

Requiem Eucharist and Committal

for

The Reverend Canon
George Frederick Woodward III

June 24, 1955 – August 24, 2025

St. Paul's Anglican Church

August 29, 2025

Eleven o'clock in the Morning



Anthems (All stand)

Celebrant: I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Even in death, anyone who believes in, shall not die for ever.


As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

None of us lives to self and none of us dies to self. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession.

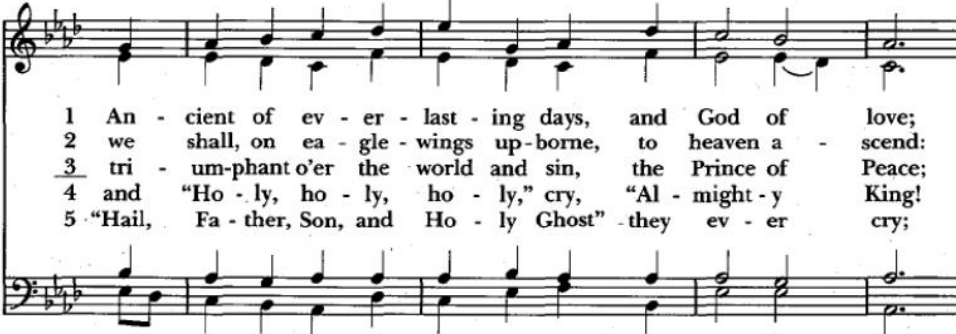
Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Opening Hymn # 401

"The God of Abraham Praise"



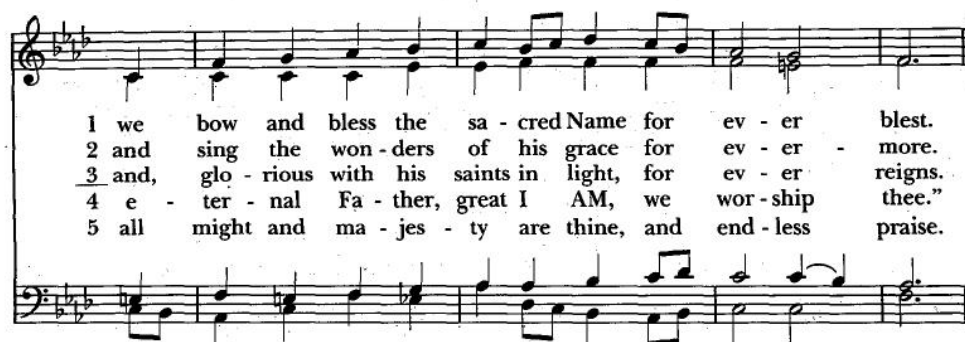
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend;
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost" - they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.
Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant George, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Lector: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: ***Thanks be to God***

A Song of Pilgrimage

Priusquam errarem

Ecclesiasticus 51:13-16, 20b- 22 (read in unison)

Before I ventured forth,

Even while I was very young,

I sought wisdom openly in my prayer.

In the forecourts of the temple I asked for her,

and I will seek her to the end.

From first blossom to early fruit,

she has been the delight of my heart.

My foot has kept firmly to the true path,

diligently from my youth have I pursued her,

I inclined my ear a little and received her;

I found for myself much wisdom and became adept in her.

To the One who give me wisdom will I give glory,

for I have resolved to live according to her way.

From the beginning I gained courage from her,

therefore I will not be forsaken.

In my inmost being I have been stirred to seek her,

Therefore have I gained a good possession.

As my reward the Almighty has given me the gift of language,

and with it will I offer praise to God.

The Epistle

Colossians 3: 1 – 4

Lector: A Reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Colossians

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Introduction



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the


hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly

love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -

hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -
mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -

lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's
cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the

Interlude



prom-ised reign of peace.
earth shall know the (Lord.)

The Gospel

St. John 6: 37-40

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus*

The Homily

The Reverend. Fr. Miguel Rangel

Eulogies

Doug Craig
Stacy Woodward

The Apostles' Creed - All in unison:

*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 power of 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,

