



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus
Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 22, 2024

What Child is This?

Liturgists: 9am Pastor Cieslik, 10am Pastor Olson Popp,
11am Pastor Grangaard

The Prelude

Emily Gerard, harp and Julie Johnson, flute

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

283:1, 3, 4

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the king of angels:

Refrain

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

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, give us eyes to see your many blessings and voices to give you thanks and witness to others of your goodness.

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

(please be seated)

The Hymn of Advent

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

257:1

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Hymn of Love

Away in a Manger

278:1

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The Scripture Reading

Luke 1:39-56

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

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 Hammersten

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

John Leavitt

Cathedral Choir - 9am

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Stephan Paulus

Emily Gerard, harp and Julie Johnson, flute

Sanctuary Choir - 10 and 11am

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

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)

Mary's Song

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Words of Institution *(please stand as you are able)*

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.

(please be seated)

The Distribution of Elements

Communion will be served by cup. Please follow the usher's directions to the altar communion rail. Both white grape juice and red wine are available as well as gluten free wafers. All are welcome.

The Communion Anthem

Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon

Amanda Jenkins, Elena Stabile, and Chris Staebell, soloists
Emily Gerard, harp and Julie Johnson, flute
Jordan Buchholtz, organ

The Communion Hymn

The First Noel

300:1, 2

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

The Communion Blessing

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

(please pause for a moment of silent prayer)

The Postlude

Angel's We Have Heard on High

Richard Elliott

Pastors

David J. Lose, Senior Pastor
Kurt P. Kalland, Monica M. Hammersten,
Mark J. Dixon, Rebecca W. Freeman, Benjamin M. Cieslik,
Jeni F. Grangaard, Jenna L. Olson Popp

Worship and Music Staff

Beverly Claflin, Director of Worship and Music and
Director of Cathedral and Sanctuary Choirs
Jordan Buchholtz, Principal Organist
Shelley Ohnsorg, Cathedral Choir Accompanist

December Altar Flower Dedications

In memory of Arthur William Boerner, by Jeffrey and Kathy Boerner

In celebration of Frank Brust's 90th birthday on December 21,

by and with love from his children and grandchildren

In honor and loving memory of my daughters, Sara Jane
and LeAnn Renee Carlson, by their mother Nancy Stevens

In memory of Lenny and Mary and Lydia, Lila, and Harlan,

by Tom and Judy Dunlap

In loving memory of Ruby Johnson, by her family

In loving memory of Jon Kimball, by Kim Kimball,

Megan and Zack Upham, and Molly Kimball and Jack Bury

In loving memory of Steve Klein, by Faye Klein

In loving memory of George Kotsonas on his 90th birthday, by his family

In loving memory of Richard Calvin Marshall, by Marcia Marshall

In memory of Dean Modig on his birthday,

by Lois Modig, Pam Donley, and Susan and Michael Johnson

In memory of Jack Munson on his birthday,

by his wife Norma, and daughters Kris, Kathy, and their families

In loving memory of David "Dave" Nelson, by Jan Nelson and family

In loving memory of James K. Olson, by his family, Phyllis Olson, Kurt, Lizabeth,
Blake, and Taylor Halva

In loving memory of Alice Parson, by Launa and Gary

In memory of Gary Riba to honor his December 25th birthday, by Jane Riba

In loving memory of Helen Rydland on the anniversary of her birthday,
by her family

In memory of Patricia Swanson, by the Rys Family

In memory of our parents, by Connie and Jay Thompson

In appreciation to the Mount Olivet Pastoral Staff

In honor of the staff who support the recovery community

In honor of First Responders

In celebration of Isabel Barrett Brainerd's 1st birthday

In celebration of Joyce Lindeman's 99th birthday, by her family

In celebration of the one year anniversary of the baptism of our grandson,
by Jeffrey and Lisa Quist

In celebration of Blake Dianne Tichy's baptism on December 22nd,
by Grama with much love

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