Lenten Vespers

March 15, 2023 + 7:00 p.m.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Toward the Spring of Life

Across the history of the church, the Lenten season has developed in a variety of ways as a time of preparation for baptism and its renewal at the coming Vigil of Easter.

In the season of Lent this year at Mount Olive, we make a communal walk in our midweek liturgies toward the spring of life. Lent's lengthening days are a reminder of the growing hope that comes for all who are united with Christ in his dying and rising in the font.

The theme of each of the five weeks is taken from the Affirmation of Baptism liturgy (ELW, p. 237) and gives us as a community of faith an opportunity to reflect upon the renewal of our baptismal covenant with Christ, with one another, and with the world as we mark the journey to the joy and promise of Christ's rising from the tomb.

> You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
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> to live among God's faithful people,
> to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
> to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
> to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
> and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
>
> **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

March 1: *To live among God's faithful people.*
March 8: *To hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's supper.*
March 15: *To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed.*
March 22: *To serve all people, following the example of Jesus.*
March 29: *To strive for justice and peace in all the earth.*

Copies of today's Wednesday noon sermon are on the table with the service folders tonight, and on the church website at www.mountolivechurch.org and select "Sermons" from the list at the bottom of the page.

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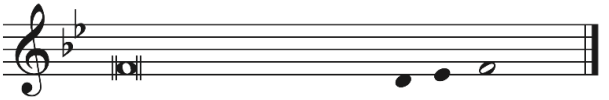
✢ Opening

Service of Light *(Please stand at the sound of the bell)*

Dialog



L Behold, now is the accept-|able time;
C **now is the day | of salvation.**
L Turn us again, O God of |our salvation,
C **that the light of your face may | shine on us.**
L May your justice shine | like the sun;
C **and may the poor be | lifted up.**

Hymn of Light "Joyous Light of Glory" HYMN 229

Thanksgiving for Light page 310

✢ Psalmody

Psalm 141 *(seated)*

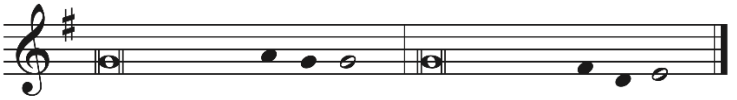
"Let My Prayer Rise Before You as Incense" page 312

Group One – Pulpit side *Group Two – Lectern side*

Psalm Prayer

Psalm 48

The verses are sung by all using the following tone:



Psalm Prayer

Hymn

"The Son of God, Our Christ" HYMN 584

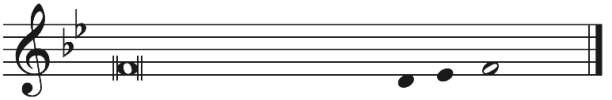
Stanza 1 – All
Stanza 2 – Low voices
Stanza 3 – All
Stanza 4 – Treble voices
Stanza 5 – All

✝ Word

Reading: Isaiah 55:6-13 *(seated)*

A brief silence follows the reading.

Dialog



℣ Long ago God spoke . . . | by the prophets.

℟ **but now in these last days God has spoken to us | by the Son.**

Gospel Canticle *(standing)*

"My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord" HYMN 573

Prayers and Lord's Prayer *(kneeling)* page 316

Blessing *(standing)* page 319

Hymn

"The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended" HYMN 569

Stanza 1 – All
Stanza 2 – Treble voices
Stanza 3 – All, in harmony
Stanza 4 – Low voices
Stanza 5 – All

Participants

Leader: Vicar Mollie Hamre
Organist: Cantor David Cherwien
Sacristan: Lora Dundek
Usher: Brad Nelson
Livestream: Dan Hellerich

Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter at Mount Olive

Mon.-Wed., April 3-5: Monday-Wednesday in Holy Week
+ Daily Prayer at Noon, in the side chapel of the nave, near the columbarium

Thursday, April 6: Maundy Thursday
+ Holy Eucharist, Noon
+ Holy Eucharist, with Washing of Feet, 7:00 pm

Friday, April 7: Good Friday
+ Stations of the Cross, Noon
+ Adoration of the Cross, 7 pm

Saturday, April 8: Holy Saturday
+ The Easter Vigil, 8:30 pm, followed by a festive reception

Sunday, April 9: The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day
+ ONE Festival Holy Eucharist at 10 am (note schedule!)
Carry-in Brunch at 9:00 am
(bring a dish to share!)

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