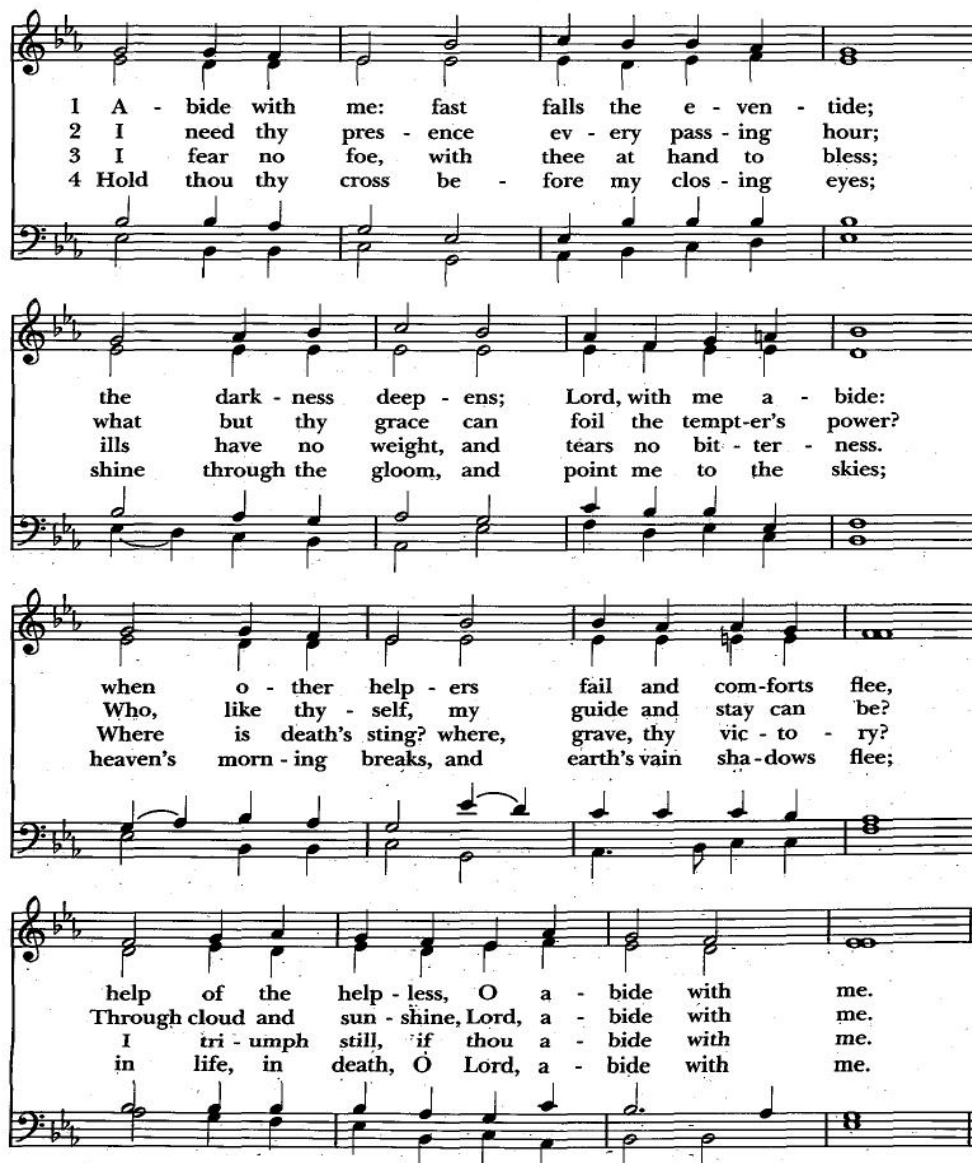
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection + of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn # 662

"Abide With Me"



1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Let us pray to God our Creator saying, Holy One, hear us

Loving God, you have called your people together in the mystical body of Jesus Christ our Savior. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

Holy One, hear us.

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

Holy One, hear us.

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

Holy One, hear us.

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sin and serve you with a quiet mind.

Holy One, hear us.

Grant that *George*, increasing in the knowledge and love of you, may go from strength to strength in a new life of perfect service.

Holy One, hear us.

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

Holy One, hear us.

Give courage to all who are bereaved, that in days ahead they may hold fast to the comfort of a holy hope, and joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

Holy One, hear us.

Help us entrust *George* to your never-failing care and love. Receive *him* into the arms of your mercy, and remember *him* according to the favor you bear for your people.

Holy One, hear us.

The Peace

Bishop: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.




