



A Celebration of Life

*For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us
an eternal weight of glory beyond comparison.*

2 Corinthians 4:17

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As you enter the sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship.

Please stand.

SONG IN PROCESSION

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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CHORUS Great is Thy faithfulness Great is Thy faithfulness Morning by morning New mercies I see All I have needed Thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me	VERSE 1 Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father There is no shadow Of turning with Thee Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be
VERSE 2 Summer and winter And springtime and harvest Sun moon and stars In their courses above Join with all nature In manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness Mercy and love	VERSE 3 Pardon for sin And a peace that endureth Thy own dear presence To cheer and to guide Strength for today And bright hope for tomorrow Blessings all mine With ten thousand beside

Celebrant:

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
Whoever believes in me,
though he die, yet shall he live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me
shall never die.

John 11:25-26

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Job 19:25-27

For none of us lives to himself,
and none of us dies to himself.
For if we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord.
So then, whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's.

Romans 14:7-9.

For we brought nothing into the world,
and it is certain we carry nothing out.
The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away;
blessed be the name of the Lord.

1 Timothy 6:7; Job 1:21.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
Even so, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

Revelation 14:13

COLLECT

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Bill, being raised with Christ, may know the strength of his presence and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant:

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: deal graciously with those who mourn, especially Margaret. Surround her with your love, that she may not be overwhelmed by her loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Liturgist: *A reading from Isaiah 25:6-9.*

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Liturgist: *A reading from Psalm 46.*

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, *
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters roar and foam, *
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; *
God will help it when the morning dawns.
- 6 The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; *
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- 7 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD; *
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
- 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
- 10 'Be still, and know that I am God! *
I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.'
- 11 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

THE SECOND LESSON

Liturgist: *A reading from Revelation 21:2-7.*

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

Please stand and sing.

“Good Shepherd Of My Soul”

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<p>VERSE 1 Good Shepherd of my soul Come dwell within me Take all I am and mould Your likeness in me Before the cross of Christ This is my sacrifice A life laid down and ready to follow</p>	<p>VERSE 3 I'll walk this narrow road With Christ before me Where thorns and thistles grow And cords ensnare me Though doubted and denied He never leaves my side But lifts my head and calls me to follow</p>
<p>VERSE 4 And when my days are gone My strength is failing He'll carry me along Through death's unveiling Earth's struggles overcome Heaven's journey just begun To search Christ's depths and ever to follow To search Christ's depths and ever to follow</p>	

THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel reading today is from John 10:11-16.

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

Please stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess the Faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Let us pray, saying, "Hear our prayer."

Almighty God, you knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant, we pray, to your whole Church in heaven and on earth, your light and peace.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you in faithful obedience.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Grant us grace to entrust Bill to your never-failing love; receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor which you show to all your people.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant:

Almighty God, grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, the fullness of life in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all your saints, to receive the crown of life promised to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE COMMENDATION

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

People: Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Celebrant: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia.

People: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Celebrant:

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Bill. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the Name of the Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

THE HYMN IN RECESSION

“We Will Feast In The House Of Zion”

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CHORUS We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored He has done great things we will say together We will feast and weep no more	VERSE 1 We will not be burned by the fire He is the Lord our God We are not consumed by the flood Upheld protected gathered up
VERSE 2 In the dark of night before the dawn My soul be not afraid For the promised morning oh how long Oh God of Jacob be my strength	VERSE 3 Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the faithful one And from the garden to the grave Bind us together bring shalom