwegian family: Sjur, Heidi, Petter,
Anna, Anita, and Mio Isaksen

In celebration of Maren Kind's baptism anniversary on April 4,
by Steve and Deb Kind

In celebration of Joan Polston's birthday
by all of your adoring family as we love celebrating you

In appreciation of the Mount Olivet Pastoral Staff

If you would like to donate to the Mount Olivet Flower Fund please contact Jody
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