



**MOUNT OLIVET
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Encountering Jesus:
Jesus Anointed for His Death**

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

Liturgists:

9 and 10am Pastor Grangaard

11am Pastor Olson Popp

The Prelude

Kyrie from Requiem

Maurice Duruflé

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

327:1, 4

**Through the night of doubt and sorrow,
onward goes the pilgrim band,
singing songs of expectation,
marching to the promised land.**

**Clear before us through the darkness
gleams and burns the guiding light;
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim
stepping fearless through the night.**

**Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers;
onward, with the cross our aid.**

**Bear its shame, and fight its battle
till we rest beneath its shade.**

**Soon shall come the great awak'ning;
soon the rending of the tomb!**

**Then the scatt'ring of all shadows,
and the end of toil and gloom.**

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

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

The Hymn of Lent

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

599:1, 3

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from selfish passions set me free
and make me pure within.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point out your chosen way.**

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, in Jesus you set an example of what it means to love others and have commanded us to do the same. Let us, therefore, experience your love and be empowered to love others in turn. In Jesus' name, Amen. (please sing)

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

Just As I Am, without One Plea

592:1, 3

**Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

The Scripture Reading

Jesus Anointed for His Death

John 12:1-11

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the

money given to the poor?” (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.” When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

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 Dixon

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Howard Helvey

Cathedral Choir - 9 and 10am

Sunny Draves-Kellerman, bassoon

You Do Not Walk Alone

Elaine Hagenberg

Sanctuary Choir - 11am

(please stand as you are able)

The Offertory Prayer

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

What Wondrous Love Is This

666:1

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?**

The Sermon

Pastor Dixon

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(please stand as you are able)

The Closing Hymn

Lord Speak to Us, That We May Speak

676:4

Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,

until our very hearts o'erflow

in kindling thought and glowing word,

your love to tell, your praise to show.

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

Toccata on "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" David Cherwien

March Altar Flower Dedications

In honor of Jerry Bowers,

by the Bowers and Illies Families with love

In appreciation for the Mount Olivet Pastoral staff

In appreciation of Pastor Kalland

In celebration of Molly's birthday

In celebration of Pearl Amundson's 100th Birthday on

March 22nd, by Maxine Amundson

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Annual Meeting Today

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

Pastors

David J. Lose, Senior Pastor

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Mark J. Dixon, Rebecca W. Freeman, Benjamin M. Cieslik,

Jeni F. Grangaard, Jenna L. Olson Popp

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