



MOUNT OLIVET  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Easter Sunday*

**Mount Olivet**

**Minneapolis Campus**

**April 5, 2026 ~ 7-11am**

# **The Prelude**

**Easter Celebration**

**Camp Kirkland**

**orchestra, piano, and organ**

**(please stand when invited)**

## **The Processional Hymn**

**Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

**365:1, 2, 3, 4**

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

**(please be seated)**

# **The Easter Litany**

**Pastor: Christ's resurrection promises that darkness cannot claim us,**

**Congregation: and fear cannot bind us.**

**Pastor: Christ's resurrection demonstrates that God's love is stronger than hate,**

**Congregation: and God's life stronger than death.**

**Pastor: We are an Easter people filled with joy, courage, and hope,**

**Congregation: for Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

# **The Choral Response**

**Easter Fanfare**

**E. E. Ferguson**

**Christ is risen! Christ is risen!**

**Christ the Lord is risen from the tomb. Alleluia!**

**Cathedral Choir 7-8am**

**Sanctuary Choir 9-11am**

(please stand as you are able)

## **The Gospel Reading**

**The Resurrection of our Lord**

**John 20:1-18**

**Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other**

at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

# **The Gradual Hymn**

**I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

**619:1, 8**

**I know that my Redeemer lives!**

**What comfort this sweet sentence gives!**

**He lives, he lives, who once was dead;**

**he lives, my ever-living head!**

**He lives, all glory to his name!**

**He lives, my Savior, still the same;**

**what joy this blest assurance gives:**

**I know that my Redeemer lives!**

# **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 Lose**

## **The Offertory Anthem**

**Arise, Behold the Light**

**Michael Burkhardt**

**Cathedral Choir 7-8am**

**Hallelujah from The Mount Of Olives**

**Beethoven**

**Sanctuary Choir 9-11am**

**(please stand as you are able)**

## **The Offertory Prayer**

**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**

**Thine Is the Glory**

**376:1, 2**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

**Refrain**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

**Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! Refrain**

**The Sermon**

**Pastor Lose**

**The Resurrection of our Lord**

(please stand as you are able)

## **The Closing Hymn (7 and 8am only)**

**Lift High the Cross**

**660:4**

**Refrain**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

**(the congregation is invited to stand and join  
the choir in singing)**

## **The Congregational Chorus (9-11am only)**

**Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah**

**G. F. Handel**

**Sanctuary Choir and Congregation**

## **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 from Symphony V, Op. 42 No. 1 Charles-Marie Widor**

# *Easter Welcome*

**Welcome and Blessed Easter! On behalf of the pastors and staff of Mount Olivet, please let me tell you how grateful we are for your presence at our Easter service this morning. We hope that the joy of Easter not only fills your worship this morning but follows you into the days and weeks ahead. If you are visiting and would like more information about the activities and opportunities available at this active and engaged congregation, we invite you to stop by the information desk in the Narthex. And should you not have a church home, we invite you to become part of the Mount Olivet family!**

**We hope you will return to join us for Sunday worship in the coming months. Amid the challenges of life today, coming to worship services filled with inspiration and fellowship is a reminder that God loves you and calls you to a life of purpose and meaning, and will help you not simply to get by, but to flourish and grow. Indeed, we believe God is weaving us together into a community of resurrection, hope, and courage, and we would love to include you among our number.**

**Since its founding in 1920, Mount Olivet's mission has focused on being a servant church committed to making a positive impact within its community and throughout the**

**world. There are service opportunities all year-long at both campuses and through our affiliated ministries: Cathedral of the Pines Camp in Lutsen, Mount Olivet Home, Mount Olivet Careview Home, Mount Olivet Day Services, Mount Olivet Conference and Retreat Center, Mount Olivet Rolling Acres, Mount Olivet Counseling Center, and the Mount Olivet School of Music and the Arts.**

**If you would like more information about participating in any of these ministries, please just ask. You are also invited to partake in the myriad of social, learning, music (and more!) opportunities. There is something for everyone at Mount Olivet —please visit [www.mtolivet.org](http://www.mtolivet.org) or contact us for more information.**

**Please know that whatever your background or wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here. So come and be a part of the mission of Mount Olivet. It is the people, supported by God's grace and guidance, who make this church what it is today and what it can become tomorrow, and you have a role to play.**

**Blessed Easter,**

**David J. Lose, Senior Pastor**

# **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 and**

**Director of Handbells**

**Sophie Norman, Assistant Director of Handbells**

**Shelley Ohnsorg, Cathedral Choir Accompanist**

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