The Holy Communion

Hymn # 324


"Let all mortal flesh keep silence"



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van-guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye, veil their fa - ces to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860 87. 87. 87

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A
Preparation of the Altar

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Bishop and People:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the Cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." +

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." +

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Bishop and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Bishop continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with St. Timothy, St. Edmund, St. Paul and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen. +**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

All in unison:

***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 for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Fraction

Bishop: God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us;
People: ***Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.***

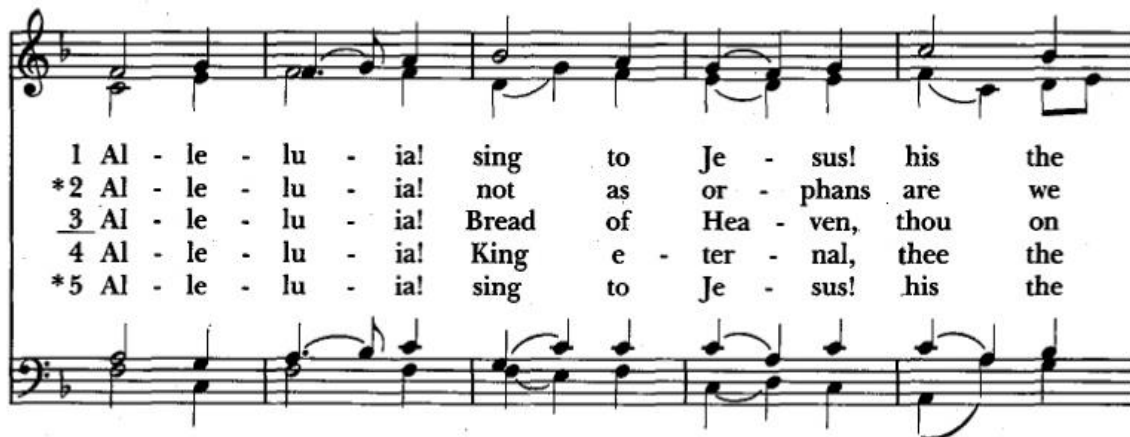
Receiving Holy Communion

- **Children:** All children are invited to the Communion Rail to receive a blessing. Those who have been baptized are welcome to receive the Sacrament at parental discretion.
- **Baptized Adults:** All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament as personal conscience permits. Those who do not wish to receive may cross their arms over their chests to receive a blessing.
- **How?** Extend your hands (tradition places the right palm over the left) to receive the Bread. Consume the Bread (or wait for the Chalice Bearer to take the Bread from your hand and dip it into the Chalice, placing the Sacrament upon your tongue). Assist the Chalice Bearer in guiding the Chalice to your lips.
- **Physically limited?** If you are unable to walk to Communion, speak to an Usher, and the Sacrament will be brought to you in your pew.
- **For those allergic to wheat products:** Gluten free wafers are available. Please mention this to an Usher if you might so benefit.

Communion Music

Communion Hymn# 460

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"



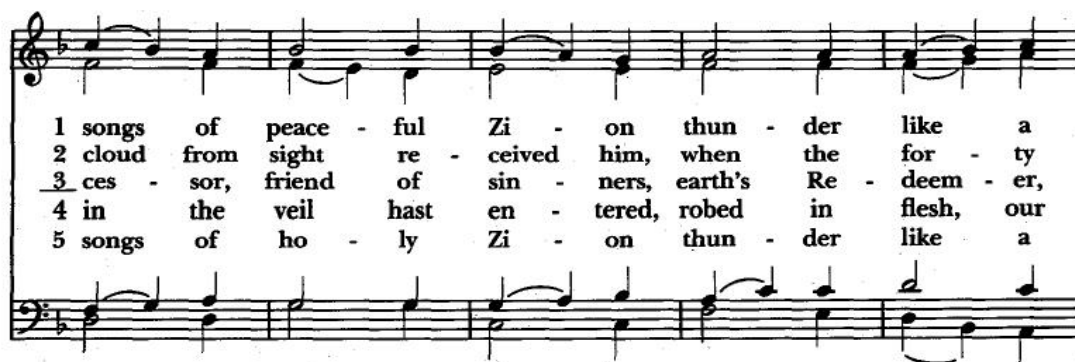
1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
 *5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the



1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of
 5 scep - ter his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the



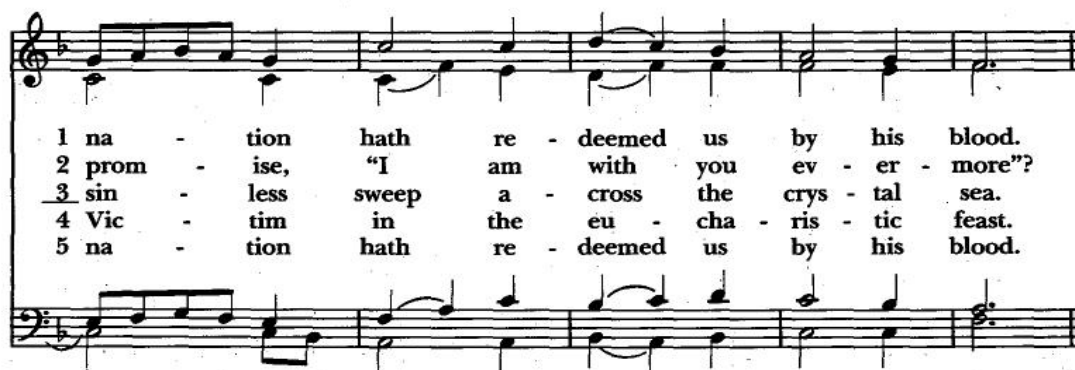
1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the



