



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

December 29, 2024

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

The Prelude

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

Matthew H. Corl

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

270:1, 3

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth. *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 Hymn of Praise

Angels We Have Heard on High

289:1

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

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, whatever stage of life we are in, let us grow in our trust in you to care for us all the days of our lives and bring us home to you in good time. In Jesus’ name, **Amen.** *(please sing)*

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

Joy to the World

267:4

He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-40

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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 Olson Popp

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

Midnight Noel

Mark Hayes

Amanda Jenkins, soprano and Jordan Buchholtz, piano

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)

The Pulpit Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory

275:1

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Simeon and Anna

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.

Solveig Grace Thompson, daughter of Courtney and Theodore

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

Go Tell It on the Mountain

290:2

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

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

Go Tell It on the Mountain

J. Wayne Kerr

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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

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