



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

November 24, 2024

In the Beginning: Joseph Dreams...and Forgives

Liturgists: 9am Pastor Hammersten, 10am Pastor Kalland, 11am Pastor Freeman

The Prelude

For the Beauty of the Earth

Neil Harmon

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

858:1, 4

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

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

When Morning Gilds the Skies

853:1

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

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, help us to sense your presence in all that happens to us, always there to hold onto us, love us, forgive us, and restore us.

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

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

Beautiful Savior

838:1

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

The Scripture Reading

Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

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

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words. So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver.

And they took Joseph to Egypt. When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. He returned to his brothers, and said, "The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?" Then they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. They had the long robe with sleeves taken to their father, and they said, "This we have found; see now whether it is your son's robe or not." He recognized it, and said, "It is my son's robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces." Then Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days. Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Ovid Young

Justin Staebell, baritone and Brian Haase, bass

Jordan Buchholtz, piano

The Welcome

Pastor Olson Popp

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

I Will Give Thanks

Joseph Martin

Cathedral Choir - 9 and 10am

O Clap Your Hands

John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir - 11am

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

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.

(please be seated)

The Pulpit Hymn

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

696:5

Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

The Sermon

Pastor Olson Popp

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

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

873:6

Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

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 Thank We All Our God

Neil Harmon

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November Altar Flower Dedications

In memory of Robert Beveroth's 100th birthday, by Craig Beveroth

In loving memory of Kathy Hubbard on our 55th wedding anniversary,
by Jack Hubbard

In loving memory and thanksgiving for Bertil and Vera Johnson,
by Dee and Courtney Henderson

In loving memory of Hazel J. Lewis, by her family

In loving memory of Richard Calvin Marshall on the anniversary of his birthday,
by Marcia Marshall

In memory of Patricia Mattson on her birthday,
by her husband Bob and daughters, Jill and Jennifer

In memory of Rick Moore, by Jan Unstad

In memory of Robert Polston, we've missed you one whole year and we rejoice
you're in heaven, by his loving family

In memory of Forrest and Marion Schoeller,
by Kim Kimball, Megan Upham, and Molly Kimball

In memory of Bruce Tate, by Hannah Tate and family

In appreciation to the Mount Olivet Pastoral Staff

In honor of Isabele Radde's 21st birthday, we are so blessed you are our girl. In
honor of Issaiah Radde on what would be your 22nd birthday, heaven is one lucky
place to have you, by their loving family

In celebration of Quinn's baptism anniversary,
by her parents, Pat and Jenna Anderson

In celebration of Fred and Stephanie Groth's 50th wedding anniversary,
by Matt and Emily Groth

In celebration of my 75 years as a proud member of this wonderful and caring
church, by Muriel Johnson

In celebration of Mary Slinde's 80th birthday, by her family

In celebration of Dawn and Genevieve's birthdays

In celebration of the 249th birthday of the United States Marine Corps

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