1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a



1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery



1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)
 Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

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Post-Communion Prayer - *Please stand*

Celebrant: Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Commendation - *All stand*

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

Bishop: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; 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.*

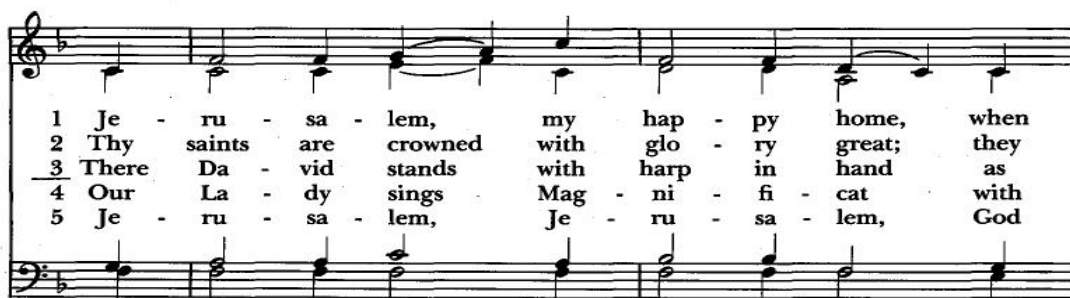
Bishop: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant George. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious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

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord; And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercies of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

The Recessional Hymn # 620

"Jerusalem my happy home"



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
 2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
 3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
 4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God



1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyrs'
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and



1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

The Committal

Celebrant:

O God, whose beloved Son was laid in a sepulcher in the garden: Bless we pray, this grave and grant that he who is interred here may dwell with Christ in paradise, and may come to your heavenly kingdom; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Litany

The Priest invites the people to pray in these words.

Let us pray with confidence, anticipating heaven, and let all the gathered respond, ***“Lead your son home.”***

To the gates of Paradise
Lead your son home.

To the kingdom of heaven
Lead your son home.

To your true sanctuary
Lead your son home.

To the multitude of the blessed
Lead your son home.

To the welcome-table
Lead your son home.

To the Supper of the Lamb
Lead your son home.

To the lights of glory
Lead your son home.

To the highest heights
Lead your son home.

To Jordan’s other shore
Lead your son home.

To the safe harbor
Lead your son home.

To the fount of life
Lead your son home.

To the refreshing stream
Lead your son home.

To the reward of the righteous
Lead your son home.

To the dwelling-place of God

Lead your son home.

The Binding

We bind to you this day the strong Name of the Trinity, the confessor's Faith, the apostle's word, the patriarch's prayers, the prophet's scrolls:

So then, we do not lose heart.

We bind to you the starlit heaven, the moon at even, the brightening dawn, the ocean's roar, the deep salt sea, the old eternal rocks:

So then, we do not lose heart.

Christ be with you, Christ within you, Christ behind you, Christ before you, Christ beneath you, Christ above you, Christ in quiet and in tempest:

So then, we do not lose heart.

Bound in God, bound to us, bound in peace and hope and love,

You shall not lose heart; we shall not lose heart.

Amen.

Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Celebrant says these words

Bishop:

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother George, committing his body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give *him* peace. ***Amen.***

The Bishop says:

The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Bishop and People:

***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,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

Bishop: Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: ***Amen.***

Bishop: Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;

People: ***And let light perpetual shine upon him.***

Bishop: May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercies of God, rest in peace.

People: ***Amen.***

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Bishop blesses the people with these words:

Bishop: *The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you evermore.*

People: ***Amen***

Bishop: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

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Participants in today's service.

Presider: The Rector Reverend Alba Sally Sue Hernández, Bishop of México

Preacher: The Reverend Miguel Rangel

Eulogies: Doug Craig, Stacy Woodward

Assisting: The Reverend Canon Francis Hebert

Lectors: Andrea Spessard, Kathy Lapsys

Intercessor: Patti Morgan

Acolytes: Arlete Torres Almanza

Emiliano Rangel

Victoria Yañez

Sofia Rangel

Abril González

