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# Gathering\_

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother, Bill, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

# **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you. **We glorify you.** 

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you. **We praise you.** 

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you. **We worship you.** 

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. Amen.

# Opening Hymn

No. No. 422 For all the Saints Verses 1, 2, 5, 6, & 7 Sine Nomine

#### For All the Saints



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897 Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958 Outside USA: Music from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906.

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# **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you** 

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Bill. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

The Word\_

The First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9 Read by Fr. Joe Brandt

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God The Psalm

To be read responsively with the assembly reading the verses in **bold**.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures; And leads me beside still waters: You restore my soul, O Lord. And guide me along right pathways for your name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup is running over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

#### **The Second Reading**

Romans 8:31–35, 37–39 Read by Vinny Resnick

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# The Gospel

# The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Sixth Chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord**

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you O Christ.

#### Time Of Remembrance

Knox Family Remembrance -	Michael Angelo Knox
	(America's Got Talent)
"Our Mr. Bill" -	By Grandson Vinny Resnick
Glenside Patriotic Association	- Jamey Piggott
Loved By All -	Jack Cassidy
Eulogy for my brother - Read I	by R. Norton Krause, Cousin

#### Sermon

Pastor Henrik Sonntag Silence for reflection follows the sermon

#### Hymn of the Day

No. 376 Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabaeus

### Thine Is the Glory



Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

# The Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to the 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.

#### **Prayers of Intercession:**

To each petition the assembly responds: God of mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen.** 

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Help us, 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. God of mercy, **hear our prayer**.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

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.

# Commendation

Let us commend Bill to the mercy of God, our maker, and our redeemer.

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.** 

### Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

### Sending Hymn

No. 888 O Beautiful For Spacious Skies

Materna

# O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929 Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903 Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks Be to God.

#### Military Honors\_\_\_\_\_

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Melita

Rae Ann Anderson, Organ

The congregation is invited to remain in the sanctuary to observe military honors for the deceased.

After the military honors have concluded, a procession will form to accompany the casket to the hearse.

The family is inviting everyone for a time of luncheon and fellowship at LuLu Country Cub, 1600 Limekiln Pike, Oreland.

**Ushers: Joe and Nancy Stevens** 

Greeters: Marsha Hunt, Elaine Craft, Pam McDowell